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**Parent Advisory Committee**

**Minutes from March 13th , 2024**

1. Meeting called to order 9:04
2. Attendance: (teacher represented)
* Vanessa Bullock - Mrs. Doeleman, Mrs. Page & Mrs. Miller/Gardner
* Dana Roch - Mrs. Doeleman
* Gelina Berg - Mrs. Doeleman & Mrs. Feragotti
* Maria Fries - Mrs. Cote
* Dana Dodge - Mrs. Candace, Mrs. Vandenberghe, Mrs.Miller & Mrs. Gardener
* Sally Blick - Mrs. Smith
* Holly Dressel - Mrs. Cote, Mrs. Page & Mrs. Candace
* Lauriane Mehrer - Mr. Blick, Ms. Smith
* Tanya Christenson - (Vice Principal)
1. Motion to Approve agenda (M) Gelina (S) Maria
2. Motion to Approve past minutes (M) Gelina (S) Maria

ARES PAC FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

General Account:

Funds on hand as of January 31, 2024 $26005.94

Expenditures:

Creston Hotel Pasta Day $1486.75

Service Charges (February) $4.00

Total Expenditures: $1490.75

Total Revenue:

Hot Lunch $ 2378.90

Total Revenue: $2378.90

Funds available as of February 29, 2024 $26894.09

\*\*ARES PAC FLOAT held at the school $150.00

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Gaming Account:

Funds on hand as of January 31, 2024 is $4855.15

Expenditures:

Rock Climbing-Hamm $646.80

RDCK-swimming $1743.00

Service Charges $11.50

Total Expenditures: $ 2401.30

Funds available as of February 29, 2024 is $2453.85

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Fundraising Committee (monies held in General Account)

Funds raised as of February 29, 2024 $1,227.44 (designated for

playground)

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Breakfast Program (School-Based Account)

Account Balance as of January 31,2024 is $22,180.32

Expenditures:

Gelina Berg Grocery $60.70

Save On Foods $1660.18

Total Expenditures: $1720.88

Total Revenue: GST Rebate $1.46

Funds Available of February 29, 2024 $20,460.90

1. Financial Report Approved (M) Gelina (S) Maria
2. Hot Lunches:
	* + Upcoming Hot lunches; April 10th- Hot Dog Lunch, April 17th Pizza Lunch, April 24th Pasta Lunch
		+ Tara S. would still like to look further into making a chili hot lunch.
		+ Creston Fruit market did not respond to Dana D. about hot lunches.
		+ Maria reported back that it is unlikely that the New Life church can help with the hot lunch program.
		+ Save On Foods has offered to donate veggies for the Hot Dog lunch.
	* Fundraising:
		+ Raffle: Follow up with a letter (Vanessa) still needs to happen. We seem to be at a stand still for this idea because we need someone to take on this project and the organization. It was decided that we would put this fundraiser on hold until next year.
		+ Popcorn Sale: The order must be picked up in Lethbridge. Tara and Leanne are organizing after Easter.
		+ Holly reported back that the Palmer greenhouse was willing to supply us with hanging baskets for our sale. She will organize the details with Ruth Palmer this month so order forms can go out in April.
		+ Purdy’s Chocolate order may be late. Some parents will stay for an hour or so to allow parents to pick up. Someone will ask Natasha if the items cannot be picked on the Friday, could they be picked up from the Ford dealership on the Saturday.
	* Breakfast Program:
		+ Reminder to set out sheets for inventory. After the end of the shift volunteers (one per shift) will list what we are low on.
		+ Leanne is happy to continue to do pick ups for our groceries, however, it would be nice if we had a back person.

Principal’s Report

March 13th, 2024

February was reading month, and the students were treated to 8 mixed reality video challenges created by our Teacher Librarian Mrs. Walker. The students were challenged to read 120,000 minutes over the month and our school exceeded the goal with reading almost 130,000 minutes. All the challenges were created around the theme of Star Wars and in the end our school defeated the Dark Side’s attempt at stealing our school’s reading knowledge. A huge thank you to Mrs. Walker for creating these motivating and engaging challenges and for helping our school to move forward in our goal of having all students.

meet proficiency in literacy. We also finished the month with our annual Pink Shirt Day with the theme this year of “One Heart.” This theme was created around the Ktunaxa word ʔuki ʔakiⱡwiyis (Phonetic: “Ookee a kish wee is”). In the Ktunaxa language and culture, &quot;one heart&quot; represents unity, harmony, and the collective spirit of a community or group working together towards a common goal. It signifies the importance of cooperation, empathy, and shared values in achieving success and well-being. Each

of our students participated in building a heart collage and created their own pink heart to represent the important pieces of their lives.

1. DPAC Update
	* Next Meeting is March 14th. Anyone is invited to attend these meetings through zoom.
	* Gelina had to leave early there was no report on last months meeting or townhall meeting reported.
2. Funding Requests:
	* Funding Request Approved for Hamm/Sonntag “Pines overnight camp, year end Grade 7” $3000. (M) Dana D. (S) Maria
3. Open Discussion:
* Gelina wanted to start forming ideas for a end of year school dance. Children would need one parent to accompany them if they would like to attend. Some ideas that were suggested are ; Glowsticks, Snacks, potentially asking parents to borrow any projector casting Christmas lights. Funds would be donated back to PAC – suggested donations of $5 per family. To possibly take place May 30th.
* Tanya said that school fees may go up next year because of inflation. The school board is saying that the current fees are no longer sustainable.
* The library will stay open for students at lunch break. The kids are liking it and it is providing a safe place when needed.
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1. In June there will be a vote to fill for Secretary and Chair ~ Two-year term

Meeting Adjourned 10:03 am