

**SARDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024
HELD AT THE SARDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

CALL TO ORDER: 2:19 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We are privileged to be working and learning on the Stó:lō unceded traditional territory of the Pilalt, Semá:th and Ts'elxwéyeqw.

ATTENDANCE: Erin Kelley (President), Rae-Anne Ricka, Victoria Kupp, Kendy Michaloski (DPAC), Joanna Kasper (Principal), Amanda Walsh (Treasurer), Deanna Devauld (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Meghan Shattock (Secretary), and Christina Duerksen.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: *Motion to adopt by Erin, seconded by Amanda. Passed.*

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Playground Equipment - Funds have been identified in the Sardis Elementary School (SES) PAC chequing/general account that have not been previously allocated to any projects. The PAC chequing/general account has approximately \$53,231. Approximately \$3,871 of this is allocated for outstanding invoices, which leaves approximately \$49,360.

\$10,000 of these PAC funds was committed to the school in September, 2023 for playground equipment (accessible swing on the primary playground), of which \$7,449 remains to be paid. School admin identified that an Omni Spinner would be beneficial to be added to the primary playground as well. An additional \$14,000 would need to be contributed to complete the playground additions (including installation fees).

Should the \$14,000 be approved to be committed for the primary playground Omni Spinner, and after paying the remaining \$7,449 that was previously committed, the PAC chequing/general account would have approximately \$27,911 remaining. It was discussed what a “normal, or healthy” PAC chequing/general account would be, and that was identified to be around \$10,000.

Further discussion included that the Bingo Gaming Grant would continue for a further nine years. Sardis PAC also receives funds from the Knights Road Investment Account, as well as the Gaming Grant. Sardis PAC is fortunate, as it receives approximately \$20,000 more funding per year than most other schools in the district.

A motion was moved by Erin that the SES PAC commit \$14,000, in addition to the \$10,000 previously committed in September, 2023 for the primary playground Omni Spinner. Seconded by Victoria. Passed unanimously.

Further discussion included the Kal Tire Replay Fund, which helps schools install rubber playground footing. There may be environmental implications resulting from this install.

Additionally, installing additional playground equipment on the intermediate playground was discussed. Portions of the intermediate playground area is not school district land, rather it is owned by the City of Chilliwack, so improvements to the area may prove difficult or impossible.

Joanna identified an area for improvement at the north side of the school, in that installing picnic table(s) similar to the one on the primary playground and/or benches would benefit students, staff, student families, and the public.

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Hush-Ups – Continuation of previous PAC meeting discussions regarding Hush-Ups was presented. Hush-Ups are balls that look like tennis balls (but without any of the toxic chemical off-gassing that cutting in to tennis balls may cause) that are placed on the bottom of chair legs to quiet the sound of chair legs scraping across classroom floors. This is beneficial for sensory purposes and creating quieter classroom environments. They last for approximately six years, and the cost for purchasing them for the whole school (taking in to account classroom student numbers per grade level) would be \$5,316.62.

A motion was moved by Erin that the SES PAC purchase Hush-Ups for all SES classrooms (taking in to account classroom student numbers per grade level) in the amount of \$5,316.62, which will be SES PAC-owned, and will not travel with teachers to other schools. Seconded by Rae-Anne. Passed unanimously.

Swim Lessons – The idea of PAC providing funds for school-wide swim lessons was discussed. Further research and discussion will be encouraged for future consideration.

Hot Lunches – Payment options for Munch-A-Lunch were discussed, as well as other potential ordering and payment platforms, such as Square. Changing ordering platforms may be beneficial in that the processing fees would be less than using Munch-A-Lunch. It was identified that Vedder Elementary School uses a different program, so they may be reached out to for further information.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the SES library.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.