

Monday, October 17, 2016
Rochester School Library, 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Erin Moore at 7:06 PM.

1. *Roundtable introductions*

2. **MOTION** to adopt minutes of September 19, 2016 RPAC meeting as presented. **Moved:** Simone; **Seconded:** Raquel; **CARRIED.**

3. *Principal Update* (Linda-Louise for John)

- Work is continuing on playground, with swing set deficiencies currently being corrected.
- Trees funded by the Toyota/Evergreen grant are being planted on the grounds this week.
- The Immigrant Services Society is launching a program for new immigrant families who do not use English at home.
- Place Maillardville after-school programs started today.
- Excel Martial Arts will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays in November. A second session will be scheduled in May.
- Dawn Brown will be the school's Artist in Residence starting on Monday. She will lead a school-wide project creating an owl mural; intermediate students will make feathers and other classes will work on background. The work will be created in three sessions and there will be an additional dedication ceremony.
- School choir has 30 members. Coordinators are working in conjunction with Lunchbox Theatre organizer Erinn. Noted that students can participate in both choir and theatre programs, misunderstanding on this point may have resulted in relative lower interest in Lunchbox this session (session is full, but this is the first time there has not been a waitlist). Noted that choir is not open to kindergarten students because reading is required. Choir will run throughout the school year.
- School will have a volleyball team for the first time in years and will participate in two tournaments. Practices will likely be at lunchtime. Additional intramural-type games are being considered.
- The garden project is going very well; bulbs are currently being planted. Planting of trees and working on the "sad slope" will be upcoming projects. Total number of trees to be planted currently uncertain. Work funded by TD grant does not need to be completed until Spring, looking for volunteer who can help create a landscaping plan. District has agreed to implement whatever plan is provided by the school. Lauren will ask Taryn or Heather to write request for volunteer for distribution via email.

4. *Financial update* (Erin for Cindy)

- Gaming grant of \$8,100 approved.
- Addition of line item for student services support to 2016-17 budget discussed. Noted that this item is different from the miscellaneous support provided to each teacher for classroom support. This funding is to provide learning equipment such as headsets and stress balls. Teachers feel such equipment has a very positive impact for all

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students. Noted that there is no money in budget for additional items if this expense moves forward, though if the Christmas gift fundraiser goes well that could change things (as this is a new initiative revenue estimate was not included in budget).

VOTE to add a line item expense of \$700 for Student Services Support to 2016-17 budget. All in favour; APPROVED.

5. *Regular business*

a. *Fundraising*

- October 14th movie night was cancelled because of storm; popcorn will be sold Wednesday at lunch hour.
- Information package for various Christmas gift fundraisers will be distributed to students tomorrow. Fundraisers include Fundscrip gift cards, Purdy's chocolates, and QSP gifts.
- There is one day left for students to turn in entertainment books, no information on current sales.
- Family photo nights scheduled for October 26th and 27th are sold out.
- Poinsettia sale suggested. Can be set up on Munch a Lunch website. Would need to determine delivery date, delivery charge is only \$10 total. School determines markup, noted that plant sale calculated for 10% profit.
- A pie and cookie fundraiser will be considered for after Christmas.

b. *Community-Building Events*

- Movie night will be re-scheduled to November 4th. Kids were excited about this particular movie (*Secret Life of Pets*) so scheduling sooner rather than later seems advisable.
- Games night had good participation and raised \$50 at concession. Another will likely be scheduled for the Spring.
- Doors will open at 6:00 PM for the October 29th Halloween dance and the event will run for two hours. Lauren has completed a video and music playlist, playlist runs for one and three-quarters hours. Playlist is on-line; backup options in case of connection issues discussed. Projector will be set up in same location as for movie night. A photo booth will be set up at the gym entrance, noted that photo clearance is not required as long as photos are not being shared on public forums. Raquel is organizing concession and strobe light cake walk; cake donations will be solicited for drop off sometime during the day of the 29th. Confirmed that at least one volunteer has FOODSAFE certification. Finger flashlights and glowsticks will be sold in addition to food. A jellybean counting contest and 50/50 draw will be held; Dixie will work on obtaining gaming license. Importance of no running rule will be emphasized.

c. *DPAC/BCCPAC*

- No report

6. *Other Business*

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- Offering a Bricks for Kids session this school year may be an option, space availability needs to be confirmed.
- New school district on-line donations/payment system charges an additional service fee to parents. School is not yet on-line and there is not currently significant motivation to move forward because of number of problems experienced at schools who are using system. A hard copy parent donation form will be circulated in January.
- Options for special programs discussed. Plan to offer hip hop again this year and gymnastics next year. Planetarium program will also be offered again because a discounted rate is available. Other suggestions included the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra school program and the Vancouver Aquarium's Aquabus. Plan to alternate one such event with Saleema Noon presentation on alternate years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.