

THE PINACLE PARENT ASSOCIATION – MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday April 30, 2025

Location: Virtually

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Present: Audrey Arnal, Kate Ross, Jenn Lloyd, Stefanie Powell, Greg Andrusiak, Angie Goldsmith

Staff: Chantel Crosby, Stephanie Bender, Holly Zimmerman, Jacelyn Greco Watson

- **Land Acknowledgment by Audry:**
 - *We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika (See-see-gah), The Pikani(Bee-gah-nee) and the Kainai(guy-nah). We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina(Soot-tenna), the Stoney Nakoda(Na-ko-da) First Nations, the Region 3 Metis Nation and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.*
- **Meeting called to order by: Audrey Arnal 6:33pm**
- **Welcome by chair and introduction of all present**
- **Introductions:**
 - Chantel Crosby – Principal
 - Jacelyn Greco Watson – teacher on green team
 - Angie Goldsmith – parent of son on green team
 - Stephanie Bender – Assistant Principal
 - Greg Andrusiak – parent of daughter on teal team
 - Kate Ross – Vice president and parent of son on yellow team
 - Stefanie Powell - Treasurer/Secretary and parent of son on purple team
 - Holly Zimmerman – teacher on green team
 - Jenn Lloyd – Fundraising Coordinator and parent of son on teal team
- **Approval of the April 2025 agenda:**
 - Motioned:** Kate Ross
 - Seconded:** Audrey Arnal
- **Approval of February 2025 minutes:**
 - Motioned:** Audrey Arnal
 - Seconded:** Stefanie Powell
- **Teacher Presentation: Green Team (grades 7-9)– Holly Zimmerman and Jacelyn Greco Watson**
 - Worldwide Views of Spanish and Aztec
 - Did an art project
 - Environmental studies
 - Collect and interpret data
 - Working with plants
 - Partners with ecoschools
 - Received a \$1,400 grant and used for hydroponics
 - Foods
 - Students made food with some ingredients grown in environmental studies
 - Made the following but not limited to yogurt and smoothies
 - Nothing involving the use of a stove
 - Also learned the proper way to cut vegetables and washing dishes
- **Administration Update - Chantel Crosby, Principal**

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- Parent engagement results
 - Can't share the details and 5 parents participated.
 - Chantal appreciated those who provided their feedback.
- Next school year headcount
 - 25 increase to student headcount next year, 200 total headcount
 - Will be a new team added.
 - 6 elementary teams (increase from 5) and same junior high team
 - 105 new students and 95 existing students
- Transition
 - Meeting will be held for transitioning families on Monday, May 12th at 6:30pm; online only.
 - Aim on continuing to strengthen and set goals.
- Healthy Hunger
 - Change of date to Wednesdays from Thursdays and the change was supervision driven.
- Funding request
 - Computer carts. The newer computer carts are safer from overheating and will work better with the current computers.
 - Will need four of them over the next several years.
 - Currently requesting two that cost \$2,500 per card.
 - \$5,200 total included with shipping and tax
 - a. Motioned to approve by Audrey Arsenal
 - b. Seconded by Jennifer Lloyd
 - Funding request passed through casino account
 - Residency for Ms Rae's PE class for next school year
 - \$450 requested.
 - a. Motioned to approve by Audrey Arsenal
 - b. Seconded by Stefanie Powell
 - Funding request passed through casino account
 - Field trip fund remaining funds from 2024/2025 school year to be repurposed
 - Has to align with casino fund guidelines available on AGLC website
 - a. Motioned for approve by Audrey Arsenal
 - b. Seconded by Stefanie Powell
 - Funding request passed through casino account

New Business

- **President update (Audrey Arsenal):**
 - New interest for council next year
 - i. Touch base with parents at June 3rd orientation.
 - 1. Need to prep presentation.
 - 2. Audrey will attend and wondering who else can.
 - Email received of proof of Alberta Society financial reporting filing.
- **Vice President update (Kate Ross):**
 - Banking update
 - i. New signing authority has been confirmed by bank manager.
 - ii. Current bank accounts were created in 1996.
 - 1. Bank manager has other account options that we should consider.
 - 2. Need to discuss the intent of the accounts.
 - iii. New branch is at Marda Loop from Richmond Road due to the numerous issues at Richmond Road branch.
 - iv. Scotia Connect will be available in 48 hours hopefully.

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- Ideas for cyber literacy
 - i. White Hatter offerings
 - 1. Digital Literacy
 - 2. Technology and Sleep with children
 - ii. Will be via Zoom as in person too costly.
 - iii. \$685 will be the cost
 - iv. Board favoured the Technology and Sleep for children offering.
 - v. Discussed when
 - 1. Can't do May 12 but maybe May 21. Chantal suggested to reach out to White Hatter to determine their availability.
 - vi. Kate discussed making up a flyer.
- Family Dance
 - i. Would be nice to set one up next school year.
 - ii. Will be discussed again in June meeting or September meeting.
- Fundraiser update (Jennifer Lloyd):
 - Getting organized for next school year. Prefer to offer:
 - i. Foods hold heat,
 - ii. More variety of food selection
 - iii. Restaurants that organize the food more easily for distribution to the children.
 - We can also ask for parent volunteers.
 - i. Chantel said parent teachers welcome however not too many as wouldn't want volunteers having little to come in for.
- Round table of other discussions:
 - Audrey mentioned she will drop off the cheques books she collected from the school and drop them off to Jennifer.
 - Audrey asked why no cooking with stove. Chantel said it was broken. Audrey said can we provide you one. Chantel said gladly yes and mentioned could also use a new dishwasher for the teachers if possible.
 - Audrey mentioned due to larger school headcount of children we should ensure to manage and we aware of this increase to watch the budget. Stefanie mentioned we have lots of money in the casino account and have timelines to spend it so school should spend more money next year as this year was a low spend year.
 - Suggestion for a Friday lunch for teachers in June since no dinner provided as last parent teacher meetings as teachers were at home (met remotely with parents) due to strike.
 - i. Will be for 23 people.
 - ii. Audrey suggested that Chantel ask teachers what food they would like.
 - iii. Ideal dates would be Friday, June 13 or Friday, June 20.
- **Treasury/Secretary update:**
 - No update as access to online banking was cut off.

Next meeting Date: Wednesday May 28, 2025.

- **Adjourned: 7:49pm**