

## **Leigh PAC Meeting**

April 7/2010

Call meeting to order 7:07 pm

**Introduction:** Kim Egli, Chris Towers, Tracy McRitchie, Christine Knoll, Pam Fletcher, Janet Kampf, Ivano Cecchini

**Approval of March 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes:** motion to approve by Pam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris, all in favor

### **Reports:**

**Treasurers Report:** Jody absent

- No new deposits since last meeting - Book sale money not deposited yet

### **Principals Report:**

- For kindergarten registration we have 46 registered, the most in quite a few years. This number is replacing the leaving grade 5s. Nice to see growth in enrollment.
- Possible changes for next year due to budget cuts: approx 2/3 in favour of the shorter lunch hour. District probably going to 2 week spring break next year which would mean a longer school day.
- Code of Conduct Review: please review and provide feedback to Ivano.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - Provincial anti-bullying day - wear pink. London Drugs has the pink anti-bullying shirts for \$5
- May 4<sup>th</sup>: some of the BC Lions are coming in to do a Power Smart presentation on energy etc.
- PoCo Parks & Rec Activity is supposed to start next week - free session and then sign up for a 5 or 6 week program. This is a fitness activity.
- Also looking at possibly having a drama lesson in place of the hip hop lesson as we cannot get that booked for this year.

## **Updates:**

**Book Sale / Bake Sale:** Thanks to Kim and Christine for all their help. Kids really enjoyed the sale. Bake sale was the most popular part, so we are going to try and do a donut day or cupcake day. With the healthy schools initiative we have to be careful to not do it regularly, more sporadic. Book Sale made approx \$370.00.

**Gaming Grant:** has gone back up \$20 per student for the 2010/2011 school year. Effective April 1 all Casino grants will be combined into the gaming grant. Can no longer use the gaming funds for playground equipment, but we can use the funds we currently have so we need to get something purchased.

**Movie Night in April:** will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>. May try to do a younger movie because it is a jelly bean dance night so we expect a younger crowd to attend the movie night.

**Mom and Son night:** need volunteers for May 7<sup>th</sup> to help run the mom and son night

**Carnival:** everything seems to be going OK. Victoria Hall needs the tables back the night of Carnival. Will put it on the volunteer sheet to sign up to help transport the tables.

**Local Family assistance:** help for the local family whose home has burned down. Looking for furniture, dressers, coffee tables, couches. If anybody has anything they can donate, please contact Tam Shepert.

**Playground Equipment:** there are only certain playground companies that District 43 likes to work with. We would like to aim to get something purchased and installed in Sept or Oct. We also have to keep in mind that the upper playground will need to be replaced soon. Just to prep the ground alone would be approx \$10,000. Ideally we could put in new equipment where the old strides were. Would like to have a quick meeting to pick something so we can move forward. We have approximately \$30,000 to spend. The old purple playground will not be fixed if anything happens to it, the district would remove it.

**Garden Club:** Kim spoke with Home Depot and they will supply you with the supplies to start up a garden club. Need a teacher's support - Ms McLellan has offered to get involved. May do it after school so parents can get involved as well.

**Fruit and Veggie:** kids are wondering where their fruit & veggies are. This program was on an 8 week break. Starting up on April 20<sup>th</sup> with

sugar peas. Our time may be up in September but this hasn't been confirmed yet and we would love to get an extension.

**Emergency Prep:** Laura absent

**Grade 5 leaving hand print sidewalk:** we have put \$500 aside for the green committee. No updates at this time.

**Hot Lunch more volunteers for April 30/2010:** Christine, Chris and Pam can help out.

**Minnekhada Liaison:** Bruce Carabine (principal) will be retiring as of the end of this school year.

**New Business:**

- **Cards by Me:** A fund raising idea for next year. This does involve the teachers getting involved so will need to check with them to see if they are interested. Each child designs their own card, then parents can order them by the set. A set of cards is approx \$15 (12 cards with envelopes) or you can get a calendar. School gets a percentage of the sales. Ivano will bring this to the teachers and is wondering about doing it during the first week back to school in Sept.
- **Cupcake day or Donut Day:** Krispy Kreme also does a fund-raiser that is apparently easy and a good money maker.
- **Chocolate Bars:** Cedar made \$8000 selling chocolate bars. They did it as a contest with PAC prizes. Will explore this option.
- **Plant Sale Forms:** coming out soon
- Last day of school in June is a Monday because the Tuesday is a Pro-D Day.
- Want to change the next two meetings to start at 7:30pm

**Next meeting:** May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:0pm. We will be holding elections at this meeting. We will have the wine and cheese start at 7pm and start the meeting at 7:30.

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 by Pam 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy, all in favour.