

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Date: October 26, 2022

Location: Library

Minutes taken by: Ryann Wynsouw

Call To Order

~ Meeting called to Order at 7:04pm by Tasha Mash

Attendance

~ Shannon Kenney (Principal), Tasha Mash, Melissa Tanner, Laurel Ball, Ryann Wynsouw, Anita Arnold, Crystal Collins, Jennifer Russell, Keri Buxton, Nicki Dix, Evelyn Whitehead, Tara Lawrence, Ken Olynyk, Amy MacKenzie, Jessica Friesen

Introductions & What Is PAC

~ Introduce the Executive team for the 2022/2023 year

Tasha Mash – President

Melissa Tanner – Vice President

Ryann Wynsouw – Secretary

Laurel Ball – Treasurer

~ PAC is the parent community of Swift. We work closely with admin and the staff to support and encourage and provide assistance to enhance the quality of the education and well being of the students and to enhance communication between the parents, students and the staff.

Approval Of Previous Meeting Minutes

~ Motion to Adopt the September PAC Meetings

Motioned: Keri Buxton

Seconded: Jennifer Russell

Principals Report – Shannon Kenney

~ **Land Acknowledgment:**

Éy swáyel. We acknowledge that Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

~ **Commitment:**

We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching and community engagement.

~ Thank you to all those who participated in Parent Teacher Interviews. It is always nice to have the chance to connect. Be sure to keep that connection – planners, email, phone calls...

~ Big thank you for World Teacher's Day treats – it was appreciated. And was above and beyond.

~ Parking Lot 101 is on the website. Let's be smart and polite in the parking lot and in the cul de sacs around the school. Safety and good neighbourly-ness. A gentle reminder to K parents picking up at the front to wait on the sidewalk not in the drop off lane.

~ Strong Start - 8:30-11:30. No pre-registration needed. Spread the word about our SS program!

- ~ Any parents interested in volunteering must complete a Criminal Record Check (this is done through the School Board Office) and a Volunteer Application (this is done through school). All information is on the website. This must be completed before you can volunteer in any capacity.
- ~ We have almost 100% registration on School Cash which is fantastic! We hope to catch the last few families in coming weeks!
- ~ Lockdown Practice was done today...information was sent home. Emergency drills continue throughout the year.
- ~ Concrete information regarding Christmas Concerts will be available at the next meeting but we will be having an in person concert this year on December 15th.

Treasurers Report – Laurel Ball

~ REGULAR ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$10,659.13	
Cheques Written	\$ 906.15	Dominos – Hot Lunch
	\$ 369.05	Saputo – Hot Lunch
	\$ 3,000.00	Thomas Swift – Class Wish Lists
	\$ 873.60	Coupon Books
	\$ 77.10	Tasha Mash – Hot Lunch Items
	\$ 496.42	Ryann Wynsouw – Hot Lunch Carts, Neighbour Gifts, Terry Fox Run Snacks, PAC Meeting Treats
Deposits	\$11,395.65	E-Transfers from current fundraisers/Hot Lunch
Regular Account Balance	\$16,907.53	

~ GAMING ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$15,498.36
Cheques Written	0.00
Deposits	0.00
Gaming Account Balance	\$15,498.36

Fundraising Report – Melissa Tanner on behalf of Michelle Forrest & Makayla Wallis (absent)

~ Little Coupon Book

- ~ Total Sales \$1,550.00 (155 books sold)
- ~ Profit Made \$676.40

~ Neufeld Farms

- ~ Total Sales \$4,833.00
- ~ Profit Made \$1,002.00
- ~ Reminder that pickup is Tuesday, November 1, 2022, from 2:15pm – 3:00pm. Bring your wagon.

~ Swift Wear

~ Garments have been shipped and are expected to be delivered this week so printing will start the first week of November and should take about 2 weeks for printing process. We hope them to families mid to late November.

~ Grade 5 Hoodies

~ Mrs. Froese has completed the 2023 signature logo and it is being scanned and sent to the printer. Garments have been shipped and are expected to be delivered this week so printing will start the first week of November and should take about 2 weeks for printing process. We hope them to families mid to late November.

~ **Art Cards**

~ The kids are currently working on their Art Card art and will be finished up by November 2nd. The cards should be ready for ordering by mid November and should be delivered by the December 1st. More details to come soon.

~ **Christmas Raffle Baskets**

~ We will be doing our Christmas Raffle Baskets again this year. We are hoping to do 7 theme baskets with 2 divisions being assigned for each basket theme. Themes are in the works and donation requests will be sent out soon. Go through your regift bins (we all have one 😊) and see if you have something that works for your child's theme or another theme. If you would like to approach local businesses for items, we can provide you with a letter. Once the baskets are put together, pictures will be posted to the Facebook page with descriptions of the items in the basket. New this year we will be using the Hot Lunch program to sell tickets. We will also have them for viewing and ticket purchase at the Christmas Concert. The draw for the baskets will be on the morning of Friday, December 16 and baskets will have to be picked up the end of the day.

~ **Bottle Depot**

~ This is an ongoing fundraiser at any Return It location. Bring in your blue bags of empties, enter the school's phone number 604-853-7730 into the self serve kiosk, select how many bags you have, print the labels, stick them to the bag and drop them in the bin. The Return It staff will sort and count your items and the money automatically goes into the school's PAC account.

~ **Cobbs Bread Gladwin location**

~ Cobbs will donate a portion of your purchase back to the school PAC and all you have to do is mention that you are with Thomas Swift Elementary.

~ Please remember that if you are sending an e-transfer to pay for any fundraiser, please ensure you note your child's full name and what the funds are for. If sending for multiple items, please itemize amounts and items.

~ If you are sending payments via cash, please send exact amounts.

Hot Lunch Report – Keri Buxton

~ First hot lunch is in the books with just a few bumps along the way. There were some complaints regarding the taste of the pepperoni pizza and we have brought the issue to Dominos. If your child complained about the taste of their pizza or did not eat their pizza because of the way it tasted, please email Keri at swifthotlunch@gmail.com and let her know so she can assist you in having the issue rectified.

~ Next hot lunch is Sinamen Bun Co. on November 18th. Payment for this hot lunch is in November 9th. There are lots of items to distribute on this day so lots of volunteers are needed. Reminder that you need to have your criminal record check complete in order to volunteer.

As there is now a deposit on milk containers, we are collecting the empty milk cartons and taking them to the bottle depot. The money collected will be put toward purchasing the hot lunch program for use next year.

~ Hot Lunch Vendors for the rest of the school year have been finalized and will be ready for order on the website shortly.

- ~ January 20th – Chopped Leaf
- ~ February 24th – Boston Pizza
- ~ March 10th – Old Spaghetti Factory
- ~ April 21st – Red Robin
- ~ May 12th – Subway
- ~ June 16th – Pizza (vendor to be confirmed)

DPAC Report – Amy Mackenzie

~ No report this meeting as the DPAC meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, October 27, 2022. Report will be given at the November 17, 2022 meeting

Staff Appreciation – Jennifer Russell

~ World Teacher Day was celebrated on October 5, 2022 and the staff was given lip balms because with a little tag saying "you're the balm"
~ Up next will be Christmas Pancake breakfast in December

New Business

~ PAC 101 Meeting – There was not as much information as last year, a lot of the information was on a district level. The one thing that was really repeated was that PAC's need to get out of the habit of doing/saying "well that's the way that we have always done it" and PAC's should be looking into why do we do it this way, do we need to keep doing it this way or could we improve on this going forward.
~ Christmas Fun Day – Fun day will be held Friday, December 2nd. We will need volunteers to help set up on Thursday as well as lots of volunteers on Friday to make this day possible. We will be having the kids come through in 3 groups, before recess, after recess and after lunch. We have lots of craft and game ideas that were discussed. If you have ideas that you would like to share or if you would like to help with prepping crafts or game ideas please email us taswiftpac@gmail.com or Facebook message us to get involved.

Dates Of Note

~ October 27, 2022	DPAC Meeting – Via Zoom
~ October 31, 2022	Halloween Spirit Day – dress in costume or black and orange
~ October 31, 2022	Fruit and Veggie Day – Grape Tomatos
~ November 1, 2022	Neufeld Farm Pickup – 2:15pm bring your wagon
~ November 3, 2022	Winter Window Painting being done
~ November 9, 2022	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am – parents welcome
~ November 10, 2022	Pro D Day – No School
~ November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day – No School
~ November 15, 2022	Picture Order Deadline for Christmas Delivery
~ November 17, 2022	PAC Meeting 7pm
~ November 18, 2022	Hot Lunch (SinAmen Bun Co)

Next Meeting & Adjournment

~ Meeting Adjourned at 8:27pm
~ Next Meeting is November 17, 2022 at 7pm in the Library