

NEILSON GROVE PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES – Monday, February 3, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 7:07 p.m. – 13 members in attendance (including Mr. Thompson)

Motion to adopt minutes of: Monday, January 13, 2014

Motion: Terynn Papadapolous; Second: Stephanie Pettie; All in favour, carried.

Chairperson's Report (Corrine Sepke)

- Attended Jessie Miller presentation on Digital Citizenship at the Genesis Theatre, as did a few other NG parents present. Everyone felt the show was enjoyable but as this particular presentation was geared towards parents, we would all be interested to see more of what he offers for kids. He has a variety of topics that he discusses. Corrine will try to contact him to try and set up a presentation for the school.
- Is it useful to review the full financials at each PAC meeting? Decided that having access to them is important but full review isn't necessary. Financials to be posted along with the meeting minutes on NG site.

Treasurer's Report (Deborah Stewart)

- All deposits and books are up to date. The Hot Lunch deposit was just over \$6.000.

Fundraising (Michelle Miller / Esme Kanda - Absent)

- Looking to hold one event and two sales of items.
 - Personalized labels fundraiser:
 - Would like to time this to go home at the same time that the Edu-Pac orders go out.
 - Batch Food:
 - Batch Food is a local company that makes fresh, seasonal food items. The PAC would receive 25% of the sales from set menu. Small concern as to how to store food that isn't picked up.
 - Market Night:
 - Sell tables to local craftspeople along with a bake sale and/or concession and a Basket Raffle or Silent Auction at the same time. One parent in each division to be made in charge of collecting items for baskets to follow a theme (e.g. Gardening, Games). A raffle requires a gaming license of \$10 and everything in the basket must be a donated item to comply with the license regulations. May 1.
- Should we notify parents that they can donate to the PAC in one lump sum? Decided to hold off asking for lump sum donations for general purposes, but we may do this for the playground fundraising when the time comes.

Playground Committee Report (Marilyn Belsham)

- First Playground Committee meeting held. Reviewed the vendors under discussion and the information and/or layouts supplied. Committee will take a field trip Feb 7 to visit some real-life installations from both companies.
- Decided that the best location for new playground equipment to be installed is beside the current swing set box where the long jump pit and sand box currently sit. This provides the most space for new equipment and is in an area that is currently underutilized.
- NG is currently on the list to apply for a matching grant for the 2014-15 year.

Emergency Preparedness Report (Ila Senez - absent)

- Nothing to report.

Traffic & Safety Report (Velda Low)

- Nothing for traffic or safety.
- Spirit Ideas. Suggested a number of fun ideas for the kids to do around the Olympics. As the next staff meeting isn't until next week to discuss those ideas and the Opening Ceremonies are this Friday Feb 7, decided to ask the kids to wear jerseys or red and white to school.

DPAC Report (Lindsay Macool / Shawna Wang)

- DPAC meeting was Jan 20. Frank Geyer provided an update for the Facilities branch. Various upgrades and retrofits have occurred throughout the district including Thermal Energy Retrofit, seismic upgrading, new surfacing, and energy efficient changes (lightbulbs, etc).

Hot lunch/Snack Program (Danielle Palivos / Terynn Papadopoulos / Michelle Osing)

- The hot lunch orders are in. 185 orders for a total of just over \$6,000.

Milk Program (Carolyn Scott – absent)

- Reminder that parents can still order milk to be in this week's newsletter. Current order is 108 chocolate and 38 white milks per week. Corrine has paid for the milk order in full.

Teacher's Report (Absent)

- Nothing to report.

Principal's Report (Bob Thompson)

- Mrs. Huggon is on extended medical leave and has a fill-in for her in the office until she returns.
- Assessment Presentation was given at the Superintendents Conference. Mr. Thompson was interviewed about the Assessment this week which will be available in Friday's Delta Leader.
- Jump Rope for Hearts will be Feb. 13. The kick off assembly was held already and kids are collecting pledges. Mrs. Doolan and Mrs. Wallingford will head up the day with the kids jumping rope during each class's gym time.
- Digital Guise performed at a musical assembly last week. The kids all enjoyed it.
- Trevor Lai, author, is returning the NG tomorrow. He will be in the library presenting to the intermediate classes.
- Last ski trip for Grade 6/7 is on Feb 14. There have been three ski trips so far.
- Feb 19 is kindergarten registration at NG.
- Dare to Care Week will be the week of Feb 17 and held in lieu of Pink Shirt Day as NG wants to focus on creating a caring community throughout the school all year long. Helping Hands (the previous Me to We group) will be working on a local charitable undertaking during Dare to Care Week.
- Feb 25. School Science Fair. The following week, select students will present at the District Science Fair.
- Feb 25. Ready. Set. Learn! This event is for 3-year-olds and will be held in the school library.
- The school-wide lice-check has occurred with a 90% participation rate. 6 out of 9 divisions had suspected cases and those families have all been contacted directly. Due to the size of the undertaking and a question of how effective they are in the long-term, additional mass lice checks are not planned but parents who would like to have their children checked can contact the school.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 3, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. (NG Library)