

Como Lake Middle School PAC – October 1, 2024 – 7 pm

- 1) Commence Meeting and Introductions
 - a. Started at 7:02pm
- 2) Attendees: Sergio Perez, Beryl Wang, Jacquie Hutchinson, Laurie Leeder, Tanja McAffer, Jenn Faccin
- 3) Adopt previous minutes – Accepted minutes from May 2024 meeting.
- 4) Additions to agenda - none
- 5) Administrator's Report
 - a. Overview of the year ahead
 - i. Mr. Williams interview with a student on Truth and Reconciliation Day
 - ii. 337 students – 13 Divisions, 38 different languages spoken in the home
 - iii. Middle school is built upon key pillars 1) Teams (Coyotes, Ravens, Legends). They have their own class, switch class and will do Team time with the other classes on their team. 2) Explorations classes – students are “tumbled”, a mix of grades 6-8. 3) Flexible Block timetables – with core teacher/switch teacher for majority of the blocks of the day. If having a great Science class, can keep going (i.e. have 2 or 3 blocks for a subject vs high school where its one class and then move to next).
 - iv. Events in September – pancake breakfast, Welcome assembly, Community gathering.
 - v. Steam starts this week (Thursdays)
 - vi. Homework – several parents asking questions: what should my child be doing at home. Use the nuggets from the newsletter to ask questions about what they are doing. Journal about experience at the day. 20 minute Family reading time. At the Grocery store, get them to estimate what the bill will be. Help them calculate the tip when eating out. Ask them about the clubs / sports – are they interested. Parents can help by being volunteer drivers or volunteer walkers for field trips. Criminal Record check and Volunteer forms are required. Many parents getting help with the portal, forms and fees – its great!
 - vii. Clubs and Teams are starting up. Many different choices. Volleyball and Swim team have started. Over 100 kids signed up for Leadership this year (they have been divided up into different aspects of Leadership). Ski and Snowboard club sign up is Oct 9.
 - viii. Focus on Literacy this year. School wide read is starting this week. Trying to show the kids the staff learning, especially as we embed indigenous learning into more aspects, not just here and there. Wednesday mornings (late start) staff are discussing SEL (social emotional learning) discussions.

- b. Wish lists – will be talking with teachers in a couple of weeks to gather wish lists and will present at the next PAC meeting. Priority 1 is the \$100 per class + explorations + student services = \$2,000 total
- c. Treasurer's Report
- d. Checking acct - \$437.55, Gaming - \$2,022.90, Donation – report not correct, will get amount to Tanja. KEV had \$914.15 as of June 30, 2024. Gaming grant was approved.
- e. Chairperson Report
 - i. Overview of Recent and Upcoming Fundraisers – family donation as discussed above. TCBY Yogurt – will check what dates will work (try for 4 days this year Nov, Jan, Mar and May)
 - ii. Ongoing fundraisers – Return It Depot and Big Brother's Clothing on United.
- f. Events to plan for: will discuss at the next meeting to decide how to spend Gaming money

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 12th at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44pm