

# APES Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Dec 2, 2024

APES Library

Meeting called to order 3:30 pm

Approval of Agenda and meeting minutes.

**Present:** Nicole Carter, Kristen Loewenstein, Michelle Volkart, Carolin Aldinger, Amy Armstrong, Adriana Ratzlaff, Heather Lee, Jennifer Cox, Jessica Burlon, Bob Wilson, Sam Foster, Linda Poon

- 1.** Meeting called to order at 3:30pm.
- 2.** Financial Report Treasurer: Financial report for November included in minutes (see below)
- 3.** Principal's Report - Bob gave a summary of the 2024 CHEQ School Report. Some points he noted:  
Would like to do Tea on Welcome to Kindergarten Day.  
Only 23% of children didn't have a friend entering kindergarten at the same time.  
Experience with childcare outside of the home - numbers have gone back up since a dip during covid.  
38% of families reported a stressful event in the past year.
- 4.** Teachers Report - Linda Poon. Drumming has been very successful. She will size all the children for T shirts.
- 5.** Fundraising Updates - Still waiting on spirit wear samples. Likely won't have it done by xmas. West Coast Seeds Fundraiser is on track.
- 6.** Workplan Updates - See attached workplan for updates on specific projects.
- 7.** Wrap up and adjournment.

Next meeting – Jan 6th

Meeting adjourned – 4:35 pm

Alexander Parks Elementary School PAC Financial report November 2024

	Gaming Account	Chequing Account
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Hot Lunch		1098.25
Fundraiser		141.25
Event		
Gaming		
<b>Total Revenue:</b>		1239.50
<b>Total Revenue Sep -Nov 24</b>	3780.00	8720.63
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Hot Lunch		2426.68
Fundraiser		
Event		42.64
PAC		
Childcare		
Teacher Allowance		200
Drumming	800	
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	800	2669.32
<b>Cash in Bank October 24</b>	4544.23	16016.53
<b>Cash in Bank November 24</b>	3744.23	14586.71
<b>Total Expenditure Sep-Nov 24</b>	1587.50	5763.15

CSH Pillar	Goal	Activities	Timeline	Lead Person Responsible	Updates/ Notes
<i>Partnerships and Services</i>	Increase opportunities for learning about cultures that make up our school.	1. Host a multicultural event (potluck, teaching dance, games from different cultures, etc.)	End of February 2025	Michelle to call initial planning meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle will organize Meeting in the New Year</li> </ul>
		2. Support learning connections within classrooms about different cultures			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be discussed as part of multicultural event planning meeting</li> </ul>
	Host opportunities for families to become involved in the school community.	1. PAC to host an event (e.g. parents' tea) as part of spring Welcome to Kindergarten	May 2025		
		2. Host Summer Celebration event	June 2025		
<i>Teaching and Learning</i>	Support recreation opportunities for all students.	1. Skating	Jan/Feb/March 2025 (earlier preferred by teachers)	Bob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bob will plan</li> <li>Carolyn will touch base with town on reducing costs.</li> </ul>
		2. Swimming lessons	May/June 2025	Bob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bob will plan</li> </ul>
		3. Yoga classes	January/February 2025	Michelle/ Bob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jenna Fullerton has agreed to do the yoga sessions (\$50/class), and has connected with Bob to arrange details</li> <li>Jenna contacted Bob - Will start Jan 20th. - Will go for 3 weeks.</li> </ul>
		4. Circus Club (once/week at lunch time)	Jan/February 2025	Bob/Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bob hasn't talked to grade 3's yet about interest. Max 10 participants at a time. Sarah</li> </ul>

					<p>would like funding for students to make their own POI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated guess of 30 students interested.</li> <li>• Need to figure out what honorarium would be appropriate.</li> <li>• Sarah can connect with Bob directly for timing. Amy will coordinate between the two.</li> </ul>
	Support music and art programs/classes.	1. Rhythm by Nature drumming program in classes (partner with Linda Poon)	November 2024	Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance friday.</li> </ul>
		1. Support creation of new mural in school entrance	No specific timeline	Bob/ Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolin shared Link to someone in Invermere who does murals. <a href="http://kvanraaydesigns.com">kvanraaydesigns.com</a></li> <li>• Michelle has sent email to Logan about this and also collaboration with events etc.</li> </ul>
<i>Social and Physical Environment</i>	Increase sense of belonging for students and staff to school community.	1. Provide APES tshirts for all students	December 20, 2024 @ Santa Breakfast	Nicole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting for samples.</li> </ul>
		2. Sell APES spirit wear (hoodies, sweatshirts, etc.)	Before Christmas 2024; again in spring	Nicole/Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
		3. Pay for installation of Buddy Benches on school grounds	End of June		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob has contacted Blue Imp for quote on buddy benches. Back of bench says Buddy Bench. School district has approved installation of these.</li> </ul>

		4. Partner to host Santa Breakfast	December 20, 2024	PAC members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Rotary has pencilled us in.</i></li> <li>● <i>Purchase ingredients - syrup, eggs, milk, mandarin oranges. Gluten free pancake mix, sausages, chicken/veggie option.</i></li> <li>● <i>Eleanor Pecora to play piano? Bob will ask.</i></li> <li>● <i>Need to find someone for Santa.</i></li> <li>● <i>Tongs/Oven Mitts/Frying Pans/Dish Cloths need to be brought by PAC</i></li> <li>● <i>215 total for Numbers.</i></li> <li>● <i>Kristen to do food ordering and pick up.</i></li> </ul>
		5. Provide cookies for families participating in Craft-tacular	December 18, 2024		<i>Amy and Adrianna to purchase and hand out cookies.</i>
	Increase opportunities for outdoor learning and connection to nature.	1. Build an outdoor classroom/structure on school grounds.	Long-term project (multi-year)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Carolyn is in charge of a sub committee and will look at gathering a small group for some brainstorming.</i></li> <li>● <i>What is most important to this school and this environment?</i></li> <li>● <i>Bob - circle where a few classes can gather?</i></li> <li>● <i>Sam Wild is a licensed forest school teacher and spoke about a few options.</i></li> </ul>