



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the PAC Meeting held on August 18, 2022, 5:00 PM via Zoom

Roll Call: Tommy Gossard, Virginia Morgan, Heather Harrison, Cindy McKibben, Alicia Gottfredson, Todd Loomis, Janet Bentley (J.B.), Adam Sullivan, Rachel Sullivan

Approval of Agenda: Todd motioned to approve the agenda as written. J.B. seconded and the motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Heather motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting (May 5, 2022) as written. Todd seconded and the motion passed.

Review and Approval of Bylaws: Tommy asked Heather (past president) if she thought there should be any changes to the bylaws. Heather said she had no changes. Virginia made a motion to approve the bylaws as written. J.B. seconded and the motion passed.

Principal's Report: Cindy greeted the group and said she didn't have anything official to report. She did say that she is excited to get the new school year started and to meet all the kids and spend some time with them. She is looking forward to a really positive school year.

Teacher's Report:

- First Day Festivities – Turn out was great for the first day picnic. It was a fun day and we are glad Cindy was able to join us. The kids were so excited to be back at school, which we love to hear!
- Field Trips – We will have our annual fishing trip on the Kenai on September 2. We have four guides who have generously donated their time, expertise, and equipment to make this happen: Zack Walters, Andrew Hemingway, Dusty Byrd, and Mike Harpe. Thank you.

We are also looking into attending the Beyond Van Gogh Immersive Art Exhibit which runs through September 22. The price for the kids is \$23.99 and adults are \$39.99. Tommy asked if the group wanted him to reach out to other parents who aren't attending tonight's meeting to gauge interest. We would need to figure out a way to pay for the trip. Tommy asked if anyone is opposed. Virginia stated that the PAC funds are quite low since no fundraising has been done. We want to make sure we have enough funds for skiing. Cindy asked when skiing had to be paid for. Tommy stated a purchase order is done in January. Rachel suggested that the kids paint some Van Gogh artwork and auction it off in the community. Time is very limited for fundraising for this particular activity since

it is over in one month. Cindy stated that it could still be done to help build the bank for future trips. She said she saw a display at the Kenai Library of small easels and canvases that kids decorated and then the community voted for their favorite. Rachel offered to pick up canvases in town tomorrow. She offered that whether or not we go to Beyond Van Gogh, the kids could still do a cool Van Gogh project. Tommy said he would talk to Krissy to see if she has any ideas and he would let Rachel know in the morning. Tommy mentioned that we will be doing the swag fundraiser and that money could be used. We could raise the price of the swags, but currently, Costco sells them cheaper than us. We usually offer a discount if more than one swag is purchased and we could just not offer that discount and make them all \$20. Tommy asked for any other ideas. Cindy asked what the history is for parents paying for half the ticket and the PAC paying for the other half. Heather said depending on what the event is, sometimes parents would put in \$20 for an event that cost \$120. Heather said she thinks it is not too much to ask considering the state of the PAC fund, to ask parents to donate \$10 per student for this. If a family has more than one student, we could take that into consideration. In the past, the PAC paid for mostly everything since lots of fundraising was done and we had a healthy PAC fund. But in the last couple of years, the only fundraising done has been the swags. Todd asked how many students we have. Tommy stated 17. Tommy said he has done some figuring and he estimates that the cost of skiing will be about \$2,700 if Alyeska did not raise the price. That would leave approximately \$600 in the fund. The next question is transportation. We would need to find out who could drive. The exhibit itself is only an hour, so we would try to tie in another activity. In the past we have gone to the trampoline park, rock climbing, or ice skating in the mall. Tommy suggested letting him look into it this weekend and he would send an email on Monday with his findings.

- Future Meeting Dates – Tentative meeting dates are November 3, January 26, and May 4.

Treasurer's Report: The PAC fund has a balance of \$3,311.81.

New Business: Heather proposed a special meeting dedicated solely to discuss fundraising. Essentially, the PAC fund will be depleted this year with no money left for next year. We would advertise it as a special fundraising meeting in hopes to gain better attendance and more ideas. Rachel asked if the Holiday Market is off the table. Virginia said she used to organize it in the past but cannot do it this year. She doesn't feel that we would gain as much community support as in the past due to the seniors and others being hesitant about public gatherings due to COVID. She feels we would not have the numbers needed to make it profitable and worthwhile. She suggested possibly having a website where the public could buy Cooper Landing merchandise. Cindy suggested a raffle or bingo. The gaming permit was briefly discussed.

Unfinished Business: None

Next Meeting Date:

- Fundraising Meeting Date TBD

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.