

**NEILSON GROVE PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MEETING MINUTES – Monday, April 7, 2014**

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 p.m. – 10 members in attendance (including Mr. Thompson)

Motion to adopt minutes of: Monday, March 3, 2014

Motion: Nancy Pavlich; Second: Esme Kanda; All in favour, carried.

**Chairperson's Report (Corrine Sepke)**

- Nothing new to report.

**Treasurer's Report (Deborah Stewart)**

- The final tally for the Batch fundraiser is \$1604 in sales and \$376 to the PAC.

**Playground Expansion (Marilyn Belsham)**

- Marilyn met with Dave from Habitat over March Break and received the initial design and a CAD drawing showing the design in the space. The design, a copy of the playground at Cougar Canyon Elementary, is too large to fit in the space the playground committee had specified. Marilyn will request a new design to fit the space.
- Marilyn and Mr. Thompson met with representatives of each division from 1-8. The students were shown specific equipment on the current design that we felt could be changed (e.g. monkey bars using stationary bars or swinging bars). Next week, the reps will share this info with their classmates and a school-wide vote will take place to determine the most popular choices for equipment. (Grade 7s will speak with the kindergarten class.)
- A quote for the playground expansion is expected in a few weeks. After that, Marilyn would like permission to send out an informational and fundraising letter to parents detailing the playground plans with an option for parents to submit a cheque to the PAC earmarked for the playground. (Note: If parents would like a receipt for donations made by cheque, the cheque will need to be made out to School District 37 with a note in the memo that the cheque is for the NG Playground. The district will issue the receipt and release the funds for the playground.) Motion to allow fundraising letter: Deborah Stewart; Second: Michelle Osing.

**Traffic & Safety Report (Velda Low)**

- Walk to School week will be April 22-25 with same themes as last time (Dress in a primary colour, etc.)

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

- Nothing to report.

**DPAC Report (Lindsay Macool / Shawna Wang - absent)**

- Nothing to report.

**Hot lunch/Snack Program (Danielle Palivos – absent / Terynn Papadopoulos – absent / Michelle Osing)**

- Next lunch day is sushi day – April 25.

**Milk Program (Carolyn Scott – absent)**

- Nothing to report.

### **Fundraising (Esme Kanda / Michelle Miller)**

- Market Night: Marilyn Belsham made up flyers seeking vendors. The flyer was sent to everyone on the PAC with the request that everyone share the info on Facebook, etc. Currently have 12 confirmed vendors.
- Discussion about allowing sales of baked goods. Mr. Thompson has concerns around selling items with potential allergens. Decision made to try to avoid food sales of items that may contain nuts, etc.
- Donations for themed baskets are good. Completed baskets may be of substantial value. Debate over if a raffle or silent auction would be more successful. Decided to change the raffle to be a silent auction. Completed baskets will be delivered to Michelle Osing April 17. Marilyn & Michelle will photograph the baskets and prepare silent auction on the rolling board so the silent auction can start on April 28. The auction will end on May 1.
- Volunteers are needed to set up and run concession for Market Night (juice, coffee, possibly items from Cob's).
- Helping Hands may want to ask for a donation of money and/or food for the event. Decision still to be made.
- The gym can be made available to the vendors for set-up at 4:30pm that day.
- Notice of the event and silent auction will be put in the PAC newsletter for April 17.

### **Teacher's Report (None present)**

- N/A

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

- Plans for the May 6 (May 8 backup date) District Track Meet are underway with Nancy Pavlich and Tia Litz (Port Guichon) working on concession plans.
- Flying Bob cultural event booked for April 9.
- Pro D day is this Friday April 11.
- Scouts Canada will be speaking to Grade 1-4 on Monday April 14.
- Crazy Hat day is Thursday April 17
- Early Dismissal for Student-Led Conferences April 23 & 24. Parents can book meeting times on Parent Connect.
- District is hosting Career Fair for Grades 7-10 on April 24 at Sungod from 9am-8pm. Parents are invited.
- Parent information forms will be sent home soon. These are not forms to request a teacher for the upcoming year. These forms are to be used to share information that the school may find useful when sorting classes.
- Port Guichon Spring Fair is Friday April 25.
- Grade 7 dinner will be held at Beach Grove Golf Club this year.
- Mr. Thompson's last day of work this school year will be June 24.

### **NG PAC Facebook Page (Marilyn Belsham)**

- A number of parents have told Marilyn that they rarely click through to open the newsletters that are emailed out. FB is an additional way to share the same info and a Facebook page can be configured to block anyone who is not an admin from posting on the wall, which should mitigate the risk of having others post pictures or private info of students and/or staff. Mr. Thompson will discuss this with Marilyn offline.

### **Misc (Nancy Pavlich)**

- Envision Canada has program where they will supply popcorn & machines for free for community events.

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:19 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 5, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. (NG Library)**