



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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PAC Meeting 10.12.2016

Called to order at 12:28pm

Roll Call:

Heather Harrison, Melissa Fish, Susanna LaRock, Virginia Morgan, Jessica Larsen, Laura Johnson, Tommy Gossard, Kathy Recken. Also Angel Bond as non-PAC member.

Approval of Agenda:

Susanna moved to add to New Business the discussion of the Holiday Market. Virginia seconded. Voting was in favor. The agenda was approved with the addition.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

One action item from the last minutes was pointed out – **AI:** all parents who want to go on field trips, etc, MUST fill out the volunteer application. Susanna has reminded everyone many times, will not be doing more reminders.

Melissa Fish inquired about a form she received by email from the background check company for additional information. It looks suspicious, and others have received similar inquiries. **AI:** Susanna will check into it, as the school should know that these inquiries are being sent.

Susanna moved to approve the minutes as written, Laura seconded. The minutes were approved.

Addition of New Members:

No new members added. Angel Bond was present, but declined to join the PAC due to inability to regularly attend.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Hayman was not present, but wanted everyone to know about the budget meeting to be held October 13, 6pm. The school will have the meeting available for locals to participate if there is interest.

A discussion ensued about our school's specific budget needs. The particular need was the lack of prep time for Mr. Gossard due to his small-school contract. With the number of students and spread of ages, he needs another aide or a second teacher to do his best work.

AI: Jessica will put the prep time issue on the next agenda. The PAC wants to make a stand in support of getting Mr. Gossard (or any future teacher in his place) some help and prep time, if not for this year then for the future. The "educational equity" issue needs to be addressed. The PAC will also address at

the next meeting what we can do among ourselves this year to give him some time. (It was noted that Laura's art class is a huge help.)

Teacher's Report:

The Lightning Thief is Tuesday, November 1st. We can choose to do the Get Air Trampoline Park from 1-3pm afterward. Laura moved to have the students go to the Trampoline Park and have the PAC pay for students and parents. In the chance we can't do the Trampoline Park, the PAC can pay for the Climbing Wall as an alternative. This was seconded and approved.

October 21st no school for end of quarter

October 26th early release

October 27-28th parent-teacher conferences – Mr. Gossard is flexible in scheduling

October 31st Halloween Parade at 1:30pm

November 23rd early release

November 24-25th Thanksgiving break

Treasurer's Report:

The balance of the PAC account is \$11,020.45.

Equinox Run Report:

\$1,199.70 was the full amount earned after expenses. Our only expenses were snacks and an ad, because the T-shirts came from a grant this year. The T-shirts are quite an expense usually, but we can manage our order better in future years, although keeping the purchase local is a good priority to have.

The run is quite stressful for Susanna to put on, but it is a good way to get money from participants outside of Cooper Landing. We had fewer runners this year than in the past, even though our attendance had been trending upward in past years. There are ways to encourage better attendance.

Susanna's idea for reducing the stress is to clearly lay out job descriptions and assign them out at the beginning of the school year, since the run is on no one else's radar but hers and Tommy's until it actually happens. **AI:** Susanna will define jobs to be assigned out for the next Equinox Run.

Gymnastics Funding:

Mr. Gossard reported that as compared to Anchorage, going to River City was good. With 3 instructors they can break them up into groups and go fast-paced. Smaller gym, but they seem to have it together.

Laura moved to have the PAC pay for the gymnastics lessons at River City. Virginia seconded. The PAC voted in favor.

Christmas Program:

The date of the Christmas Program will be decided at the next meeting, as finding the right balance between preparation time and student attendance needs to be fine-tuned.

Meeting Rescheduling:

Due to Jessica's travel schedule, the next three PAC meetings will be held on these dates: November 2, December 7, and January 18, instead of the 2nd Wednesday of each of those months. The February meeting will be held regularly on the 8th.

Holiday Market:

A planning meeting for the Holiday Market Committee is scheduled for 9am Friday, October 14. All who can attend and be part of this committee are encouraged to come.

Community Contribution (non-agenda item addressed):

Kathy Recken brought up that the Library Sweepstakes is way behind on selling tickets. She suggested the PAC buy tickets as the library does a lot for the school. In general, the school could do more community service. **AI:** Jessica will put more community service on the next agenda.

Laura moved to have the PAC buy a library sweepstakes ticket. Virginia seconded. Voting was in favor. Susanna will get the payment made for the PAC's ticket.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 2nd, 12:30 pm at the school.

Adjournment at 1:30pm.