

PAC Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2016

Meeting called to order @ 7:07 pm 11 Members in attendance, including Mr. Thompson.

Motion to adopt December 2015 meeting minutes: Michele Miller; Second: Lindsay Macool

Motion to adopt February's meeting minutes: Michelle Osing; Second: Esme Kanda

Chairperson's Report (Stephanie Pettie)

- 26 students have expressed interested in taking the babysitting course. Due to the low bank balance (because of the playground build), Steph checked with some other schools to see if the PAC covers the course at those schools and learned that those particular schools offer the course to the students, but the cost is paid by the parents. The cost of the Delta Parks & Rec program that NG usually offers is \$68/student. Red Cross also has a course that they can run on a pro-d day for \$60/student and offer additional \$5 off if the student registers online. Mr. Thompson does not favour having kids in the school all day on a pro-d day as there may be behaviour issues. The preference is to hold the course spread over a few lunch hours. Delta Parks & Rec said there is no minimum number of kids and number of kids doesn't lower cost. Red Cross needs a minimum of 12 students for a pro d day or 15 students for after school program.
- The call for volunteers for the playground build, as well as unpacking of the playground equipment has gone out via email, newsletters, and the rolling board. So far we have 7/8 volunteers for the unpacking of the equipment on Friday April 8 and 19/25 volunteers for the playground build on April 9 (although 3 of those volunteers have indicated they are only able to attend for part of the day which is an issue as instruction for the build will be given at 8am - start of day. Steph will follow up with two of the volunteers who indicated part time that she knows. We are still waiting to hear from Dave Warner from Habitat about specific cement needs and quantities, if volunteers will need to bring their own tools and what those tools should be, and if we will need anyone to guard the structure the evening of the build for any reason.
- Playground opening ceremony is set for April 22 at 2pm. Mayor and other dignitaries will be in attendance. We aren't sure if Polygon and Captain's Cove representatives will be asked to speak but Marilyn feels the offer should be extended as they donated a large sum to allow us this equipment. Steph will price out the cost of printing personalized balloons for the event. As Mr. Thompson requests the PAC respect the healthy eating guidelines that NG has in place, no treats will be provided. Suggestion of handing out cut up watermelon, bananas, or possibly frozen yogurt tubes instead.
- Request made for possible dates for the Teacher Appreciation Lunch for late May or early June. Budget of \$300 requested. Vote held to approve budget. All in favour.
- PAC elections will be held at May meeting. Marilyn has hit the max 3 years for PAC Secretary so must resign. Tasha has returned to work so will be resigning as PAC Treasurer.
- Fundraising suggestion from Steph. A school in Langley held a Krispy Kreme fundraiser in front of the Wal-Mart and sold 150 boxes as well as a number of gift certificates for Krispy Kreme on Munch a Lunch. Mr. Thompson doesn't want Krispy Kreme donuts sold in the school as per healthy eating guidelines, but selling in front of Save-On Foods (or similar) would be okay.

Treasurer's Report (Tasha Mangat - absent - Steph Pettie reporting)

- Current balance of main account is \$6393.39 with \$17 in the gaming account (due to transfer of funds for the playground)
- Received \$57.14 from Mabel's Labels and \$570 from the recent Canucks raffle.

Fundraising (Michelle Miller / Esme Kanda)

- Bingo night will be on Thursday April 28. Mr. Thompson has already ordered the tables and chairs. Bingo committee met earlier in the evening and discussed plans for the event including that prizes will need to be gathered from community donations There will be a concession of hot dogs and drinks and

snacks. Doors will open at 545 to allow for concession sales. Bingo will start at 615 and expected to run to 730pm. There will be ten bingo games. There will also be 50-50 ticket sales.

- Clothing donation may happen again in the spring but Esme will confirm if the PAC received payment from the company first.

Traffic and Safety (Deb Stewart)

- Bike to school week will be first week of May. As this falls over May 4 (May the Fourth be with You Day), we suggest that May 4 be a Star Wars theme. Other new ideas will be suggested for approval to Mr. Thompson.
- Mr. Thompson mentioned that a letter from Deb or Steph, on behalf of the PAC, be sent to the Corporation about the need for better traffic safety within the school zone. Additionally, request made to DPAC representatives to ask DPAC to bring this message forward to the provincial PAC meeting as well as to ICBC to see if a school safety campaign could be created similar to the drunk driving messages or driving while distracted campaigns.

Emergency Preparedness (Ila Senez - absent)

- Nothing to report.

DPAC Report (Lindsay Macool / Shawna Wang - absent)

- The Feb DPAC meeting was a presentation about digital safety and keeping kids safe online from Darren Laur of Personal Protections Systems, Ltd, (250) 478-9119. On Facebook, he is The White Hatter, on Twitter he is @crimefighterguy. www.digitalsheepdog.ca.
- Next DPAC meeting is April 11

Lunch / Snack (Terynn Papadopoulos - absent / Michelle Osing / Danielle Palivos)

- Hot dog day is this Friday March 11.
- There are still a couple of parents who haven't paid for their hot lunches and requests for payment have been sent out.
- The lunch team has plans to send out a survey at the end of the year to gather feedback on the program.

Milk Program (Heather Beaumont - absent)

- Nothing to report.

Teacher Report (Ms. A. Monk)

- As many parents know, there have been a few extra Pro-D Days this school year so teachers can cover the new school curriculum. These Pro-D Days have been helpful to teachers in learning from their peers in how and what to teach for the new curriculum. Recently, reps from each school presented to their colleagues on a topic to do with the curriculum change. NG presented on communicating student learning. Questions examined for example included, "What is the connection between student anxiety and assessment methods?". Additionally, the project explained that letter grades were put on the 2015 report cards because the legislation around grades hadn't yet changed yet and the teachers felt including grades was less ambiguous than not including them and then assigning a letter grade at the end of the year.

Principal Report (Bob Thompson)

- Basketball season just wrapped up. It was a successful season. Big thanks to Ms. Huggon, Ms. Smith & Ms. Gelech as well as to Ms. Canil for the Hoop Shoot.
- The school Science Fair was held two weeks ago. The District Science Fair was held last week.

- Playground Pals program will be starting after Spring Break. The grade 6s and 7s in the program will be wearing yellow jackets so the younger kids will be able to identify them easily. They will working with the younger kids to act as a friendly face and to help the younger students get along.
- The Delta District Visioning Meeting will be held this Wednesday. Terynn will be attending along with Mr. Thompson and other representatives from the school.
- As always thanks to the PAC for everything we do.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:06 pm.