

# PAC Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 7:03, 13 Members in attendance including Mr. Thompson  
Motion to adopt last minutes: Tori Harker; Second: Michelle Osing

## Chairperson's Report (Corinne Sepke)

- Jessie Miller: He will try to accommodate us during the first two weeks of February. Mr Thompson will provide dates that will work for the school.
- Food Allergies: Some school in Ontario was sued to bar all dairy from the school. If this was to happen at Neilson Grove, it would affect our funds from the Milk & Hot Lunch programs.
- Food safe: No one has come forward offering to take this on. The PAC will pay for the approximately \$150 course. Another call out for volunteers will be in the newsletter.
- Market day:
  - Marilyn will make up fliers advertising for vendors. (Note: After this meeting, it was agreed that Stephanie will make up the fliers instead.)
  - We won't be doing a basket raffle this year so we can fit more tables than the Spring Market. Stephanie will provide a layout map showing how many tables we can fit.
  - Price for table rental will be \$35 for vendors. Motion: Tori Harker; Second: Deborah Stewart.
  - Hot lunch team will take on the concession for the Holiday Market. Pizza, hot cider, and hot chocolate will be sold.
  - Won't do 50-50 draw as the PAC loses 1/2 the raised money that way. Instead the PAC will purchase something (gift cards?) that can be raffled off.
  - Marilyn mentioned that Habitat can provide us with scratch cards to raise funds for the playground. Suggested we have a table at the market dedicated to info and fundraising for the playground. Motion: Corinne Sepke; all in favour
- Gift cards: Do we want to sell them again this year? Not a lot of work but not a lot of income either. Decision is undecided.
- Possible event suggestion: JumpAround Days provides large inflatables for a large bouncy castle type event that the PAC can sell tix for and split the proceeds with the company.
- Batch foods: Have received questions from some parents wanting to know when and if we will hold this fundraiser again. Decided to do it in February.

## Treasurer's Report (Deborah Stewart)

- \$7400 was collected for the milk and hot lunch programs together. This is a little less than last year. The cost of milk has increased so the sell price might need to be adjusted for January
- Haven't received gaming grant as of yet but Neilson Grove doesn't appear on their list of schools to receive these funds. Corinne will look into it.
- The Entertainment book income is still to be tabulated.

## Fundraising (Michelle Miller / Esme Kanda - absent)

- Entertainment book sales means the PAC made \$864 - lower than last year.

### **Traffic & Safety (Tori Harker)**

- Walk to school week has begun. Tori has given the walk to school stickers to the teachers to give to the students.

### **Emergency Preparedness (Ila Senez - absent)**

- Neilson Grove held a practice full emergency release of students on Oct 23 which went well.

### **DPAC (Shawna Wang / Lindsay McCool)**

- DPAC elections took place and they have a full committee.
- Doug Shepard, assistant superintendent, spoke about why the computer labs are being removed from the schools. Some PACs are wanting to purchase technology and the district is asking that PACs hold off on doing so until a decision is made about the best technology to use (eg. iPads, Chrome books)
- Tsawwassen rotary has a bingo machine that they are willing to loan out

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

- Pizza day is on Friday.
- There have been a lot of delinquent lunch orders. This time around only an email was sent about lunch orders, perhaps a paper form should be sent out as well as an email next time.

### **Milk Program (Heather - absent)**

- Nancy reporting. 150 milk orders so far. 110 chocolate and 40 white.
- Last year, individual milk cartons were labeled with each student's name but that was time consuming. This year a sheet with the students names are given to each teacher. Heather would like feedback on if this system works. Mrs. Schofield (teacher present at meeting) likes this system. Mr. Thompson will bring this forward for discussion at the next staff meeting. To remind students that milk is ready to be collected, an announcement will be made on the PA system.
- Thrifty smile card: Most of the money from the Smile Cards comes from the milk order purchases. Request to have the Smile Card money be directed to the outdoor education fund. Motion: Stephanie Pettie; Second: Deborah Scott; all in favour.

### **Teacher Report (Debbie Schoefield)**

- Ks and grade 1s loved the pumpkin patch field trips. Thanks to the PAC for the field trip funding.
- Mr Bourgeois mentioned that there's a large stain that looks like oil is seeping into the wall in the kitchen. The hot lunch team advised that they cleaned out that cupboard last year so it may be a leftover stain.

## **Principal Report (Bob Thompson)**

- The Milton Randall drumming workshop was a big hit with the kids
- Put out a call for parent volunteers for the crosswalk and haven't received any offers. This is a dangerous spot so parent volunteers are urgently requested.
- Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Monday Nov. 10 at 11am
- Port Guichon school is holding their Autumn Market Night on Wednesday November 13 6-9pm.
- Volleyball has started for intermediate grades with coaches Mrs. Ayers and Mr. Bourgeois.
- A team from West Vancouver will be visiting Neilson Grove to get a closer look at how student assessments are managed.

### **Playground:**

- Playground committee met and decided to a two phase approach to playground expansion, with Phase One being the biggest phase and includes the addition of a full circuit adjacent to the swing set box. Phase Two will include replacing the current climbing tower with a handicap accessible piece of equipment called the OmniSpinner.
- Marilyn spoke with Dave from Habitat and learned that the equipment pricing is expected to increase by approximately 5% for 2015 so she requested a new quote reflecting this.
- Marilyn wrote up a fundraising cheque letter that will be sent out to the parent community this week. Unfortunately, it has been confirmed with the district that cheques to the PAC can't be tax deductible.
- Mr. Thompson wrote up a letter requesting a meeting with Polygon and a possible donation that was already sent out.
- Marilyn will meet with Habitat to arrange for the scratch ticket fundraiser as well as a thermometer fundraising progress gauge to be posted in the school.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:07pm