

General PAC Meeting Minutes February 21, 2017

Call to Order – 6:34pm

Attendees – Rebecca Ashley, Sarena Smith, Rebecca Desrosiers, Claire Littlewood, Rod & Analee Pillipow, Shawna Winter, Wendy Sutherland, Leslie Denoncourt, Roy Morgan, Jackie May, Rochelle Neels, Paul Dournovo, Andrea Tait, Andrea Pal, Cody Woodward.

Adopt Last Minutes – Sarena, Rebecca D.

Welcome everyone!

Agenda – Discuss parking concerns that we have around the school. Unfortunately By-law officer Mike Cane was unable to make it to the meeting because of a family emergency. Our traffic liaison for SD23, Dave Gibson, was able to attend.

-We all have concerns about getting our children to and from school safely. Parking in the area is a challenge. By-law has one traffic enforcement person, and they are aware of the challenges that we face and they are open to working with us to help to try and alleviate some of the more problematic issues.

-By-law has now committed to a drive-by pilot project around SLE. They will take pictures and then ticket those individuals breaking the rules. By-law wants the feedback from the neighbourhood, so keep calling and sending in our concerns.

- Some suggestions to put forward for by-law/ city council

- a rotation program for by-law to visit all the schools in the area.
- have no parking on one side of the street.
- bushes that block sightlines need to be addressed.
- propose to city council to restrict parking between 8-9am and 2-3pm.
- expand the parking lot by the tennis courts and have angled parking there.
- have a one way couplet through Sandstone Dr. and Sandstone Cres.
- have a flashing pedestrian light installed at the crosswalk.

-Some other options from a school perspective

-to utilize the walking school bus theory – to drop off kids in the community and have a five minute walk to school.

-school pool – organize a car pool in your neighborhood.

-Safe Routes to School program is a regional program to help the schools get sidewalks in the area. Have a group walk about the school area, and identify barriers that are dangerous and talk about solutions for the area.

-Have the safe walk to school program come to the school.

- Kiss and Ride rules need to be followed. The rules and regulations can be found on the school website under programs and services.

Principals Report

- Introduction to Laurie Fraser, she is our new vice principal. Mr. Bruce will be the acting principal at Ellison Elem.
- Our playground is nearing it's end of life. Its replacement cost will be approx. \$125,000-\$150,000 range. The PAC is looking for input on fundraising for next year to meet the costly price of replacement. We are being considered for a Rotary grant.

Treasurer's Report

- We have been advised of all account balances.
- We received a \$500 donation from Valley 1st Credit Union

Events and Fundraising

- Tape Mr. Bruce to the Wall Fundraiser – money raised will be split between the playground fund and Ms. Schoch charity in Africa.
- Mabels Labels fundraiser <http://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser>
- We be having an apple fundraiser in the fall

Hot Lunch Program

- Andrea and Aimee will not be running the hot lunch program in the fall. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to take on the commitment

Cody Woodward won \$25 hot lunch credit.

Meeting Adjourned 7:49pm