

LPAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 - 7pm

In Attendance: Leanne Carder, Christine Knoll, Janet Kampf, Kelly Burkholder, Jody Ewart, Wendy Caldarone, Barb Mulligan, Tricia Fung, Pam Fletcher, Scott Young, Jennifer Henderson, Kathie Metzner, Tracy McRitchie, Nareeta Stephenson, Ivano Cecchini

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve Tracy McRitchie, Jody Ewart second, all in favour, minutes approved

Parent Info:

Backpack Safety, Dr. Nareeta Stephenson, Strawberries & Sunshine Family Chiropractic:

New to Leigh community, twins in kindergarten

In kids spinal disfunction shows as body disfunction

Backpack safety: children shouldn't carry more than 15% of their body weight

Carry backpack on both shoulders or get a cross satchel and wear across body, should sit at hips not hanging down the back

Will get more backpack safety pamphlets to be distributed at the school

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Have closed accounts at Royal Bank: very high fees and wanted us to get a business account. Have opened account at VanCity. Fees are much lower.

Motion to get a night deposit key: The first co-chairperson or the second co-chairperson and the treasurer or the hot lunch coordinators be and is/are hereby authorized on behalf of the company/organization to execute and deliver to Vancouver City Savings Credit Union a Night depository Agreement of Vancity's regular form and to designate at any time to Vancity the person or persons to give valid receipts pursuant to the said Agreement and to cancel any such designations at any time on written notice to Vancity.

Motion by Jody Ewart, seconded by Christine Knoll, all in favour, motion is passed

We have received the gaming grant of approximately \$6200

Principal's Report:

Thank PAC for all work & contributions to the school

Mrs Hourihane off, Volleyball continuing in her absence

Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45 on Monday

School Goal is a Writing Goal. All students have been assessed, now are developing strategies for developing writing

Leigh Pride Program: High expectations for good behavior. Approach is to reward good behavior. Have received Giants tickets which will be used as reward. Fridays will be treat day, once a month pizza lunch.

School coming up with a theme: "Leigh..." eg. Lions. All ideas together, student voice & staff will narrow it down to 3 and then all kids will be able to vote. Hopefully by Friday will have a winner. The school will receive up to \$1000 to help promote this theme/logo.

Trying to organize more theme days.

Another way PAC can help out is to promote that all parent visitors use proper sign in procedures at the office.

Nov 10 : Remembrance Day Ceremony

Nov 13 : Photo Re-takes

Nov 28: Report Cards

Updates:

Hallowe'en:

Hallowe'en for Hunger went well. Going to take a picture of the food and the kids who participated and send it off to the paper. Nareeta suggested weighing/counting the food so we can compare across years.

Feedback: make print on the flyers bigger

Unicef/Share program a bit confusing for the kids doing both. Unicef info came out a bit late this year

Haunted House went well. This year it ran the day before Hallowe'en. Approximately 8 people helped out with decorating.

Security: had a group of about 14 people who patrolled the school Hallowe'en night. No problems were reported.

Family Photo Night:

There will not be a Spring photo for the kids at school. There seems to be enough interest in holding a Mother's Day family photo evening, so Jennifer will book a date with David from Excalibur Photography. We will also work to book a date for Christmas family portraits for Fall 2009.

Hand Sanitizers:

We have been given a case of 10 automatic soap dispensers. Christine left a message at the school board office asking if there are any issues that might prevent us from having these in the school, but hasn't heard anything back. Christine will come back with more information regarding donation of a continued supply of the sanitizer.

Hand washing is preferred by parents, but some classrooms do not have hot water, so this may be a good option for these rooms. Ivano has requested a quote to get hot water but hasn't received info back yet.

LPAC Constitution:

Houses our policies as a PAC, including major decisions made in the past. This is posted on the school website and a paper copy is available outside the office.

Motion to approve the LPAC constitution by Scott, seconded by Tricia, all in favour, motion is passed

Fieldtrip fund:

Only \$352 away from meeting our goal of \$3975.

We will use the proceeds from the next movie night to top up this fund. Usually the Christmas movie night is much higher than regular movie nights, can put the \$352 into the fund and likely will still be able to make a donation to our community.

Playground Equipment:

In order to apply for the grant you must have your plan in place. Deadline is too soon for us to put together a full plan for what we would like (Nov 23). We should start now working on our plan for next year to apply.

Playground Stencils:

714, 708, 706 are the stencils the teachers would be most interested in. We may be able to get the painting done free through a grant that the organizing PAC is working on. We need to put together the ones we like and how many and then submit to the principal at

Porter who is going to try and get it paid for. We would like 1 of each of the above mentioned stencils.

Fruit & Veggie Program:

Going well: tomatoes & carrots more popular than apples. This program will run at the school until January 2009.

Emergency Preparedness:

District is giving each school up to \$500 to top up supplies

Going to try and house supplies in the multi-purpose room, rather than the Boys' Change Room – build a closet possibly. This must be easily accessible from outside.

Grade 5 Leaving Committee:

Hoodie order going in next week. Hopefully will have them by the end of the month. Next meeting is January 7.

Green Committee:

Met Oct 20th. Still looking at cement hand print art project. Gardening Club is looking at trying to remove old / get new plants in the tiered gardens. Perhaps grow some in classrooms and plant the saplings we received. Parents can get involved. Some after school jobs for the kids.

Asked staff about recycling and litterless lunch. Recycling has been an issue with pests at our school. Going to try and coordinate getting rid of the recycling and garbage quickly on hot lunch days when there is more than normal.

Exploring options and benefits of the litterless lunch. Perhaps an education opportunity

Next meeting Nov 17th at 2pm

Hot Lunch:

Want to get the word out that payment by cheque is preferred to cash. Cheques are easier to count and deposit. Also, each child's order should go their own teacher (not grouped with other sibling's)

There was a price increase on all items from suppliers, so we've had to increase our prices to reflect this.

Movie Night:

70 families for Kung Fu Panda. Concession profit was approx \$350

Next movie night is Dec 5th and movie is Horton Hears a Hoo. Janet would like to have

a Science World (35 minutes \$325) show or a magic show before the feature film, instead of a short film then long film. Doors open at 6pm, can start movie by 7:30. We will consider increasing ticket price to cover costs. Christine says there may be a “magician” dad at the school – perhaps he would be willing to do a show. Scott will contact dad Wayne Radford.

Motion to spend up to \$300 on entertainment if necessary at the Christmas Movie Night made by Scott, seconded by Kelly, all in favour, motion is passed

New Business

Snow Pass:

This \$20 pass is for grade 4 & 5's to encourage them to ski at local hills. The pass gets them a couple of free lift tickets at many local hills, including Whistler. It's approx. \$20. Forms may be coming to school shortly. If not, we will promote the website in next PAC newsletter.

Parent Library Helpers & Painting:

Volunteers needed to help re-shelve books in the library when it is not in use. If anyone is interested please call Christine Knoll. Everyday at 2:30 library is vacant, a couple mornings at 9:30. Pam Fletcher has signed up to help with painting a mural above the shelves in the library.

Father/ Daughter Dance:

Janet has proposed holding a Father/Daughter dance on Friday, January 30, 6-8pm, Wintery Ball theme. Victoria C's dad from grade 1 is a DJ and has offered to provide music, one of the moms may be interested in setting up a photo booth, could do a pot luck for food. Janet will take this project on, Leanne and Kelly will help, and others will be needed. There will be a minimal charge for tickets to cover associated costs (e.g., tiaras or other decorations).

Parent Night Out:

Janet wanted to see if there was interest in a parents night out (e.g., dance). This would be a social, not a fund-raiser event. Perhaps something closer to the spring. Will re-visit this at future meetings to see if a committee can be struck.

Motion to adjourn by Tracy, seconded by Kathie, all in favour. Meeting adjourned 8:50. Next meeting Wednesday Dec 3rd at 7pm