



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the PAC Meeting held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Roll Call:

Jessica Larsen, Virginia Morgan, Tommy Gossard, Janet Weber, Adam Sullivan, Rachel Sullivan, Heather Pearson, Heather Harrison (arrived late)

Called to order at 6:00pm

Approval of agenda:

Jessica made motion to approve agenda as written. Janet seconded. Agenda approved as written.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Jessica made motion to approve minutes as written. Rachel seconded. Minutes approved as written.

New members:

Adam Sullivan declined to become a new member, but may attend on Rachel's behalf if needed occasionally.

Principals' report (provided by Mr. Gossard on Mr. Hayman's behalf):

Biggest thing we need to be aware of is the district budget meeting, which was announced on the Smore Newsletter. The school will be open for viewing it Tuesday, November 12, 6pm, but it is not known if commenting will be available from the school. **AI:** Tommy will verify if comment participation is available for those who will attend at the school location.

Also, a custodian has applied for the position, the hire is going through human resources now. Hoping to have it filled officially very soon.

Teacher's report:

Field trip: November 4 in Anchorage, a Parent-Teacher Conference day. Idea is Escape Room for 6th grade and up in morning. K-5 undecided, perhaps the Alaska Zoo (which they loved last time and still have a lot of enjoyment yet to get out of it) in the morning. In the afternoon everyone together can go to Get Air or the Lake Hood Air Museum or something else. This is in process because we missed the Spencer Glacier trip, have some extra money available to us, and we do not want to miss class time (especially, the older students who have call-in classes), so having it on that Monday seems ideal, since Mr. Gossard expects to be able to schedule conferences for the previous Friday and during the week prior.

November 14, Guinness World Record Cup Stacking is happening again in an attempt to break the world record. The school will advertise it again to the community to participate. It is scheduled at a somewhat early time, so Mr. Gossard is thinking of having a pancake breakfast for those who come to participate.



Christmas Play/Performance – The Harpes are leaving on December 12th, but Bayne could participate if held on Wednesday, December 11th. Mr. Gossard inquired if anyone else was leaving and would have a problem with that date. There was a general positive reaction to having it that day, so that we would not miss having our kindergartener participate. No objection, so it is expected that it will be held that day.

Skiing is expected to be a January start this year again. The folks at Alyeska are watching snow forecasts, will touch base with exact dates once they actually open.

FYI, Moose Pass School did not act on the invitation to come for a soccer game this year. We went there last year, we were hoping they would come this year in exchange. A small discussion ensued about what kinds of things we could do with our fellow small schools, like basketball or other sports or events. It was acknowledged that a lot is in transition at Hope School this year, so not much expectation they will be ready to get together soon. But the discussion will remain open.

Mr. Gossard informed us of an opportunity for 7th grade through high school students to be held February 10-14 in Juneau, a program called Alaska Close-Up organized by a group known as SERRC. The question came up if PAC would like to help sponsor attendance by interested students. The program cost is \$800/student, \$650/chaperone (required), includes food and lodging for 1 whole week, but does NOT include flights. Adam pointed out that Alaska Airlines in-state miles are pretty cheap, so getting miles contributed by community members would be very efficient, and Alaska Air often has lower monetary prices for constituents going to Juneau during session, too. Although the price is high, the PAC was supportive of considering helping out. It was mentioned briefly that students may have to raise some of their own funds. (SERRC also does job exploration sessions for high schoolers.) **AI:** Mr. Gossard will get more info about the program.

Treasurer's report:

\$7075.85 is current balance, factoring in one expense for the soup mugs of \$341.46. (We bought 108 total, one arrived broken, so we have 107 to sell, bringing the per unit cost to \$3.19.)

Holiday Market:

Many things were discussed, mostly regarding jobs that need to be filled to make the market successful, which will be sent in a separate email to all parents. Some jobs are already claimed. **AI:** Jessica will take Virginia's notes and compose a friendly email letting parents have their pick of fun jobs to take on for the Saturday Market. The intent is for some of the weight to come off of Virginia as the mastermind behind the Market.

Some things that were discussed specifically and/or are different from prior years:

Mugs will need to be washed prior to trying to sell soup in them. (Rachel volunteered to do this job on Friday, November 22.)

Twelve soups will be needed, as well as 25 dozen baked goods. Melissa has volunteered to make the calls to round up soup/baked goods contributors. Ten soups was not quite enough last year.

Pricing as proposed is:

\$10 for a mug, get one free scoop of soup **in that mug** as a special thank you.

\$5 for a scoop of soup not in a mug, or for a refill in a mug.



Jessica offered to make signs describing the purchasing options for soup/mugs.

Some kind of tagging system may be needed to help people identify their used mugs, so that unclaimed dirty mugs are not lost in the shuffle. (This was discussed at last PAC meeting, added here for reference.)

An idea proposed last year that can become reality if someone will spearhead it – making a booklet or some kind of nice print-out of all the soup recipes, and selling the recipe booklet for a specified price. Any takers to make that a logistical reality?

For reference, last year Wildman's donated 150 12-oz soup bowls, we used 85 of them and returned what we did not use. (We expect to use fewer of them with the mug option.)

We need to clarify with Laura Johnson if we may borrow her Christmas decorations again – poinsettias and table cloths mostly. Decorating the gym will be a group effort on Friday afternoon, as many participants as able. Also need many hands for clean-up Saturday afternoon.

There will be three separate shifts at the soup/baked good table, with two adults needed per shift, and three shifts at the swag table, with just one adult needed per shift there.

Mr. Gossard would like us to sell the school's plant guide books at the swag table. They did a reprint and are having a hard time getting rid of the 75 they have left. They cost \$8 each to print, we decided \$10/book seems fair and easy for making change. We also plan to take school T-shirt pre-orders at the swag table, and then make a custom order after the fact, to not have excess shirts to sell later, or have too few of a popular size.

Krissy made some flyers that need to go up around town. Day-of signs will be need to be made for the school and for down at the highway. Mr. Gossard usually puts them up Saturday morning. Mr. Gossard also usually makes coffee on Saturday morning, as well as helping with parking and unloading vendors.

Heather Harrison usually helps move tables from the Community Hall, but because of her work schedule others will need to do that this year.

Helpful to have volunteers in a Santa suit or Grinch costume at entrance on highway for a couple of shifts. (note: don't want to ruin nice Santa suit in inclement weather)

Virginia will mark table spaces the week prior. We can fit 23 spaces in the gym, up to five additional spaces in the classroom. We have 18 spaces reserved at this point with a variety of vendors. Cost is \$30/space, \$20 for a child.

On a final note, we were all reminded that it is a great event and a lot of fun to put on. Heather Pearson pointed out that she is participating because it is so enjoyable, and is willing to help anywhere. We can all keep and promote that spirit of enjoyment, community and participation from all our parents and school supporters.

Upcoming meeting dates:

3:30 pm on November 13 (Market Committee Meeting), 6pm on February 26, 6pm on April 22

AI: Tommy will ask Donna to change meeting time on calendar from 6pm to 3:30pm on Nov 13

Adjourned at 6:57pm