

PAC Meeting Minutes, December 1, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 7:07, 13 Members in attendance, including Mr. Thompson.
Motion to adopt last minutes: Terynn Papadapolous; Second: Stephanie Pettie.

Chairperson's Report (Corrine Sepke)

- Next PAC meeting will be held January 12.
- Breakfast with Santa:
 - The number of volunteers seems to be okay although the the early morning shift that starts at 645am may be a little thin; however we think there will be enough people who haven't officially signed up that will be there in the early morning that it will be okay.
- Jessie Miller:
 - Still trying to reach him to confirm booking dates
- Winter/Spring Fair:
 - We have already postponed the Spring Fair from last year and the Winter Fair for this year, so it was decided that we want to host a Spring Fair this coming mid-April. April 16 was tentatively chosen based on April 17 being a Pro D Day though may change if it conflicts with hockey playoffs

Treasurer's Report (Deborah Stewart)

- Made deposit for final entertainment books. Made estimated \$800 from fundraiser.
- Most hot lunch payments have been received, though there are still some trickling in.
- The Gaming Grant of \$4220 was received October 6 - this figure is a little higher than last year.
- To date approximately \$450 have been received as cheques for the playground.

Fundraising (Michelle Miller / Esme Kanda)

- Market Night:
 - 27 tables booked so far.
 - Plans to set up a colouring table for the kids with some Grade 7s manning the kids craft table.
 - Esme will set up the sandwich boards advertising the event. Esme called the corporation and the event will appear on the electronic board this Wednesday and Thursday.
 - Marilyn, Esme and Lindsay will man the playground scratch ticket donation table. (Leanne Belsham and Shawna Wang also helped out that evening)
 - There are plans to have a vendor basket that donators will be entered to win for every five scratches they scratch. Update: This did not go ahead as planned as we did not purchase a gaming license in time.
- Front row draw tickets will go home with the kids this Wednesday.
- Batch fundraiser will likely go ahead in January or February
- Marilyn suggested that we limit the number of fundraisers in spring so everyone is free to really focus on making the Spring Fair a success.

Traffic & Safety (Tori Harker - absent)

- Discussion about the number of jay walkers in front of the school. Suggestion was made that a parent may want to gather names of those in our community that would support the Corporation putting in a traffic light at the intersection and possibly a barrier along the median that would prevent jay walking. The school can't arrange this, but an individual parent can.

Emergency Preparedness (Ila Senez - absent)

- Nothing to report

DPAC (Shawna Wang / Lindsay McCool - absent)

- Last meeting involved discussion about the vision poster - eg. Delta's vision and process.
- Lots of good information on the websites: 180DaysofLearning.com and DeltaLearns.ca
- After discussion about our ongoing issue of people jaywalking in front of the school, Corrine asked if Shawna or Lindsay could bring this up to DPAC with a suggestion that they look into pushing a preventative solution similar to ICBCs drive safe ads.

Lunch Program (Michelle Osing / Terynn Papadapolous / Danielle Palivos)

- Gingerbread cookies are going out on snack day this week.
- December 12 is Chinese cuisine day.

Milk Program (Heather - absent)

- Nothing to report

Teacher Report (Mr. Bourgeois)

- Teacher appreciation lunch:
 - Many thanks to the PAC for not forgetting about this event after it had to be postponed due to teachers strike last year.
- Volleyball:
 - Mr. Bourgeois is a coach this year, and reports that there is a good mix of athletes with both Grade 6s and 7s participating on the team. Many students are progressing with their skill levels and sportsmanship. Tomorrow is a tournament at the DSS High school.
- Thanks to the PAC for having Mr. Bourgeois attend the meeting. It was interesting to hear and learn what the school parent community is about here at Neilson Grove.

Principal Report (Bob Thompson)

- Christmas Concert:
 - Coming up next week on Thursday evening December 11. Doors open at 6:15pm, event starts at 6:45pm
 - The gym capacity very small therefore it's a good idea for people to attend the Wednesday afternoon dress rehearsal at 1:30pm whenever possible.
- Volunteer COPS: will be outside of school this week, reminding people of the rules of the road, including avoiding jay walking and parking illegally.
- Teachers and monitors have noticed a small increase in inappropriate behaviour on the playground.
 - Theorize that the increase in school population and the small amount of available play equipment is the cause of this.
 - To combat this, have unofficially divided field in half so one half is for soccer by one group of kids and the rest for something else by another group.
 - Additionally, going to implement a splitting of the swing use with intermediates using it at recess one week and primary at lunch and then switching
- Report cards will be coming home Dec 11 - same day of the concert. Intermediate levels will receive the regular report cards

Playground Update (Marilyn Belsham)

- Grants:
 - Have started to seek out places that we can apply for grants. Partially filled out numerous grant applications including the Tire Stewardship BC grant for the rubberized ground, Telus, and Shaw, however unable to continue without detailed quote information that needs to be provided by Habitat. Marilyn has requested this information numerous times already. No word on when it will be received.
 - Corrine and Shawna offered to help Marilyn out with grant applications once the missing info from Habitat has been received.
 - Was suggested that Ford may host a test drive event where for every person who test drives a Ford, a donation is made to the playground fund.
 - Corrine will contact Thrifty's to discuss their grant process.
 - NG is already on the list for the municipal matching grant.
- Fundraising:
 - Mr. Thompson will be meeting with the students to go over the scratch ticket fundraiser that Habitat provided us with this coming Wednesday. Scratch tickets I'll go home with the kids this Thursday.
- Survey of Playground:
 - Mr. Thompson met with the district this week and they mentioned that they were concerned about the location of the underground geothermal pipes in relation to the position of the new playground. Surveyors came out and surveyed the plot and have met with Dave from Habitat to review their findings. Hoping to hear back next week about the results of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:19pm