

Monday, October 6, 2014

P.A.C. Meeting October 6, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 7:03, 13 Members in attendance including Mr. Thompson
Motion to adopt: Stephanie Pettie; Second: Lindsay McCool

Chairperson's Report (Corrine Sepke)

Wish List: The teachers wish list items (if any) will be brought forward next month.

Playground:

- Each year the school receives a gaming grant which is usually used for funding field trips. Corrine proposed that the PAC carry up to three years of these grants earmarked for the Playground. Motion to adopt: Marilyn Belsham; Second: Michelle Miller; All in favour.
- Marilyn received two proposed layouts of the playground over the summer from Habitat which will be discussed by the playground committee at an upcoming meeting. Marilyn also emailed Habitat asking for a cost breakdown of the layouts and will write up a letter to the general parent committee letting them know about the plans and requesting donations. Mr. Thompson will write a similar letter approaching Polygon for a possible donation.

Budget:

- Reviewed the yearly budget: \$6,660 set aside for field trips, classroom incentives \$2100, library resources \$2,500, cultural performances and skating \$2850, security guard for Halloween \$158, outdoor education \$1,800.
- The current contingency fund (used to assist school families) has been set to \$500 in previous years but Corrine proposes to bring it up to \$1000. Motion: Tori Harker; Second: Michelle Osing; All in favour.
- Total Budget for 2014/15 year is \$17,068; Motion to adopt entire budget: Stephanie Pettie; Second: Shawna Wang; All in favour.

Jessie Miller: As discussed in previous years, the PAC would like to have him come to talk to the students about Internet safety. \$650 would need to be set aside for that. Proposed setting aside those funds for him (may be able to access DPAC funds for that which we will research) to come in January or February. Motion to adopt: Stephanie Pettie; Second: Toni Harker; All in favour.

NG BBQ: Because of the strike delaying the start of school, the school is unable to arrange our usual welcome back breakfast. Discussion around hosting an evening BBQ on October 22. No one present feels they can head the planning of the event so suggestion tabled.

Treasurer's Report (Deborah Stewart - Absent; Corrine Reporting)

- Reviewed the budget sheet.

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Fundraising (Michelle Miller & Esme Kanda)

- Opened up Mabel's Labels ordering again and will keep it open for the whole year. Stephanie will post the order link on Facebook page.
- Entertainment Books are going home on Thursday. The PAC gets \$12/book selling books for \$30/each.

Traffic & Safety (Tori Harker)

- Will meet with Mr. Thompson to confirm dates for a fall Walk-to-School Week.

Emergency Preparedness (Ila Senez - absent)

- Currently updating the emergency kits, including replacing the expired granola bars which were handed out at the Open House to the delight of many students present.

DPAC (Shawna Wang / Lindsay McCool)

- DPAC has not met this year.

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

- The Munch-a-Lunch program is now open for ordering of the hot lunches, snacks and milk.

Fruit Program (Corrine reporting)

- Patti Nakatsu is running this program. This will be her year.
- We will need someone to get their food safe in order to take over this program (as well as for running any of the food programs).

Milk Program (Heather Beaumont - absent)

- Ordering of milk is online through the Munch-a-lunch link.

Teacher Report (Joan Canil)

- Grades 6&7 had a great time at camp.
- Milton Randall is holding a drumming session for the students next week.
- Most primary grades have used the field trip funds to book their trips to the pumpkin patches this month.
- The teachers thank the PAC for these funds.

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Principal Report (Bob Thompson)

- Thanks to PAC for funds and to the teachers for getting the school year off to a good start following the strike.
- The school has some new faces : Mr. Bourgeois for Grade 6; Mr. Haydon is new counsellor; Speech pathologist Ms. Gibbs
- This year there is a new organization of classes including three split grade 2 classes. The breakdown of classes is: K, K/1, 1/2, 2/3, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 4/5, 6, 6/7.
- Due to the high traffic an adult crossing guard is being sought for the Admiral Blvd crosswalk in front of school. Mr. Thompson has requested one but has not received one, therefore he may ask for parent volunteers.
- The strike has not changed any vacation dates. Due to strike there will not be any 2013-2014 Term 3 report cards generated.
- The school received new waste receptacles for collection of recycling, waste, and compost. There will not be any garbage cans in classrooms anymore. This is due to a Metro Vancouver edict.
- The Terry Fox Run is scheduled for this Thursday.
- This Friday there will be an extracurricular band presentation to grades 4-7.
- Photo Day is October 16. Kids should not wear green due to the green screen they use.
- The Full Release Emergency Preparedness Drill will be held on October 17.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 22 and 23.
- A Code Yellow Drill is schedule for October 27. This is a lock-out drill where the students practice staying put in classrooms and teachers checking in.
- Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on November 10.
- There are no longer computers in the Computer Lab. This is part of a district upgrade due to Microsoft no longer supporting Windows XP the existing hardware's inability to update to the latest Windows version. This caused security concerns as well as staffing/maintenance concerns. The District will upgrade the infrastructure (cables behind walls/ servers/ etc.) to handle upgraded equipment. A discussion on what will happen with the existing lab space still needs to occur.

New Business

- Facebook Page (Stephanie Pettie): If anyone has any updates they would like on our PAC Facebook page let her know.
- Newsletter: Suggestion to add a section to PAC newsletter giving more information on the PAC executive - who we are
- Teachers Lunch: The usual lunch was missed in the Spring due to the strike. We would like to host one in the fall. Mr. Thompson will discuss a date for this with teachers at next staff meeting
- Childminders: The PAC will request a list of the Grade 6/7 child minders from Ms. Canil and Mr. Bourgeois.
- Suggestion to set up a "Walking Bus" where groups of older kids can walk with younger kids to/from school.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:13pm