



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the PAC Meeting held on May 4, 2023, 5:00 PM via Zoom

Roll Call: Tommy Gossard, Virginia Morgan, Rachel Sullivan, Adam Sullivan, Adrienne Fleek, Todd Loomis, Janet Bentley, Kristine Route, Andrew Chivers

Approval of Agenda: Todd made the motion to approve the agenda and Virginia seconded. The motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Virginia made the motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting (January 26, 2023), and Todd seconded. The motion passed.

Guest Speaker: Sarah Schuh from KMTA (aka Snowshoe Sarah) had requested to speak at the meeting, but she has been having internet issues. She has been working with students in grades K-2 this past winter, and we appreciate the time she has spent with the kids.

Principal's Report: No report.

Teacher's Report:

- Hope Field Day is May 12. We are in need of drivers. The students at Hope have planned the day and lunch will be provided. Cooper Landing students are bringing desserts and Moose Pass is bringing side dishes.
- Graduation and the Author's Tea will be May 15. Festivities will begin at 5:15 with Written & Illustrated. The students will have their books laid out so that people can browse each work of art and read the stories they've written.

Graduation will start promptly at 6:00. We are planning on 30 minutes for the Author's Tea until 5:45, and then seating for graduation will begin. Planning & Operations Director Kevin Lyon, Information Technology Director Eric Soderquist, and some board members will be in attendance.

- The last day of school will be May 18. We will have the traditional water games.
- The school received a grant to host Dr. Meggie Aube from Percussion in the Valley (Palmer) to teach the students drumming using Djembe and Tubano drums. She will be at the school on May 8th and 15th. As part of graduation, we will have the students perform a drum presentation at the end using the skills they learned.

JB asked who the graduate is. Tommy responded that it is Randall Norman Greene, an 11th grader who is graduating early and will be attending AVTEC in the fall.

Treasurer's Report: The PAC fund has a balance of \$6,449.82.

New Business:

- Field Trip - Tommy asked if the PAC wanted to use any of their money for a field trip at the end of the year. Rachel suggested a whale watching trip. Tommy has already checked into it and there is availability on May 17th. The trip would be from 12:30-4:30. Kids are \$48 and adults are \$96 which includes a 20% discount. Tommy said he would send out an email to parents tomorrow to gauge interest.
- Andrew Chivers Spoke to the group and said he is a certified wrestling coach for junior high and high school, and even coached AAU. He asked if anyone would be interested in putting together a wrestling team. Rachel said the Sullivans would be interested, and she asked what would be needed to get this going. Andrew said we would need wrestling mats, but that there are grants to cover that. Tommy said Hope School has wrestling mats that they don't use. Rachel said Adam would be happy to help coach. Tommy asked Rachel when the wrestling season starts and ends in the club they are in, and Adam said it is the off-season. Grade school wrestling ends and then the club begins.

Virginia said that all grants must be approved by the district office and that Andrew should work with the staff at Cooper Landing to make sure requirements are met.

Rachel did mention that they have not decided for sure if their kids will be going to Moose Pass or Cooper Landing. She said that she told one of the kids that they could join cross-country running and wondered if anyone else thought their child might be interested. She would be willing to take a few students running with her and then drive them to a few meets.

Tommy clarified the situation and said that Cooper Landing students in grades 6-8 have been invited to join Skyview Middle School for any of their events, including cross-country running, cross-country skiing, track, volleyball, soccer, basketball, and wrestling. He said he spoke with a contact at Skyview, and they told him that our kids could join in anytime for cross-country skiing, cross-country running, and track. Tommy said since he has a contact now, he could inquire about other sports such as wrestling. Rachel said maybe practicing wrestling in Cooper Landing and then attending the meets might be something we could do. Tommy said he would check into it. Andrew said he would do some grant research right away.

Unfinished Business: None

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively set for August 17, 2023

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.