

Hazel Trembath Elementary School PAC INCLUDER

January 2014 Newsletter

Designed by Yvonne Yua



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

A NEW YEAR IS UPON US AND I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas/winter vacation with your families. I want to take this time to say a huge “thank you” to all of the staff at Hazel Trembath who put on such a wonderful Christmas program for us back in December. I know a tremendous amount of work goes into these events and many staff members gave of their own time to give us parents a wonderful evening. Also, thank you to parents and grandparents who volunteered at and/or attended our “Breakfast with Santa.” For a smaller school we sure come together when needed. We were able to raise over \$800 to support families in our own community. Thank you everyone!

There are many great events happening in the next few months to keep us busy and to keep away those “winter blues.” Please consider joining us for our “Children and Media Night” coming up on Tuesday, February 4th from 6:30 – 7:30pm in the school library. Mr. Rob Colombo from Riverside Secondary School will be giving a presentation on students, personal devices and digital media. As a parent of a 9th grader at Riverside I think this presentation will be very helpful to parents with elementary school aged children. Did you know by grade 9 your child will not have textbooks, binders, notebooks, pens and pencils, etc.? The grade 9 class this year uses only a tablet for every class at the high school level. This means our 14-year-olds have at least one

personal device with them at all times. Mr. Colombo will give us some great tips on how to make sure we prepare our children for this now and how we, as parents, can keep our children safe in this digital world. We do need a minimum of 15 participants to have this event. Please contact Karen Kelt at kkelt@telus.net or 604-552-0409 to register. The presentation is free and childcare will be provided.

We also have our Winter Movie Night coming up on Friday, February 28th in the school gym. This is always a popular event and the kids love putting on their jammies and hanging out with their friends. Keep an eye out for notices in early February. Finally, there will not be a PAC meeting for the month of January but we will have a very short meeting before the “Children and Media” presentation on February 4th at 6pm. Please feel free to join for this or any monthly PAC meeting. Everyone is welcome and your thoughts and ideas are greatly appreciated. We will be creating a committee to organize the annual “Fun Fair” at this PAC meeting. If you would like to be involved with planning and organizing our biggest fundraising event of the year, please contact kkelt@telus.net before February 4th.

The next few months will be busy but it is always worth it to make sure our children have a wonderful elementary school experience. As always, if you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at any time. Until next time...

Karen Kelt
PAC Chairperson
604.552.0409

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

31st Hot Lunch

February

4th PAC Meeting @ 6pm

4th Children & Digital Media
Presentation @ 6:30pm

28th Movie Night



HAZEL TREMBATH PAC MEETING MINUTES — NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Attendees: Karen Kelt, Stephanie Widmer, Craig Widmer, Leona Poson, MaricelCascayan, Luba Kobelev, Ruth Beattie, Valarie Southwell, Yvonne Yua, Christine Minty, Malina Merritt, Kerri Kerr

Meeting called to order: 6:35 pm

Review and Acceptance of October 2013 Minutes:

1st: Stephanie

2nd: Leona

Announcements:

1. We have a new sign at the entrance of the school on Confederation—thank you Craig for all your hard work!
2. Mrs. Safarik's retirement evening is on Friday, Nov. 15 at 4:30pm, deadline for RSVP is Nov. 7—all welcome.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: As per separate Treasurer's Report as of Oct. 31, 2013.

Movie Night: Coming up Friday, Nov. 22. The movie is Planes. Need volunteers for the following: Shop for concession food, run the concession the night of, pop popcorn the day of, and run the ticket table. Cost is \$5/kid—parents are free.

Fall Fundraisers:

1. Unwrapped: Please return forms as soon as possible if interested. It is on Nov. 26.
2. Family Portraits: Karen is winding this up.
3. Hot Lunch: we will be trying something new for December—Ming and Sing Chinese. Would love feedback on what the kids think. Forms have gone out, please return as soon as possible.
4. SPC: Committee had a meeting with Mr. Gordon yesterday. Focus on trying to improve the image of the school and progress is being made.

Principal's Report:

1. Thank you to the new people attending the PAC meeting as well as the people who are usually in attendance.
2. Met with the staff and have prioritized wish list. Number one on the list is an additional smartboard for Ms. Jaibat's 4/5 class. Ms. Jaibat is keen to learn this. Home reading books are also on the wish list.
3. The first report card will go out on Nov. 29. Dec. 5 will be early dismissal and parent/teacher interview will take place. Please indicate on report cards if you wish for an interview.
4. Remembrance Day assembly to be held on Thursday, Nov. 7. Parents welcome.
5. Virtue Wall for this month is peacefulness.
6. Schoolwide write was just completed and the theme was Halloween. The teachers as a group look at the writing and data is collected from this as to how students are doing.
7. Christmas concert will be held on Dec. 18—there will be a morning and evening concert. Ms. Kask is directing and working with the staff on this.
8. Volleyball Jamboree for the Gr. 5s will take place Thursday, Nov. 14 at Citadel Middle 3:30-7pm.
9. SPC meeting—met yesterday. The focus is making people more aware of our school and wanting the community to choose our school.
10. Thank you Craig for your efforts around the school—the sign, the work in the parking lot to make it safer for the kids. Craig also got a grant from his company to put towards these improvements around the school.
11. Action Plan for learning—focus is writing—this is the 4th year with the goal of writing and we have shown improvement.
12. Looking at the daycare situation at our school. Working with Sharon Thompson from the school district to talk about Rainbow Bridge and what can be done.
13. A new onsite daycare is opening in the school—Hazelwood. This opens in January.

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14. Looking into if it is possible to get Strongstart program here—talking to Julie Pearce about this—there are budget problems to be able to start this up.
15. The SPC brought to my attention that the gym changing rooms are full of furniture and unsafe for the children to change. This will be moved out right away to provide a safe place for the children to change.
16. In regards to the lawnmowing and maintenance around the school, have called the district to find out what the schedule is and also looking into asking about some rotting wood on post etc and what can be done.
17. School website, some improvements have been made and this is ongoing.
18. Thanks to the PAC for the new camera for the staff—this is being used daily and pictures from activities and recognition assemblies are being posted on the website.
19. Info will be updated on the website such as the principal's message.
20. Malina mentioned to update the school supply list for classes as it seems to be inconsistent with list that was sent home. Mr. Gordon asked Malina to check with Mrs. Bolzan about this.
21. Possibly will use the image of the new sign and incorporate that into the website.
22. Hoping for some more signage also to be put up and have been working with the city on this.

Old Business:

Craig explained how he put a path on the other side of the concrete barriers to have a safe place for the kids to exit cars. He also addressed some drainage issues and the parking lot itself. New signs are coming for the drop off zone to ensure people do not park there in the morning. New sign has gone up at the entrance of the school. It has an anti-graffiti surface on it. Thanks to Allegra (who did the sign) and Poco Building Supplies (materials to hang sign) who gave us good deals to help out with the sign. He had an idea of getting a picture of the sign with some of the kids around it and giving to both businesses to thank them for helping out with the sign.

He also suggested volunteers would be great to help out with some maintenance and clean up around the school. The fish were taken off the fence as they were moldy and falling apart. Perhaps in the spring we will have another project for the kids to display on the fence.

New Business:

1. Yvonne brought forth idea of Kidsworld Fundraiser—A company that puts together activities for kids and you buy memberships for \$45—\$5 of which goes to the PAC, and then you can attend any of the activities that have been set up. There was good feedback and will go ahead with organizing for the spring.

2. Santa's Breakfast—Notice has gone out. Desperately need volunteers to help out. Karen put in call to middle school to try and get helpers perhaps as servers. There is a culinary program at Riverside, Mr. Gordon suggested trying to get help through them—he said he would make a phone call regarding this.

Mr. Gordon said he would provide a letter to Starbucks for a coffee donation for Santa's breakfast.

Karen suggested having Santa pictures in the library instead of in the foyer to avoid all the congestion and distraction—everyone agreed this was a good idea.

3. Vote on Teacher's Wishlist:

Smartboard—\$3600

Home reading books—\$600

Motion to accept:

1st: Leona

2nd: Yvonne

All in favor: Yes.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:36 pm. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 2013 @ 6:30pm.

HAZEL TREMBATH PAC TREASURER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 30, 2013

General Account

Opening Balance: **\$10,120.68**

Revenue:

	Interest		\$ 0.57
Nov. 1	Unwrapped \$130.00		\$1,082.25
Nov. 15	Movie Night \$95.00		
	Popcorn days \$8.95		
	Santa's Breakfast Donations \$66.80		
	Family Portraits \$325.50		
	Grade 5 Fundraising \$456.00		
Nov. 29	Unwrapped \$20.00		\$2,440.35
	Family Portraits \$331.50		
	Santa's Breakfast Donations \$26.00		
	Hot Lunch \$1,163.00		
	Popcorn Days \$282.00		
	Directories \$152.00		
	Movie Night \$556.95		
	Total Revenue:		<u><u>\$3,523.17</u></u>

Cheque #:

Expenses:

	Pauline Breedveld (Hot Lunch - Saputo Sept and Oct)		\$ 91.07
Nov. 15	334		
Nov. 20	335	Craig Widmer (School Sign & Repairs; \$1,250.00 to be refunded by CN Rail)	\$ 2,530.82
Nov. 21	336	Kerri Kerr (Popcorn Days)	\$ 53.26
Nov. 26	231	TYGO Enterprises (Hot Lunch - McDonalds)	\$ 318.40
Nov. 26	232	Hazel Trembath Elementary (Publishing House)	\$ 78.03
Nov. 26	233	Hazel Trembath Elementary (Transportation Invoice 56791)	\$ 336.00
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		Total Expenses:	<u><u>\$ 3,422.58</u></u>

Closing Balance as of November 30, 2013: **\$10,221.27**

Gaming Account

Opening Balance: **\$3,837.82**

Revenue:

	Interest		\$ 0.08
Nov. 1			
	Total Revenue:		<u><u>\$ 0.08</u></u>

Cheque #:

Expenses:

	Hazel Trembath Elementary (Performing Arts - Story Theatre)		\$ 759.00
Nov. 15	#027		
Nov. 15	#028	Hazel Trembath Elementary (Transportation)	\$ 439.20
		Total Expenses:	<u><u>-\$1,198.20</u></u>

Closing Balance as of November 30 2013: **\$ 2,639.70**