

PAC Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2016

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 pm; 11 Members in attendance, including Mr. Thompson.
Note about last month's minutes: The minutes from previous meeting were forgotten. Will need to review and adopt minutes at next meeting.

Chairperson's Report (Stephanie Pettie)

- Tasha and Steph will be working on the books together with the new SageOne bookkeeping program that the PAC approved the purchase of. The software has a cloud backup which makes transferring to a new treasurer easier than before.

Treasurer's Report (Tasha Mangat)

- PAC general account balance is \$7,262.60.
- In December, the balance of the gaming account (\$12,200) was transferred to the PAC account for the playground purchase.
- The playground equipment total was transferred to the school district for the playground purchase in December.
- In February, once Sage One is up and running, we should have printouts of the account balances at the next PAC meeting.

Fundraising (Michelle Miller / Esme Kanda)

- Donor of hockey tickets has offered to donate another pair of tickets as the PAC wasn't able to use the previous pair for a fundraiser. The plan is to sell raffle tickets for a hockey night out combined with the tickets, a hockey jersey and a gift card to a restaurant in area.
- Planning a Bingo Night for the spring. (Possibly April 28). Will have a concession as well and we will need to collect prizes to give out to the winners of each game.
- Suggestion that the PAC might want to plan a fun popcorn and drinks fundraiser to sell after school on the Monday after the playground build is complete.

Traffic and Safety (Deb Stewart - absent)

- Nothing to report

Emergency Preparedness (Ila Senez - absent)

- Nothing to report.

DPAC Report (Lindsay Macool / Shawna Wang - absent)

- Nothing to report

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

- The lunch team is meeting tonight after the PAC meeting to organize the next session menu.
- The team may release a short survey to get an idea of what people like and don't like.

Milk Program (Heather Beaumont - absent)

- Nothing to report

Playground update (Marilyn Belsham)

- The playground equipment has been purchased and ordered. Playground build will be all day on Saturday April 9 with prep work started over spring break, hole and digging prep on Thursday April 7.
- Approximately 8 parent volunteers will be needed on Friday April 8 to unload, unpack, and store the equipment pieces in the gym.
- Approximately 25 parent volunteers will be needed to help build the playground on the Saturday. These volunteers will be trained and guided by the Habitat coordinator on site and will be needed for the entire day. The PAC will look into supplying lunch for the volunteers.
- Concrete for the playground support holes will need to be ordered and paid for separately from the amount that the PAC has already paid for the equipment. This amount is estimated to be around \$1200.

Teacher Report (Absent)

- Nothing to report

Principal Report (Bob Thompson)

- Skiing for grades 6/7 has started on Fridays and it's been a big hit.
- Basketball is starting up soon for Grades 6/7. Coaching is being finalized now.
- District visioning meeting will be March 9.
- Feb 3 & 4 are Student Led Conferences. Early dismissal those days.
- No school Feb 5 & 8 and Feb 19 & 22.
- Playground Pals program starting up for Grade 6s. Will provide extra monitoring on playground and helps to ensure everyone is getting along.

New Business

- Fraser Institute Testing is set to start for Grades 4 & 7. Parents of those grades received two conflicting notices - one from District which spoke in support of the tests, and one from the Teachers Federation that was anti testing and advising parents to send a note to the school asking for the child to be excused from the testing. If a parent is very opposed to the testing, the school will honour their request to excuse their child from testing but it is hoped that all students who are able to will take the testing. Neilson Grove hasn't appeared on the Fraser Institute rankings of schools for the past few years because the participation rate of students taking the test hasn't been high enough.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:49pm