

PAC Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2015

Meeting called to order @ 7:08pm. 16 Members in attendance, including Mr. Thompson.
Motion to adopt last minutes: Terynn Papadapolous; Second: Michelle Miller

Chairperson's Report (Stephanie Pettie)

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report (Tasha Mangat)

- Deborah Stewart reported: In June 2015, the PAC received donations earmarked for the playground expansion from both Polygon Homes and Captains Cove (\$15,000 each) which makes the current playground donations fat \$35,000 with an additional \$7,800 from gaming grants that were promised by the PAC to be directed to the playground fund.

Fundraising (Michelle Miller / Esme Kanda (absent))

- Pancake breakfast is this Wednesday September 16, 2015.
- Michelle and Esme will be meeting later this week to plan further fundraising - Batch Foods is a possibility.

Traffic and Safety (Deb Stewart)

- Walk to school week planning is underway.

Emergency Preparedness (Ila Senez - absent)

- Reported by Stephanie Pettie: Emergency Preparedness Drill with full emergency release procedures for the release of students is scheduled for October 2.
- Food items in emergency lockers will be changed over this week.

DPAC Report (Lindsay Macool - absent / Shawna Wang)

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

Lunch (Terynn Papadapolous / Michelle Osing / Danielle Palivos)

- The lunch team will be meeting this week to discuss this years plan for lunches and snacks. They may consider polling the parent community to see if there is interest in increasing the amount of hot lunches.
- The munch-a-lunch program will continue to be used for payments and ordering

Milk Program (Heather Beaumont - absent)

Nothing to report

Playground update (Marilyn Belsham)

- Although the PAC received two very large donations totalling \$30,000 late last June (with a total of approximately \$45,000 in accessible funds with other donations and the gaming grants included), the funds were received too late for our school to apply for the matching grant as the funds that are matched need to be in the bank. But now that we have the funds, Mr. Thompson and the PAC Chair, Stephanie sent out a letter requesting the grant.
- Over the summer, Habitat redesigned the playground proposal to reflect the placement of the underground pipes. The design basically has two long pieces of equipment spanning the space where the pipes are (with a zip line and a bridge) and we think the design looks pretty good. As much of the original equipment selected by the students has been retained.

Teacher Report (Mrs. Schofield)

- Kids (kindergarten kids in particular) are all excited about upcoming pancake breakfast
- Teachers and kids settling in to new classes and routines

Principal Report (Bob Thompson)

- New staff joined the school: Ms Olsen will be in the school teaching music on Tuesdays and Fridays; Ms. Kallo is the school speech pathologist
- Sad news to report. Coleen Mathieson, an EA in the school, passed away from cancer at the beginning of September. She was well liked and will be greatly missed.
- The school was later than usual getting students into their assigned classrooms this year due to the District informing the school that they need to reorganize the classes. This was done to allow the school to have room to take in new students if and when new student move into the community. Currently, the school has 214 students enrolled with a smaller than usual Kindergarten class of 19.
- Beach Day last June had a 45% absentee rate so the school has decided to cancel Beach Day moving forward.
- The 35th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run will be Thursday Sept 24. Parent volunteers to provide marshalling along the route is needed.
- Open house at the school is this Thursday September 17 from 6:15 - 7:15. It's an informal evening where kids can introduce their parents to their teachers and walk them through the school.
- Emergency preparedness drill on Oct 2 will start at 1:45pm. Students will be released in staggered times with all children in a family group being released at the same time. **Reminder that the emergency release people are not the emergency contact people - it's a separate spot on parent connect.**
- Music Instruction:
 - Grade 5 students will receive guitar instruction this year.
 - Grade 6s will also receive guitar instead of full band.
 - Grade 7 will be in band.
 - Youngest three grades will not receive music instruction from Ms Olsen but will still have music through Ms. Steed.

Miscellaneous

- There was some discussion about bringing in a sex education speaker to the school. This is undecided.
- Suggestion to bring in yoga instead of the usual gymnastics or hip hop instruction that was done in past.
- Family photos suggested as a fundraiser by Danielle as a photographer has approached her with an offer. Package would cost \$50 with school receiving \$40.
- Question asked about student led conference this year: Mr. Thompson advised that three-way conferences will be used again but in a different format, having taken some lessons away from last year. Some positives were taken away - students taking ownership of their own learning. Report cards will look different again.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:53pm