

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Date: November 17, 2022
Location: Library
Minutes taken by: Ryann Wynsouw

Call To Order

~ Meeting called to Order at 7:06pm by Tasha Mash

Attendance

~ Shannon Kenney (Principal), Tasha Mash, Melissa Tanner, Laurel Ball, Ryann Wynsouw, Michelle Jones, Keri Buxton, Kazue Soga, Keith Brown, Jennifer Russell, Lindsey Leah, Anita Arnold, Anna Zupancic, Keegan Sutton, Ken Olynyk, Amy MacKenzie, Tara Lawrence, Alaina Pittman, Crystal Collins

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 October PAC Meetings
Motioned: Laurel Ball
Seconded: Tara Lawrence

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.

~ 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 at school/field trips.

~ Christmas Food Drive – the bin arrives December 5th and will be here until the holidays begin.

~ Christmas Fun Day – huge thanks to the behind the scenes elves for their work on this day – it

will be a fun kick-off to the season for the kids! Volunteers for behind the scenes (ie: painting and gluing at home – not at school) do not need their CRC – all volunteers on that day MUST be cleared.

~ Christmas Concert – there will be 2 concerts – 1:00 and 6:00. We will ask for a food donation as the admission. More information to follow regarding entrance and evening arrival times for the kids. Stage set-up...Friday December 9th – any help would be appreciated!

~ Report cards will be sent home on December 2nd – they are being written in a new program, so while we are hoping there are no glitches...we aren't positive!

~ Festive Fridays – This year we will be hosting festive Fridays where students and staff can dress up in holiday spirit wear of their choice each Friday in the month of December.

~ Parking, Bylaw and Social Media kindness – Bylaw has been around this week to help support the parking chaos. Please follow the rules – we all know it's chaotic but we have to be good neighbours and collegial to each other. Along with that – this always is a topic that sparks strong opinions – please be mindful of the language chosen and calling people out on the FB page. It's purpose is to support not hurt the school community.

Treasurers Report – Laurel Ball

~ REGULAR ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$16,907.53	
Cheques Written	\$ 850.50	Art Will Travel – Window Painting
	\$ 2,283.65	SinAmen – Hot Lunch
	\$ 1,346.92	Swift Wear
Deposits	\$2,936.98	E-Transfers from current fundraisers/Hot Lunch
Regular Account Balance	\$15,070.91	

~ GAMING ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$15,498.36	
Cheques Written	\$ 250.00	Deposit – Inflatables for Carnival
Deposits	\$ 75.00	BCCPAC Reimbursement
Gaming Account Balance	\$15,323.36	

Fundraising Report – Tasha Mash on behalf of Michelle Forrest & Makayla Wallis (absent)

~ **Swift Wear**

~ Garments are being picked up this week and are being sorted. They will be sent home next week.

~ **Grade 5 Hoodies**

~ Garments are being printed this week and will be picked up from the vendor next week and hopefully will be send home by the end of next week.

~ **Art Cards**

~ Art card samples have been sent home. If you have lost your child's card email taswiftpac@gmail.com and we can look up your child's code for you. Order deadline is November 23rd and delivery should be by the December 1st.

~ **Christmas Raffle Baskets**

~ Classroom themes will be sent home next week.

~ Go though 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 schools 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 schools 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

~ Next Hot Lunch is tomorrow and it is Sinamen Bun Co. There are lots of items to distribute for this hot lunch so the more volunteers the better.

~ Next Hot Lunch is White Spot on December 9th. Payment for this hot lunch is due by November 30th

~ Hot Lunch Vendors for the rest of the school year have been finalized and will be ready for order in early December

~ 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

~ DPAC Summit is being held November 18-19 in Richmond.

~ There are two (2) shared ZOOM Licence available on a first come first serve basis for PAC's to use for meetings if they are unable to do in person meetings. If we need to do a ZOOM Meeting we would just need to email DPAC and they will book us into one of the spots if they are available.

~ All DPAC meeting for the remainder of the school year will be held via ZOOM with the exception of the AGM, which will be in person. You can find more information on their website and Facebook page if you are interest in the link for the ZOOM Meetings.

~ Starting in January, DPAC will be organizing monthly parent information sessions with the hopes they can get more parent involved in DPAC. More information to come regarding these sessions.

~ Discussions were had regarding streamlining the screening process for the lunch time monitors so that it is consistent at all the schools within the district.

~ It was also noted that the school district is dealing with a crossing guards shortage this year.

~ Next DPAC Meeting is November 24th

Staff Appreciation – Jennifer Russell

~ Christmas Pancake breakfast is in the works and will be December 6th.

New Business

- ~ Christmas Fun Day – Fun day will be held Friday, December 2nd. We need people to help set up tables and décor on the Thursday after school, volunteers to assist with the crafts and games during the day on the day of (am or pm or all day), and volunteers to help clean up at the end of the day. Volunteers sheet will be sent out early next week. We will be having the kids come through in 3 groups, before recess, after recess and after lunch.
- ~ Setting up the Christmas décor in the school library and halls will be on November 24th after school. If you are able to come and help, please email taswiftpac@gmail.com.
- ~ Instead of milk and cookies, we will be switching it up and will be doing juice boxes and cookies on December 16th as our annual PAC treat on the last day before winter holidays.

Dates Of Note

- ~ November 18, 2022 Hot Lunch - SinAmen Bun Co.
- ~ November 21, 2022 Fruit and Veggie Day – Halo Mandarins
- ~ November 25, 2022 School Spirit Day – Wacky Hair/Hat
- ~ December 1, 2022 Christmas Fun Day Setup
- ~ December 2, 2022 Christmas Fun Day
- ~ December 2, 2022 Report Cards Sent Home
- ~ December 5, 2022 Fruit and Veggie Day – Halo Mandarins
- ~ December 9, 2022 Hot Lunch (White Spot)
- ~ December 9, 2022 Christmas Concert Stage Setup
- ~ December 15, 2022 Christmas Concert (1pm and 6pm)
- ~ December 16, 2022 School Spirit Day – PJ's and Stuffy
- ~ December 16, 2022 Juice and Cookies – provided by PAC
- ~ December 16, 2022 Last day of School before Christmas Break
- ~ January 3, 2023 First Day back to School
- ~ January 18, 2023 School Spirit Day – Winter Hat Day
- ~ January 19, 2023 PAC Meeting
- ~ January 20, 2023 Hot Lunch – Chopped Leaf

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- ~ Meeting Adjourned at 8:27pm
- ~ Next Meeting is January 19, 2023, at 7pm in the Library