



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the PAC Meeting held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Roll Call:

Jessica Larsen, Virginia Morgan, Tommy Gossard, Heather Harrison, Jennifer Harpe, Rachel Sullivan

AI: Virginia will create and print a new attendance log

Called to order at 6:17pm

Approval of agenda:

Motion to approve agenda as written. Seconded. Agenda approved as written.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Motion to approve minutes as written. Seconded. Minutes from last meeting approved as written.

New members:

Jen Harpe requested to become PAC member. (Welcome!)

Election of board members:

Nominations received: Heather Harrison as president, Jessica Larsen as secretary, and Virginia Morgan as treasurer

These nominations were approved without opposition and are considered filled. The three officers wanted it publicly acknowledged that they have been serving for several years and are ready to turn the responsibilities over to new PAC members as they feel ready to serve. Others should be thinking ahead and preparing for more responsibilities in coming months and years.

Principals' report:

Tommy read the report from Mr. Hayman since he is on vacation until next week. In sum, the process to hire a secretary is now with HR department and should be worked through their department within a week or so. Many thanks to Virginia for filling the secretary position for the time being. She has really enjoyed it.

Teacher's report:

The fishing trip was successful – glad we got to have it after the town came back to life!

Assessments were completed. They are done three times per year to give feedback to apply to students' personalized learning. Helps keep kids on track.

September 27 field trip to ASLC, free tickets for all students and for several community volunteers who will attend also. This is a gift from ASLC due to the hardships of the fire on our community.



Possible ideas to replace missing the Spencer Glacier trip – kids have been asking about it. It was funded through a KMTA grant, and the money may still be available for certain uses. It would be interesting to pursue other options to ride the train, maybe with a hike and picnic, or the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. (From later research, Virginia discovered that the trains in the area only ran until September 16 this year and should start up again in May: early-mid May for Anchorage-Girdwood-Seward, late May for the train that goes through Whitter, Portage, Spencer and Grandview.)

As for other field trip ideas, the older kids have been interested in doing an Escape Room. Also interest in rock gym, trampoline park. We possibly can get an excursion grant through Arts Council, once they get up and running again (now that they are funded anew). Also interest in Gymnastics? **AI:** Mr. Gossard will send out email with ideas for future field trip planning.

Skiing will be on Tuesdays again, no dates set yet, but it is happening.

Everyone is ready to settle into normal routine after the heightened fire status and possible strike are now in the past.

Treasurer's report:

\$7417.31 is current balance. This includes increases of a \$35 donation from Snail a Thon and \$349.21 from softball concessions, and a reduction of \$252.00 for paying half the cost of the chaperones to go whale watching.

Unfinished business:

A motion was made to approve the bylaw revisions from August's bylaw meeting as they are written. Seconded. The Bylaw revisions are approved as written. (Attached to minutes.)

New business:

Our Holiday Market is always Saturday before Thanksgiving, which is November 23 this year. Virginia has already submitted it to the Anchorage Daily News holiday bazaar publication. Virginia also plans to advertise it from the school FB page – she has the event page ready to go. At least 2 vendors have already checked with her.

A possible fundraising opportunity is selling 15 oz ceramic soup mugs with our school logo that can be purchased through Coscto.com. From Virginia's research, the price to order a minimum of 108 is \$3.26 each after factoring in set-up fee, shipping and sales tax. We could order as few as 72, at a slightly higher price point. The mugs look great and everyone was impressed. They could come in blue and white, but it was agreed that that blue would sell better and we should just order that one color. A tentative price point discussed was selling the mugs for \$10 with the first fill of soup included for free.

A motion was made to purchase up to 144 blue soup mugs from Costco.com. The motion was seconded and voting was in favor. (It was later discovered that we could order 108 or 252, but not 144, so 108 was the amount approved to order.) **AI:** Virginia will order the mugs with her Costco Executive membership and submit the receipt for reimbursement from the PAC funds.

We still have some money left for more T-shirts also, so we may do another order. The idea was put out of buying shirts to sell at the Saturday market as well. Jessica seemed to recall difficulty in selling the



inventory of shirts purchased several years ago. It was acknowledged that it is difficult to know ahead of time how many of what sizes should be ordered. But we could also put it on the Crier, and have people put in pre-orders – or pre-orders at the market. No final decision was arrived at on this idea, but pre-orders seemed to be more broadly accepted as an approach to pursue.

Note: Katie Feichtinger says that if anyone has trouble with their shirt logos fading, she wants to re-do it – let her know. (They were having some trouble with one of their machines, and if any T-shirts are affected by fading, that might be why.)

It was agreed that we need to make sure that Virginia doesn't take on too much for the Market – we need to do delegation. (As a side note, Heather Pearson will be here and said she is looking forward to helping with the Market. Others are also willing to take on responsibilities.)

AI: Virginia will create a Holiday Market planning timeline to work from to get us organized and to work from to delegate tasks. We can do more work on this at the October PAC meeting.

Upcoming meeting dates:

6pm on October 23, November 13 (Market Committee Meeting), February 26, April 22

Adjourned at 7:17pm