



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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PAC Meeting 2.17.2016

Called to order at 12:30pm

Roll Call:

Laura Johnson, Susanna LaRock, Heather Harrison, Tommy Gossard, Virginia Morgan, Jessica Larsen, Angel Bond

Approval of Agenda:

The Key Communicator Event summary was taken off the agenda and the Garden Committee Report was added in its place. The amended agenda was approved.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Most of the action items from the last meeting were to do with the Small Schools Matter letter writing campaign. Heather reported that she has been hearing from people that they have sent letters, so the word is getting out.

AI: Virginia will review the current situation with the state budget and determine if there is still a need to ask people to write letters and/or what the letters should specifically focus on.

In reviewing other action items from the January minutes, the following was noted:

We still don't have ALICE drill details.

Tickets to DinoLight are bought.

*Angel still hasn't paid her elf auction fee. **AI:** Angel will get her fee paid.*

*Susanna did not ask Jan Mitchell about contributing starts yet, but did ask her about joining the gardening committee (she was not interested in joining the committee). **AI:** Susanna will ask Jan about starts.*

Moved to approve minutes, movement seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Addition of New Members:

No potential members were present.

AI: Heather will review the attendance log and the bylaws to verify if there is a need to revoke the voting rights of any members who have not been coming to the meetings. (It was noted that Kathy has been gone but has offered her availability to be on a call when we need her.)

Principal's Report:

Mr. Hayman was not in attendance, but he had asked that the PAC be informed that the budget meeting will be on MS Lync tonight at 5pm if anyone wants to participate. Mr. Gossard offered to set up the meeting if anyone wanted to see it. No one said they would be able to attend.

Teacher's Report:

February 25th is State Battle of Books Competition for 3rd & 4th graders. All the students will have leftover ice cream at the end of the day to celebrate. Everyone is excited to cheer them on, but no audience is best, please. The competition could go as late as 3pm, depending on how far they make it through the rounds. There is no clear record of any other team from CL going to state. If any other has, it's been a long time!

Due to Battle of the Books, art class will be taught on Monday, February 22nd, instead of Thursday.

It was noted that the school is not fully participating in the forensics/poem recital program, due to Battle of Books.

On Tuesday, March 8th, Debbie Harris, who creates the red bag art program, will come and do art with the school.

Friday, March 11th, is an In-service day, then Spring Break follows the next week (March 14-18).

Monday, March 21, is Dinolight in Anchorage. This is the first day back to school after Spring Break.

Thursday, March 24, Mr. Gossard will not be available for part of the day because he will be interviewed by Education Talk Radio on the East Coast, representing the school and district. He met the host at a conference and the discussion started there. He'll have a list of questions ahead of time to prepare. He will get us information on how to listen to the show.

The week of March 28 is AMP testing, starting Tuesday, hopefully done by Thursday. The school will pick up the tab to do breakfast every testing day for all students. Tentatively plan for 8:30 arrival at school those days to participate in breakfast. **AI:** Jessica will help plan food items for some of the dietary restrictions.

April 1st is an early release day, students done at 1:45.

May 18th is the end of year picnic – Moose Pass has not yet responded if they will be able to host.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance of the PAC account is \$7034.37.

We have received almost all of elf auction money (except Angel's), the booth rental from Peggy's Projects, and a \$200 employee match from Erik Painter/BP. **AI:** Susanna will make a thank you note for Erik and have the students sign it.

The fund also paid for the books for Battle of Books, the \$15 fee for the Equinox Run ad, and \$1440.00 for skiing lessons.

AI: Virginia will send out a holiday market and equinox run summary. Total revenue for the holiday market was \$2368.75, revenue for the Run was \$6-700.

The online accounting program Virginia is using is not working well for our needs. We discussed getting a PAC accounting program like Quicken. **AI:** Virginia will think about what will work best and report back.

Gardening Committee Report:

Laura, Susanna, and Heather met on February 12th. Susanna has ordered flower and vegetable seeds – 6 different kinds of each. Laura suggested selling some starts in little clay pots. She will try to get a donation through Home Depot for the pots, and have the students do mosaics on them for art class. We can have a higher price point for cedar and clay planters, which will help the project pencil out, since starts alone won't make much. (It was also pointed out at Trustworthy will do school donations, too.)

Mr. Gossard reported we have about \$180 extra money from purchasing gardening supplies that needs to get used. The gardening committee was not aware of this money when they bought seeds, but cannot alter the account they were paid from. Now that they are aware they will see where it can be used.

Set-up for planting will happen on Wednesday, February 24th. On Friday, February 26th the seeds will get planted. They will have the students help, minimally, with planting some of the large seeds, to get them involved. Anyone who wants to help plant on the 26th, please do. **AI:** Susanna will send a reminder email.

May Market:

The question was posed whether we can cancel the May Market this year and just sell starts. Reasons for this include the potential of wearing out our vendors with two markets a year, and it's our first garden sale and it will require our attention. A motion was made to cancel the May Market and replace it with just a garden sale. The motion was seconded and passed by vote.

Pre-ordering for the garden sale was discussed, but not considered to be plausible this first year, when so much is uncertain about what will grow and how well.

Laura suggested having the garden sale on Friday the 13th, instead of the regular market day of Saturday May 7th. Moving it later means less time that purchasers will have to protect their starts from the weather, and Friday is a good day for traffic going through town. It was decided that having the starts for sale "from 1:30 until sold out" would be a good schedule, which would also encourage people to come early. Selling starts during the school day was not going to be a problem, according to Mr. Gossard. **AI:** Jessica will put a garden committee report on the March PAC agenda, and at the April meeting we will have more discussion of the garden sale logistics.

Snail-A-Thon:

The PAC addressed whether we could/would do the Snail-A-Thon this year. It always has to be the 3rd Saturday in May, which is the 21st this year, after school is out. It was agreed that yes, we will do it. No committee is needed yet, but Susanna volunteered to get the mile markers. **AI:** Jessica will put it on the March agenda.

CLCC Survey:

The PAC answered the brief survey accessed at www.cooperlandingshall.com/survey, regarding activities in the shoulder season in which conference attendees from out of town could participate. The PAC

responded that the Saturday Markets (November consistently, perhaps May) would be welcoming of extra participants/shoppers.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 9th, 12:30 pm at the school.

Adjournment at 1:23pm.