



May 2021 Newsletter

Principal's Message

We have 2 new members of staff that I would like to welcome to our school community:

- Laura Lillies will be the new teacher in the 1/2 H classroom—replacing Mrs.Hoas for the remainder of the year.
- Megan Ross will be the new teacher in the 1/2 P classroom—replacing Mrs.Peltz for the remainder of the year.

I would like to thank Nicole Yanke for all the time she spent working with our students in 1/2 H classroom. Nicole has recently completed her teaching training requirements, and will be moving on to her first teaching position in the Lakeshore School Division. Best of luck, Nicole.

It was rewarding to see so many students out in the community take part in a community clean-up on Earth Day. If we all do our part, we can keep our community and planet clean for many years to come. Thanks everyone for all your hard work on this day. On Earth Day, my grade 7-8 Science students took part in a Climate Change demonstration to raise awareness on this important local and global issue. For more information on this event, please check out the April 29th edition of the Stonewall Teulon Tribune, and our Twitter feed.

On April 27th we finally got the chance to wish our retiring Head Custodian, Linda Fowler, best wishes and good health. All classes paraded by her home, made signs, and were able to yell out some greetings from a safe distance:) Mrs. Fowler has put in countless hours of hard work and care into making our school clean and safe. She was a friendly presence in the building, and had a distinct laugh you could notice from one end of the school to the other. You will be missed Mrs. Fowler—all the best in your retirement years!

Don't look now, but we have only 8 weeks left in the school year! Where did the time go?!

Tim Lee



Parent Advisory Council

Elections

Elections are to be held in the fall of 2021. There are three executive positions; President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each is a two-year term. If you are interested, please contact a PAC member for more information.

Current Executive Members:

Lynnette Lindell

Tara-Lee Koss

Billie Jean Oliver



Playground

As many of you may have noticed the old school has finally been torn down!

We have been discussing a variety of ideas and are hoping to gather input on how to transform this new green space.

Please feel free to contact the school or join our on-line meetings to share your thoughts!



Fundraising

Our 50/50 draw was a success!

Congratulations goes to Ms. Lorelee Fitzgerald who won \$2,090.00!

We appreciate the support of all those who bought and/sold tickets!



Meetings

Thank you to those who participated in our virtual meeting last month! Our next meeting will be held via zoom:

Tuesday, May 11th @ 8:30

Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in being part of our next meeting, contact Lynnette Lindell by email to have your name added to the list!

Hope to see you there!



Come Volunteer

We are looking for energetic individuals who are willing to join our PAC group. We work together to raise funds for the continued development of our playground and assist the school in various events. For more information, how to join, or volunteer, please contact Lynnette Lindell @ (204) 782-9372 or lynnette@lansard.ca

Woodlands Parent Advisory Council Minutes
March 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Tara-Lee Koss, Billie Jean Oliver, Casey Tully, Brette Park, Jeanine Campbell and Tim Lee

Regrets: Lynnette Lindell

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:33 pm

Minutes: February 2021 Minutes were read. Brette Park moved to have Minutes passed; Tara-Lee Koss 2nd the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular PAC Chequeing:	\$5,686.45
Playground Chequeing:	\$11,057.37
Playground Savings:	\$9,372.41

Fundraising:

Billie Jean reported on the information received from the Show & Save Fundraiser. Only one book was sold and the required amount is 20 before a profit can be made. It was indicated that the event could be re-ran if the Committee wanted to. It was decided not to as other fundraising initiatives are being explored.

Old Business: The grant application to the RM of Woodlands was denied – letter received. Lynnette is looking at a sustainable community grant – no information provided to date Teacher appreciation week went well.

New Business: Playground – the kids completed a wish list for items; Climbing grips to be installed before the end of the school year; would like to get more pea gravel for at the base of the climbing wall. Discussions were held regarding playground ideas/options and pricing. Tara-Lee to forward information she has received. Once the old school is down, group to complete a walk-about on the grounds to see what needs to be removed, replaced and evaluate options/ideas for each area.

New Fundraising Ideas – discussions were had regarding new fundraising initiatives; 50/50 draw; Cisco (information requested but not yet received), Mom's pantry (discuss with daycare as they hold that fundraiser); New Bothwell Cheese (information to be obtained). It was suggested that discussions be had with daycare to co-fundraise for some of the playground items.

Principal's Report: The preliminary budget for the next school year had been released. There will be an on-line public meeting presenting the proposed budget on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm. Information to logon is on the ISD website; The staff for teachers remains status quo.; EA's not sure as of yet We have approximately 13 – 14 kindergartens for next year; numbers are up a little bit; Our head custodian, Mrs. Fowler, has retired effective April 5th – will be filling position Report cards to go out on 26th Progress Conversations went alright – attendance lower than first term; Changing a few of the daily routines for the kids; No swimming program and still no field trips Old school is coming down; if all goes well the structure will be gone by Friday (March 12th); the contractor still has to remove concrete pad; contract indicates they have to bring the space back to green space. The soil has been tested, multiple test holes have been dug and all tests have come back with no concerns.

NEXT PAC MEETING: April 13th, 2021 @ 8:30 via zoom. If you would like to take part in the meeting please contact Lynnette Lindell.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm

Woodlands Parent Advisory Council Minutes
April 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Lynnette Lindell, Tara-Lee Koss, Billie Jean Oliver, Casey Tully, Brette Park, Jeanine Campbell and Tim Lee

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm

Minutes: March 2021 Minutes were read. Brette Park moved to have Minutes passed; Tara-Lee Koss 2nd the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular PAC Chequeing:	\$5,686.45
Playground Chequeing:	\$11,057.37
Playground Savings:	\$9,379.50

Books are to be audited this year (done every 2nd year). Usually ask Heather Anderson to complete the Audit. Will ask to do in August; this way books are complete for election year this year.

Fundraising:

50/50 draw will be held this Friday (16th) currently have one book left. Additional fundraisers were discussed, however, much of the information that was requested had not yet been received. Consider holding another 50/50 fundraiser in June.

Principal's Report:

finalized the teaching staffing for next year; we are up in teaching time slightly; Both of the Gr. 1/2 teachers will be away on mat leave for next year; term positions will be posted and hopefully filled in May; EA requirements are not yet finalized; depends on Covid restrictions as well as numbers; We have approximately 16 kindergarten registrations for next year; 9 leaving Grade 8 Discussions are being had within the Administration staff regarding Bill 64 and the effects it will have on our School Division; Amalgamations would start to happen for fall of 2022 at the earliest; Old school demo is wrapping up; Next steps are top soil and grass seed; Would like the playground/PAC group to take a walk about the area to discuss some ideas; discussions about inviting the Maintenance Supervisor for input; Climbing wall grips will be installed by the end of May; Maintenance Supervisor to arrange for additional pea gravel to be put at the bottom as well; Lisa Lillies has been hired as the full-time head custodian; the afternoon custodial position was posted and closed on the April 12th – there was no announcement as of yet as who was hired; We hired Jenn Fossay as a part-time (afternoon) EA until the end of the year, Classroom set-up will be the same next year as it is this year.

NEXT PAC MEETING: May 11th, 2021 @ 8:30 via zoom. If you would like to take part in the meeting please contact Lynnette Lindell.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm



Each of our classes recognized Earth Day by taking part in a community clean-up!

Our school collected approximately 20 bags of garbage throughout town!

Great job, everyone!



Under the guidance of Mr. Lee, the Grade 7/8 students held a demonstration at the highway in an effort to raise awareness about climate change!

There were many supporters passing by!



May 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Please do not forget to bring your waterbottles to school!					
2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4 K	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 K	7 Day 1	8
9 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	10 	11 Day 2 K PAC mtg 8:30 (via zoom)	12 Day 3	13 Day 4 K	14 Day 5	15
16	17 Day 6 K	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 K  Early Dismissal	20 Day 3	21 Day 4 K	22
23	24  Victoria Day No School	25 Day 5	26 Day 6 K	27 Day 1	28 Day 2 K	29
30	31 Day 3					