

## LPAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday April 1, 2009 - 7pm

Introductions: Kathie Metzner, Tricia Fung, Janet Kampf, Pam Fletcher, Ana Paz, Scott Young, Christine Knoll, Leanne Carder, Craig Hodge, Jen Henderson, Chris Towers, Tracy McRitchie, Deidre Pattenden, Ivano Cecchini

Approval of Minutes: Pam, 2nd by Christine, all in favour

Presentation by Jacquie Bischoff in computer lab. Jacquie is volunteering her time to revamp the school website and has asked for feedback from parents. She demonstrated a new proposed website and asked parents to think about how they might use it and send any suggestions to her.

### Reports:

Treasurer's Report: copies of the budget handed out

Cost of buses: budgeted \$144 x 12 classrooms plus (divisions generally share a bus), and 1 for track & field and G5 Leaving

May & June buses are much higher so need to look at how much we have spent so far. May need to be topped up.

Cheques for Wish List & Student Pride funds given to Ivano for the school

2 deposits were made in February \$2509.91 & \$68.25 Jody has not yet received deposit slips-

Christine has found the slips in the hot lunch drawer so will put in Jody's red folder

Reminder to always include a deposit slip when depositing

### Principal's Report:

Had to submit student number projections on Friday March 27th for next year. This week already had 4 new students. Projection was 265 but expect to be much higher in September. Ivano is hoping we can have a welcoming event of some sort early in the year to welcome all the new families, and has been talking to Janet about an outdoor movie/BBQ event for the first Friday evening back to school (September 11)

Basketball completed before Spring Break.

Practices for Maypole are ongoing - grades 3, 4, 5

Como Lake Relays - grades 4 & 5 - we run Wed April 22nd afternoon

Running club starting M & W am's

Track & Field starting in the classrooms

Jacquie Bischoff & Barb Neuls are involved in a secondary IT club - working on the new website and are looking into virtual classrooms. Some classes are working on their own links.

Will soon have Leigh Lions waterbottles, t-shirts, backpacks etc

### Updates:

Mother's Day Photos:

Full, few families waiting. Has run smoothly

Chris Towers has volunteered to be here 4 - 6, Pam will be here 6 - end

Playground Equipment - motion to approve payment of \$3000 deductible to replace vandalized playground equipment. Motion made by Craig, 2nd by Tricia, all in favour

Replacement value of burned equipment is \$18,000

District arranges replacement, timeline is unknown at this point – Ivano will look into this

It was agreed that we would like to have it done by May 15th or wait until September so the equipment is not vandalized again over the summer months.

Playground stencils:

A quote from a union approved contractor has been submitted to Mr Derpak - waiting to hear back from him on how much the district will pay.

Campbells labels for Eduction:

Counting in progress - believe the program ends at the end of April. Must order by May 15th. Christine suggested that Rob bring them into the next counting day and the volunteers can help him.

Fruit & Veggie program:

nothing new to report

Emergency Preparedness:

nothing new to report

Grade 5 Leaving committee:

Going to remind grade 5 parents to send individual kindie photos by April 16th  
Hoping to hand out yearbook at the end of the year end activity day June 18th so they have time to sign them. Next meeting: May 6 @ 6:30

Green Committee:

Held off pouring cement due to cold weather

A parent has come forward willing to donate some pre-mixed cement. Will help reduce costs, will only have to buy gravel. Tentative date of April 16th - will depend on Rod Gill who is volunteering to help with the finishing.

Motion made by Scott for \$300 for the Green Committee to complete this year's portion of the Leigh Walk of Fame. 2nd by Pam, all in favour

Hot Lunch:

Going well, nothing to report

Movie Night:

Mom's Movie Night is Friday - going well. Have 70 tickets sold.

For Sept want to do an outdoor movie night. Theatre Under the Stars idea. We will look into renting an outdoor screen. Leanne said City of Port Coquitlam was using similar equipment at Sun Valley Park last year, perhaps they will rent it out? Janet will look into this.  
Approx cost through party rental places is \$1200. Thought is to do it the first Friday back to school. Craig suggested approaching Morningstar to be a corporate sponsor - use as a welcome to the neighborhood etc. Craig has offered to make an initial call to the builders and see if they are doing some joint marketing etc. Janet would like to do a BBQ first etc. and will look into booking Coquitlam Fire & Rescue grille.

Janet would like to try an after school movie night in June: perhaps "Hotel for dogs". This would be a simple event - sell tickets at the door. Kids would still need to have a parent responsible for them. June 12<sup>th</sup> is a possible date.

Carnival:

2nd Planning meeting was held March 9th. Committees are set and doing their own work. Notices for class raffles will go out near the end of April. May 22nd is the work party. Will need to book our grade 5 training day for a few days before Carnival. Next Planning Committee date is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Minnekada Liaison: Dance was lots of fun, but not a money maker. There is talk of doing the Mardi Gras next year.

Retirement tea for Jan Smith:

Deidre has only received 1 disc of photos so far. Hopefully people will start to send them in. Trying to find ways to get the word to the older kids. Minnekhada does not have a PAC newsletter. Ivano can try and communicate it to the Minnekhada office. Perhaps Terry Fox will put something something in their newspaper.

We have an email address set up to send photos to: [smithtea@hotmail.com](mailto:smithtea@hotmail.com)

Plant Sale: notice will be out after Easter Weekend. Plants will be delivered May 8th.

The Mom + Son = Fun Night event: set date April 24th

Going to do a pizza and pop night. Play dodgeball, bingo, ice cream sundae station & movie. 6-8 people on the committee. Next meeting will be Wednesday April 15th at 9:00 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. Will be looking for some dads to help out, or moms that don't have boys  
Tickets \$10

Tricia made a motion to spend up to \$100 on this event, 2nd by Craig, all in favour

Parent Ed:

Parenting in a Cyber Age - 7pm Thursday, May 21, 2009

Blakeburn Elementary 1040 Riverside

Trying to figure out how many people are coming from each school. Christine has volunteered to be the RSVP person for our school to tally numbers.

DPAC - What parents need to know about their child's assessment

I want to know how my child is doing

April 8, 2009 Wilson Ctr 6:30 - 8:30 RSVP required

CTA (Coquitlam Teacher's Association)

Encompass Parent Presentations

April 16 - 18 Heritage Woods

Variety of speakers

Full conference for parents is \$50 (can pay for individual speakers as well)

New Business:

Scott reporting back regarding the Insurance package program Ivano brought up last meeting. How it works is that you sign up for membership which gives you access to insurance services at a discount rate. Checked online and couldn't find anything negative about the program, which means it is either good or very new. The underwriter is Lloyd's of London which is reputable. Scott received a quote on home insurance which was about 12% lower. Do not need membership just to get a quote. If you go forward, you become a member for \$20 - then \$5 would come back to your PAC. Decided not to proceed with this program due to liability concerns and the return is minimal.

Janet is proposing a fall parent dance. She is considering some time in October, again as a welcome to new families and to kick off the new school year. She would like establish a committee to start the planning process. This could be used as a fundraiser for the new playground. Discussed various music options and would like to approach Dave Cadwalader (Caddy's Mobile Music) to hire him for this event.

Craig mentioned that last year Mrs Goodie's room was extremely hot for both students and the teacher and was wondering whether the PAC may be able to help by providing a portable air conditioner. Several issues to consider are: although Mrs. Goodie's room is the only one facing directly south, other classrooms are warm – is it fair to provide for only one? It is important the unit is not noisy. Craig will look around at the prices and models and come back to the next meeting. At the next meeting there will be a motion to spend up to \$600 on a portable air

conditioner for Mrs Goodie's classroom.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 by Scott, 2nd by Pam, all in favour.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 7pm.