

LPAC Meeting March 4, 2009

Introductions: Tracy McRitchie, Wedy Caldarone, Kelly Martin, Tam Shepert, Pam Fletcher, Rob Stephenson, Janet Kampf, Christine Knoll, Kim Egli, Joanna Hourihane, Scott Young, Jen Henderson, Kathie Metzner, Tricia Fung, Ivano Cecchini

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve by Tam, seconded by Janet. Minutes approved

Treasurer's report: The gaming account was audited. A few recommendations were made. 1. Gaming account cheques need to be imprinted with the full organization name and the words "gaming account". 2. Gaming account records are to be retained for a period of 5 years from the end of the fiscal year in which the revenue was disbursed. This was specifically directed to cancelled cheque # 131 not being retained or provided for the purpose of the audit. 3. Cheques need to be signed by at least two signing authorities, one of which must be an officer.

Principal's Report: Kindergarten registration is now at 38 students which is the most we've had in several years. School logo was chosen by student election and Ivano is looking into having T-shirts made. Hip Hop classes are running in the school the week of March 9 - 13th, there will be a performance on the last day. The photographer has offered to come to the school and meet with the PAC regarding the lack of satisfaction with the student photos taken in the fall. Ivano has been approached regarding a fundraising program for the 2009/2010 school year for a membership type program where a percentage would be returned to the PAC. Scott has agreed to take a look at the program and report back at the next PAC meeting.

Parent exercise: As new staff and kids come into the school between parents and staff we would like to be able to state as a community what we are about and value as a school. Ivano asked that the PAC answer the following questions. These questions were also posed to the school staff. Answers will be compiled and sent home in a future newsletter.

- 1) What are we proud / what do we do well (facility, events, opportunities, traditions, belief, etc.) as a school community?
- 2) What do students believe we do well? What do they value about our school?
- 3) What do teachers believe we do well? What do they value about our school?
- 4) When students leave our school at the end of Grade 5 what do we want them to have learned? (Big picture)
- 5) What do we want them to say about our school?
- 6) What are we doing currently to help ensure that students are learning what we want them to learn and saying what we want them to say?

Updates:

Mother's Day Photos 23 families scheduled out of 25 time slots. Time slots will come home with students before Spring Break.

Playground Equipment: Playground committee has received several estimates that were much higher than the funds we have available (\$70,000 - \$ 90,000). The playground committee is therefore looking at something smaller (similar to the climbing tower at both Minnehaha and Irvine). The cost for such an item is approx. \$ 23,000 - \$ 25,000 for the piece of equipment,

\$ 6,000 for site prep. and \$ 6,000 - 7,000 for installation, for a total approx. cost of \$ 35,000 - 40,000. Due to the cost exceeding the funds currently available it has been decided to delay the purchase of this item until next school year.

District insurance policy will cover the damage to the lower playground, however, they do not have the funds available to pay the deductible of \$ 3,000 - \$ 3,500. Therefore, the PAC would have to pay the deductible in order to have the lower playground repaired (approx. value \$ 16,000.00).

A vote will take place at the next PAC meeting to approve the expenditure of funds for payment of the deductible.

Playground Stencils: Nothing to report.

Fruit & Veggie Program: Next delivery is April 21st.

Emergency Preparedness: Nothing to report.

Grade 5 Leaving Committee: June 18th has been booked for the day of fun.

Green Committee: Trying to go ahead with a concrete pour on the upper level of the tiered garden for each student to place a hand print. The project will take place one classroom at a time with parent volunteers. As many classes will be done this year as possible (1/3 to 1/2 of the school). Total approx. cost involved is approx. \$ 1200.00. Scott has put forth a motion to provide \$ 300.00 to the Green Committee to start this project. Seconded by Pam. Next Green Committee meeting to be held March 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Hot lunch: Counting day was held this week. Some order forms seem to have been misplaced. Popcorn & apple juice day this Friday. Subway cost has increased substantially, so they will be looking at alternatives.

Movie Night: Movie shown was Madagascar 2. 46 families attended, tickets were sold at the door. Mom's movie night is Friday April 3rd, lots of vendors, some new to B.C. Manicurist and massage therapist have been booked. Some parents have approached Janet to use the proceeds to sponsor parents within our school community that are participants in the Weeked to End Breast Cancer and Ride For The Cure.

Carnival: Next planning meeting is Monday March 9th at 7:00. Huge turnout at the last planning meeting, approx. 30 people. Committees and sub-committees have been formed to handle the workload.

Minnekhada Liaison: Minnekhada Spring Fling dance is this Friday March 6th (8 p.m. - midnight), tickets available at the door, live band, 50/50. Tickets are \$ 10.00. Future grade 6's and parents are visiting Minnekhada the evening of Thursday March 5th. Minnekhada orientation for students will be in May.

Retirement Tea for Jan Smith: Deidre attended the retirement planning meeting. Suggestions for parent participation is food, photos (needed soon). A tentative date has been set for June 11th.

New Business:

Mother/son event: There is concern that an additional event this spring would tap the volunteer population. Idea has been tabled until next month's meeting to determine if there is enough parent interest in this event to make it run.

Plant sale: Delivery for plants is May 8th. Order form will go home mid-April.

Combined Parent Ed Seminar - Parenting in a Cyber-Age: Blakeburn would like to hold a Seminar (cost \$ 350.00) on parenting in the Cyber-Age and have approached our PAC to participate. There are currently 2 - 3 PAC's interested in participating at a shared cost. Presentation is normally geared to Gade 5's and up, but speaker would revise to be more appropriately directed to the Grade level of our students. We currently have \$ 150.00 in the parent education budget which will be put towards this seminar.

PAC elections: PAC elections for the 2009/2010 school year will take place in May.

Motion to adjourn by Kathie, seconded by Tricia. All in favour. Meeting adjourned 8:24 p.m.

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