

LPAC Meeting – May 6, 2009

Meeting called to order 7:07

In attendance: Kathie Metzner, Tracy McRitchie, Rob Stephenson, Kathy Strath, Jody Ewart, Craig Hodge, Ivano Cechinni, Deidre Pattenden, Kim Egli, Christine Knoll, Pam Fletcher, Jennifer Henderson, Tricia Fung, Janet Kampf

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept by Craig Hodge, seconded by Kim Egli, all in favour.

Elections:

Pac Chair:

Jen Henderson's last year here at Leigh and Kathie Metzner states she would consider the position if someone would run as co-chair. [Note: Kathie has since decided not to return as Co-Chair due to conflicting commitments.] No one else expressed interest at this time.

Jody has offered to let her name stand for Treasurer

Tracy McRitchie has offered to take on the position of secretary.

Member at large positions will be voted on in September to allow parents that are new to the school to become involved.

Christine Knoll has agreed to let her name stand for the Fruit & Veggie co-ordinator.

Hot Lunch - nobody has stepped forward at this time.

Fundraising co-ordinator will continue to be shared amongst the parents.

DPAC co-ordinator - nobody has stepped forward at this time.

Parent education co-ordinator - nobody has stepped forward at this time.

Minnekhada Liason - Tracy McRitchie has agreed to let her name stand.

Traffic & Safety - nobody has stepped forward at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

Contains actual figures reported up to April 30th and budgeted amounts for balance of year.

Principal's Report

Staff would like to thank the parents for all their participation in the school activities.

Maypole was held last Friday evening, the school entered a team.

The Kindergarten circus went well.

Students are preparing for the District Track & Field event.

Activity day will be May 15th.

Leigh wear order has been placed and should be received in the next couple of weeks. A second order may happen in September or October based on interest.

Feedback has been requested regarding the Christmas concert. The idea was presented to hold an afternoon dress rehearsal at the school, with one evening Christmas concert in a different venue (such as Minnekhada or Kwayquitlam) in order to accommodate the number of people requesting tickets for the evening performances. Feedback was mixed amongst those attending the meeting.

A large number of fieldtrips have taken place so far (Vancouver Aquarium, Fort Langley, Burnaby Village Museum), including some in-school presentations, such as the OWL wildlife centre.

Although the school is thankful for the parent donations made in September towards the fieldtrip fund, it has been noted that some of the staff found it limited their fieldtrip opportunities being required to stay within the limits of \$ 15.00 per student. Therefore, staff prefers to return to the old method of arranging fieldtrips, individually per class. Parents expressed their concern that quality fieldtrips still be maintained for each division.

The school will be receiving a new computer lab next year. However, the school district only provides the computers, not the monitors. The current school monitors are in poor shape. Therefore, prior to May 11th a decision needs to be made whether the PAC is interested in a one time opportunity to cost share the expense of the monitors with the school district. The PAC portion of the expense would be \$ 90.00 per monitor x 30 monitors = \$ 2,700.00. A motion has been made to make a motion at next months meeting (June) to vote on spending \$ 2700.00 towards the purchase of 30 monitors.

Playground equipment - has been tabled until September pending further fundraising. As well, suggestions are being requested for any other options where the funds could be spent in order to improve students' time at the school.

The piece of replacement playground equipment has been ordered but could not be guaranteed to be installed before the end of May, so installation has now been set for end of August.

Stencils Leigh has decided not to participate in this program due to lack of space available to place the stencils on the schoolgrounds.

Campbells soup labels The labels have been counted and the school will be receiving 4 basketballs. This program will be discontinued at the school next year as the labour does not warrant the return.

Fruit & Veggie This week was grape tomatoes "Tomato Tuesday"

Emergency Prep Cupboards will be placed in the multipurpose room for emergency prep supplies.

Gr. 5 leaving Gr. 5 fieldtrip will be June 18th. Leaving ceremony date has yet to be finalized. DVD will be shown on the last day of school at the assembly. DVD and yearbook are well under way.

Hot Lunch Two pizza days still to happen and one ice cream day.

Movie Night There will be no more movie nights this year. Craig has approached Wesbild regarding sponsoring the fall outdoor movie night on Friday September 11th. Wesbild is interested and has requested costs associated with the event. There is also a possibility that it could be a joint youth activity with the city of Po Co as they own an outdoor projector and screen.

Green committee Hope is that the handprints for the Grade 4's will be done before the end of this school year. Balance of the grades to be done next school year. The tiered gardens in the front of the school are in the process of being cleared (parent participation welcomed and appreciated every Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to help clear the tiered gardens). We anticipate having the plant material donated by Mosaic.

Carnival Carnival is being held May 29th this year.
Call for volunteers has gone home.
Class Raffle bundle information has gone home.
Ticket pre-sale order form will go out next week.
Work party Friday May 22nd at 9 a.m. until finished.

Grade 5 training session will be May 28th at 2:30.
Kindergarten students will tour the carnival during set-up on May 29th.
Mosaic has donated \$ 500.00 as a raffle prize.

Minnekhada Liason Wellness Fair was held today at the school.
Participated in Music Monday.
Leigh Gr. 5 students will visit Minnekhada May 11th.

Retirement Tea for Jan Smith Pictures are now starting to come in for the DVD. The tea is being held June 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the gym.

Plant sale Plants are being dropped at 1:00 on Friday. Volunteers are required to sort the orders at that time. Orders need to be picked up by 3:30, at which time the plants will be moved into the multi-purpose room.

Mom & Son night Was held Friday April 24th. 87 students attended with their Mom/alternate and participated in Dodgeball, Tug-o-war, Bingo, ice cream sundae station and movie. Big success thanks to Tricia Fung and her crew of organizers!

Parent Ed Parenting in the Cyber Age - Register by May 18th (correction to date), program runs May 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Blakeburn Elementary

New Business:

Motion to approve payment of up to \$ 600.00 for a portable air conditioner. Craig has priced portable air conditioners. Largest is 12,000 BTU (still portable) which cools a 30' x 30' room by several degrees. The cost is \$ 599.00 plus tax at Home Depot. Christine has spoken to the (new) store manager at Home Depot regarding helping the PAC purchase the unit at a reduced cost. Size of the unit is approx. the size of a 3 drawer filing cabinet which would need to be placed near a window for venting the hot air. Noise level was comparable to that of a fan. Craig has put forth a motion to approve possibly spending up to \$ 600.00 to purchase an air conditioning unit to be placed in Mrs. Goodie's classroom due to heat concerns, after committee formed (Craig Hodge, Kathy Strath, Christine Knoll) has had an opportunity to investigate alternate options, seconded by Kim. 6 votes for, 1 vote against, 1 abstained.

PNE Play Passes The school has been offered the opportunity to sign up for a group discount code with PNE's online ticket program. This would enable school families to purchase discount tickets for Playland, The Fair, Fright Nights and Disney on Ice's online ticket program. Jennifer to contact PNE to set up this program.

Entertainment Books Kathy Strath has volunteered to head up the Entertainment Book fundraising program next year, and will contact Tammy.

Motion to adjourn by Jody, seconded by Pam. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.