

# PAC Minutes

1. In attendance: Wendy, Lori, Annie, Nathania, Bev, Harpreet, Cassie, Mrs. Bawa, Leila, Jeremy, Susan, Moni, Ethan, Kathy.
2. Executive Reports
  - a. President –Susan Rae
    - a. Body Image workshop iGirl/iGuy
      - i. Saleema Noon was good last year, options for girls and boys, iparent workshop going over issues is additional cost.
      - ii. Voted to book, unanimously. During school time is fine.
    - b. Rebecca (secretary) is arranging for payment of the IXL Math program for grade 4 and 5s. Once program is paid for PAC will reimburse the school. Program is done annually and expires Dec 18<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Odyssey of the Mind
      - i. Program sponsored by NASA, kids do all the work, coaches only supervise. They pick one of 6 questions. Registration is done and we got in free. We can have up to 6 teams. Teams have to be coordinated by first week of January. Nathania and Annie are coaching one team.
      - ii. Time commitment in general is one hour a week. Closer to competition day teams may choose to meet more frequently.
      - iii. Feb 27<sup>th</sup> is qualifier and April 16<sup>th</sup> is provincial competition. 8:30am-6pm on those dates.
      - iv. Each team needs 1 coach, two volunteers and one judge minimum number of kids is 5 and max is 7
      - v. Parents need to be contacted first to see how many teams we can put together. Nathania is going to send Mrs. Bawa and Moni a letter to send to the parent lists.
  - b. Treasurer Report –Kathy Canales
  - c. Fundraising Report
    - a. Fresh to You Veggie fundraiser-completed. We raised \$800 with this fundraiser. Another one featuring spring veggies will be available in spring. Left overs went to Share Food Bank
    - b. Treat day was a little chaotic, there is a need to keep allergen free treats for those who have allergies. Also we need to have a 'traffic controller' Wendy has volunteered to direct the children if treat is on Fridays.
    - c. Thrifty's Smile Cards, if you are a Thrifty's shopper pick up a card from the office, load the card and buy your groceries and use the card! 5% of your total bill comes back to the school monthly.
    - d. Gr. 5 fundraiser, completed, they raised \$400 to pay for the participant's hoodies and year end activity.
    - e. Fundscrip Gift Card Sales, sale was a little bumpy, it was the first fundraiser done by our new fundraising coordinator. We are aware that notes being sent between school and home and back are not completing the trip every

time. Suggestion was made to send both email copy and paper copy when sending something home.

d. Emergency Preparedness Report –Valerie Campbell

3. Principal's Report

- a. Charles Best photography students are coming to take photos with Santa, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 12-3
- b. Christmas Event evening, flyer has been sent to parents about the event. Potluck starts at 6:30, there will be songs by some kids and a Christmas story, there is a scavenger hunt, crafts to make, gingerbread houses to decorate, cake walk (parents are encouraged to bring a cake) at 8:15 to 8:30 sing-a-long in the gym. Teachers are asking for an rsvp so they can be prepared.
- c. Student led conferences went well, students showed great pride in their learning and were happy to show it off.
- d. Thursday report cards are going home.
- e. Teachers send a thank you out to the parents who have been coming into the class and interacting with the learners.
- f. District is trying to keep Reggio teachers in the Reggio programs, district 43 has worked out that they are focussing on keeping specially trained teachers in the specialty programs, with the blessing of the BCTF.
- g. Transition to new curriculum will be seamless because it is changing to a more inquiry based approach, which we already have  
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- h. Reggio influence looks so different from person to person and from class to class and it is hard to put together workshops for parents, but teachers would like to welcome parents into the classroom and be involved in the learning. If you are interested in being involved, please talk to your classroom teacher about how you can be involved.
- i. Parents suggest a deeper orientation on what we as parents can expect from the teacher, how communication will be handled. Could be in conjunction with the open house potluck night.
- j. Jan 13<sup>th</sup> new parent info night 6:30pm. New kindergarten kids will be accepted through a lottery system, with siblings given first priority. Existing parents are welcome to come.

4. DPAC Report–

- a. Numeracy: simplified math, understanding patterns and how they interact. Financial literacy will be included.
- b. KEV portal, pilot at another school on simplifying payment system for school fees and PAC programs.
- c. New pro d days, Tuesday February 9, 2016, and Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- d. Next DPAC meeting is Jan

5. New Business

- a. Wendy regarding lice screening

- i. Lice has been circulating through a few classrooms and we need to be more aware of it's presence.
    - ii. We could have a screening program but we need to have permission to check each child. For 3 screenings for one child it costs \$8.
    - iii. We may need to have an information night. We can email a tip sheet to parents so they are aware.
    - iv. Mrs. Bawa will contact Fraser Health about having a nurse come in for a presentation to the kids.
  - b. First-aid issues, there are 3 first aid trained teachers who can clean a wound and apply pressure, but 911 would be called along with the parent in a first aid situation.
  - c. Please be aware of the no parking areas and be respectful of other drivers. Parking in a no parking area makes navigating the parking lot impossible.
  - d. We do not have parking monitors. Please be mindful of the handicap space and spaces in the upper parking levels for the faculty and handicapped.
- 6. Emergency prep
  - a. Please see attached report
  - b. Water containment options: option A voted through with 10 votes.
    - i. Parents were concerned that there wasn't enough information on each option and the differences between them.
  - c. Food option: Granola bars option voted through with 10 votes
    - i. Since the meeting we have been asked to revisit this vote.
- 7. Call for Adjournment. 9:30pm
- 8.