

PAC Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2015

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

Chairperson's Report (Stephanie Pettie)

- The application for the Gaming Grant is now complete and online.
- Thanks to Leanne Belsham for taking on the newsletter writing duties for the PAC.
- The matching grant letter that Mr. Thompson and Stephanie sent to the Parks, Recreation & Commission requesting the funds for the playground was answered saying that they supported our request and the expansion of the playground but in order to receive the grant we will also need council approval. They will be putting forward their recommendation of approval to the next council meeting on October 15. (More under Playground Update section...)
- Review of budget for the year. In order to meet the playground funding required, the following items were removed: extra funds for the contingency fund, additional cultural activities (eg. Gymnastics), library funds, and teachers wish list. Vote to accept budget: One opposed, all the rest in favour. Motion to approve budget passed.

Treasurer's Report (Tasha Mangat - Reported by Deborah Stewart)

- Pancake breakfast made approximately \$780.
- A few students held their own bake sale in the summer (way to go!) and those donations were earmarked for the playground and came in last month.
- The account balance for September has not been received yet.

Fundraising (Michelle Miller / Esme Kanda)

- There is a plan to collect bags of clothes, shoes and boxes of household goods for Canadian Diabetes Association. For every bag of clothes donated the PAC would receive \$2-\$3/bag. Mr. Thompson would like to include the Helping Hands group as well.
- Family photo fundraiser is proposed for weekend of October 24&25. Photo sessions will be \$50, with \$40 going to the PAC. All money from purchasing prints / digital copies will go to the photographer.

Traffic and Safety (Deb Stewart)

- Walk to school week is underway.
- Comment from PAC member that the crosswalk seems to be getting a little busier. This is an ongoing issue.

Emergency Preparedness (Ila Senez)

- Emergency Preparedness Drill with full emergency release procedures for the release of students was held October 2. The results of the drill were great with release of students going smoothly. Only 20 students were left until 3pm.
- The water packets, granola bars and batteries have expired and have been replaced. The granola bars were disposed of but the water packets have been put aside.
- For the past few years, emergency supplies have been purchased using funds from a grant the school received. Now that the funds have been depleted, it is likely that in coming years, parents will need to be asked to put forth some funds to cover these yearly replacements.
- Many thanks to Ila for managing this each year!

DPAC Report (Lindsay Macool - absent / Shawna Wang)

- First DPAC meeting of the school year is set for Oct 19.

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

- Fruit & Veg Program - Shawna Wang: there was a slight delay in getting the Fruit and veggie program up and running, but the kinks have been worked out. Next produce delivery will be Monday.
- There have been 222 munch-lunch orders received for lunches and most people have paid with only a few needing reminders.
- This Friday is scone day.

Milk Program (Heather Beaumont - absent)

- Nothing to report

Playground update (Marilyn Belsham)

- The current playground funds sit at just over \$43,000 with an expected additional \$4,000 (approximate) to be received from the gaming grant which makes just over \$47,000. If we receive the full matching grant of \$35,000 from the parks Commission that will make approximately \$82,000. The current playground quote is just over \$85,000 (but may increase as the quotes are only valid for 60 days and the Canadian dollar has weakened). This will mean that we will be approximately \$3,000 under the current quote...so close!

Teacher Report (Joan Canil)

- Thanks to the PAC for all you do including fundraising efforts and special thanks to Ila
- Motivational magic and pumpkin patch field trips for primary grades
- Also thanks to motivation packages stickers etc

Principal Report (Bob Thompson)

- This Terry Fox Run was the best ever with \$620 raised.
- Parent-Teacher interviews are coming up October 21&22. Early dismissal on those days.
- Grade 6&7 skiing trips are all booked thanks to milk money (which goes to Outdoor Education). The grade 6&7s will go skiing every Friday in January.
- The annual meeting to discuss athletics in Ladner happened last week. Due to various constraints it was decided that there will be no more floor hockey or pinguard tournaments

Miscellaneous

- Question about why NG uses Edupak for school supplies instead of collecting funds from parents and buying supplies bulk as some schools do. Though the school hasn't researched this in depth, the general feeling is that having the school supply the supplies is complicated and quite a large task.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:51pm