

Scott Creek Middle School PAC

General Meeting

Monday November 21, 2011

Attendees- Melissa Fierro, Lili Masbough, Tina Powell, Marsha Mullen, Tammy Evans, Carissa Maurice, Chris O’Riordan, Michelle Trembath, Chris Fowler, Sara Song, Joanne Terry, Barb Jay, Mike Slinger

Recorder- Joanne Terry

1. Welcome/Introductions
 - a. Tammy Evans welcomed the group and thanked everyone for coming
2. Approval and Adoption of Minutes from Oct 19, 2011 (hard copies available to review)
 - a. Approved- Tina Powell
 - b. Seconder- Chris O’Riordan
 - c. All approved- passed unanimously
3. President’s Report
 - a. Thanks to Donna Hakala and Leah Questroo for running QSP as well as Mike Slinger and Judy Robb for picking up the forms due to Teacher’s job action. The total raised was \$5600.
 - b. The PAC is currently looking for volunteers for “Canadian Christmas” lunch helpers. This catered lunch is to give ESL students a Canadian Christmas with traditional turkey/stuffing/cranberries and will be served Dec 14th at lunchtime. It is a catered event so set up and serving help would be appreciated –anyone interested please see Tammy Evans or Mike Slinger.
 - c. Family photo night raised \$48 so the PAC wishes to thank Jeff and Gabriella Fairbanks. Gabriella received only 4 orders so far from Scott Creek so she just wanted to let families know that they need to get the orders in immediately if you would like the pictures by Christmas.
 - d. The Black family lost their dad last week and many of the students/family/Community know them. The funeral is next Saturday. We are looking into what to give the family in the next little while and once a decision is reached, it will be forwarded. Theatre tickets are something that may be given to the family.
 - e. Paul and David are coming in for literacy day this Thursday (Nov24)and it is a opened up to all the parents if they would like to come. The librarian, Marilyn, is very excited for this day as are the staff and students.
 - f. Still awaiting staff “wish list” from each community. Judy Robb and Mike Slinger are now going through the list and prioritizing the list for the PAC then we will discuss next meeting in January 2012. It will be gone through by the treasurer as the funds must be

allocated from the appropriate fund (gaming vs general). It will be well advertised that the January meeting will be the one with the voting for the money for the school. **This is the meeting that the money will be spent.**

- g. Still waiting to change the signing authority at the bank, but hopefully that will be done soon as some prior PAC members are out of the country.

4. Administration's Report

- a. Judy Robb sends her regards as she is away today. Mike Slinger and Judy Robb would like to thank the PAC for the funding for the literacy day event. The Remembrance day ceremony assembly went over very well and the kids did amazing. The choir, band, and colour guard did well. The wish list is big (smart boards, external hard drives, Apple TV, Music stands, etc) There is \$43000 worth of requests as of today, but Mike and Judy will wean down the list. Mike and crew went through the Emergency Prep bags and some need top up, but good news as most of the supplies needed are there. What the school really needs is an Emergency Prep committee, as it is so much work for 1 or 2 people. Report cards are a big debate right now, there will be NO report cards to be sent home by the teachers, but the government has legislated that report cards have to be done. There is a template with students name, attendance and if the parents are interested in further information, they will have to contact the teacher. It is MANDATED by government to send this home. There is nothing new in the progress of the teachers strike. There is not much disruption to the flow of the school as the routine events are continuing on as usual. We are very lucky as the relationships are still good within our school. The sports are all occurring and the teams are doing very well. Mrs. Aspinall band concert will be rescheduled from Dec 9th and will take the place of the talent show in February 23, 2012. The question was asked to Mike as what the teachers are doing on the Pro-D day and the teachers must check in with Judy Robb as to where they are going. Pro-D days are a teacher event run by teachers so they are attending those events still. One thing that is stalled due to the strike is the School Planning Committee with the school goals as there is no opportunity for the principals/teachers to meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. October financials have \$5400 in the gaming account and \$16000 in the general account with \$1440 to come out for the Literacy Day event. We made \$20 in interest. The QSP and Family Photo night has yet to totally be deposited. No bounced checks so far.

6. Committee Report

- a. Fundraising- Leah-QSP raised approx. \$5600 and the funds would be in our accounts by end Dec/January . We are still awaiting the prizes to arrive for the kids. New ideas were brought to the table about fundraising and events, but nothing new can be started

during job action. Christine had offered to sell Smencils in front of IGA for a couple weekends 10th/11th of December to try to lessen our inventory.

- b. DPAC- BCCPAC regional conference November 26th is occurring. It is titled- Parents as Partners and building success. Registration and agenda are on our PAC website. Scott Creek has never been a member of the BCCPAC . The cost is \$75 to be a member. Group discussion about joining occurred. The discussion then turned to the BC Legislation overhauling of teachers BILL 12- Mike Slinger explained that the college has now been dissolved so the government is now in charge of certification and discipline of all teachers. This is a new structure for the teachers. Discussion again occurred again about reviewing about membership. There is no leadership to go to the BCCPAC conference so decision made not to join.
- c. Emergency Prep- Chris needs volunteers to help and will be sending out a request for volunteers. The equipment itself is not in an ideal spot so it needs a new spot and possibly splitting it into 2 different places for ease of attainment in case of an emergency. The bags need to be topped up but the container may be more important. Possibilities are portable/ use Eagle ridge/ Readily available for purchase- Mike to look into Eagle Ridge container- Joanne to ask the “port to donate” one. There are a couple spots for a small container (20 feet). Planning/Inventory/Ordering/ Purchasing/Moving the stuff- we need to provide 72 hours worth of supplies for EACH CHILD. Chris to send out a notice looking for volunteers for the Emergency Prep.
- d. No Parent Education or Multicultural position filled yet (review of parent education and Multicultural positions done- international movie night or cooking night to involve the kids as well as the parents in the school as we are very international- both positions are there for the making- do what you want with it)

7. New Business

- a. Barb-Looking for feedback about doing something to recognize the grade 8's at their graduation from Middle School. It is just a transition point from middle school to high school. The grade 8's do go to Playland as a school event. The grade 8 leaving ceremony is part of the year end ceremony. They walk across the stage and get a handshake from their teacher and Principal's/Vice-Principals. Ideas were thrown around like an after school BBQ/ luncheon/leave it to the Grade 8 kids and parents to organize something. There will be a call for volunteers to decide a plan for the Grade 8's. Maybe make the grade 8 recognition on another day for better recognition of the students. Possibly move it to the assembly earlier on ending at noon with possibility of photos with students and teachers as well as possibly a barbeque/lunch. Maybe the grade 8's will be invited to the multipurpose room for the opportunity to take pictures with teachers and friends. There is a happy medium decided with having a special ceremony/time after. Ended conversation with a possible PAC sponsored reception with cake and lemonade/ice tea after the assembly.
- b. Blue community is doing a Quebec exchange. Some students have had the opportunity to go to Drummondville, Quebec and will be billeted at home for 30 students for 10

days. There has been a request that while the students are here in Coquitlam they would like to organize a sports day at the school and dinner. They are asking for funding for that event. Currently we are not able to say yes or no as it must go through the school first then it can be vetted to the PAC. There are 2 options- we put it in a motion for the PAC to directly fund, OR it may go on the staff "wish list" and then Judy and Mike will decide if it will come to the PAC or come out of school "wish list" funds. We could also look into getting business to donate food/drinks. This issue will be tabled until next PAC meeting and await further information.

8. Adjourn- November 21, 2011 at 845pm
 - a. First by Tina Powell
 - b. Seconded by Chris O'Riordan
 - c. Approved by all

Next Meeting- Wednesday 18, 2012 7pm school Library

******This meeting (Jan 2012) will MOST LIKELY INVOLVE STAFF WISH LIST and most of the PAC spending******