

Feb 2/2010 Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:06 p.m.

In attendance: Tricia Fung, Pam Fletcher, Christine Knoll, Kim Egli, Janet Kampf, Ivano Cecchini, Chris Towers, Deidre Pattenden

Approval of Minutes from December 2009 meeting: Motion to approve minutes by Pam Fletcher, seconded by Christine Knoll, all in favour. Minutes approved.

Reports:

Treasurers Report: Updated as of Dec. 31st.

Principals Report:

- Would like to thank the parents for the effort put forth for the Snowflake Ball.
- Currently taking place in the school there is basketball for Gr. 5 girls and boys, maypole.
- Kindergarten registration took place today, there were 32 students registered on the first day. We are the only school in our immediate area that is not offering either full day Kindergarten or French immersion.
- The district budget is forecast to be \$ 2 million dollars in debt as of June. In response, the budgets have been cut for the board budget accounts, which is maintenance, staff development, IT, etc. They are also taking back approx. 10% of the funds currently in the school account. A similar cut is anticipated for next years budget.
- In the staff meeting they have been discussing focus and efficiency within the classroom/time management. Part of this is a request for as few disruptions during classroom time as possible.
- The school has been embracing the Olympics throughout the school year in a non-commercial/non-political manner, yet embraces goal setting and spirit. A number of activities are being planned by classroom teachers. Two school wide assemblies will be held at that time, the first will be around the time of the opening ceremonies (Feb. 15th or 16th), Stephen Unser was a torchbearer and will come in to do a presentation. Towards the end, Feb. 26th, Katie Weatherston will speak to the students regarding goal setting. The school is requesting that the students who are ringette/hockey players wear their uniforms or red and white. There will also be in classroom activities.

- There have been many new families coming to the school for tours, some of which will start here in September.
- April 14th will be the parent initiation night for new Kindergarten students.
- Hyde Creek Classic Triathlon: Last year there were participants from Leigh in the triathlon. They are hoping that there will be even more involvement this year by both teachers and students. The triathlon promotes an active lifestyle for families and is not of a competitive nature. Once again, the triathlon will be broken up into Elementary and Middle school divisions. There is an option to register as a team or individually. The triathlon will be held on April 18th. Registration forms are available at the school office or online for teams, individual registration forms are available at Hyde Creek Rec. Centre or online. At the elementary school level the participants do a 100 m swim, 2.5 km bike and 1 km run. The cost to enter is \$ 33.00 per team (3 people per team \$ 11.00) before April 4th, after that there is a late registration fee of \$ 42.00. Last day for registration is April 16th. They are also looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event. There is a volunteer page on the web-site, and certification of volunteer hours are available for students.

Updates:

Christmas concert: The Christmas concert was very well done. The PAC very much appreciates the efforts of the staff and students.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch: The luncheon was a success, there was plenty of food.

Snowflake Ball: There were approx. 115 girls in attendance. There are 140 female students in the school. Funds raised were donated to the Gaby Davis Foundation. There was \$ 485.00 raised from the wishing well. Plus, after expenses are finalized, there is hope that there will be \$ 2.00 per ticket donated, for a total donation of \$ 685.00. The funds raised will go towards purchase of a Gaby Davis backpack which will contain items needed by the family of a sick child. Letters have been sent to other local schools in the area to encourage them to participate in a similar event in their own school next year. Thank you everyone for your participation and help. There are still some decorations in the adult ed room for pick-up.

Meeting with the North Side schools: There was a meeting Jan. 18th with several of the North Side schools. There is a proposal for the schools to pool their resources for things such as parent education, collaborating on a movie license, sharing popcorn machines, tables, chairs, etc. There was also talk of rotating discussions of internet safety, sex education, middle school transition and new math programs for parents. Several people are doing research and there will be another meeting in March to discuss findings.

Date for fall Photo Night: Same dates as last year (Nov. 1st and 2nd) have been reserved.

Fruit and Veggie: Dates Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 22, Apr 19. May 3, May 17 and May 31. List of foods are in the February PAC newsletter.

Emergency Prep: Nothing to report.

Grade 5 leaving: There will be another meeting soon. Date T.B.A.

Hot Lunch: Nothing to report. Laura Cain has taken over Gina Youngs position.

Traffic and Safety: Suggestion to add to every newsletter that the round-about is for drop off only, no parking.

Minnekhada Liaison: The current principal will be staying until the end of the year.

New Business:

- **PAC room clean-up:** An e-mail will be sent out requesting volunteers to help clean-up and go through the PAC office and old paperwork.
- **Mom and Son event:** Tentative date for this event is Friday May 7th. There will be a planning meeting in the end of February. Bring any ideas you may have.
- **Parent Volleyball Feb 19/2010:** Notices are going home this week. People can register as singles or teams. There will be refreshments for sale in the multi-purpose room.
- **Mom's night out will be March 19th:** This year's theme is Bollywood. Namaste, the Indian restaurant will be catering, there will be hennas, readings, yoga, belly dancing, karaoke and bollywood style dancing. Funds raised this year will be donated to Dress for Success, which helps dress women for return to the workforce.
- **Reading Club:** Deidre Pattenden and Kathy Krahn Deidre and Kathy have expressed an interest in running the Red Cedar Book Club. The cost is \$ 300 - \$ 400 to purchase the books, which will remain in the library once the club has completed reading 19th. There has been concern that this is not an item that the staff had requested funding for, therefore there will be further discussion at next months meeting, with a vote to take place during the April meeting.

- **Carnival:** The first carnival planning meeting will be held Feb. 10th at 6:30 pm. The date of Carnival has been changed to June 4th.
- **Handprint sidewalk:** This is a tradition that the PAC would like to continue. There would need to be someone to head-up this initiative. A suggestion has been made that the Gr. 5 leaving committee take this on.
- **Matching day** : There was concern expressed that matching day was exclusive instead of inclusive. Some students felt excluded if they did not have another student to match.
- **Purchase of tables:** Janet is making a motion to spend \$ 200.00 to purchase more tables for use during events. Seconded by Christine Knoll. All in favour.
- **Used book/magazine sale:** Janet has proposed a used book/magazine sale for the dates of March 24th and 25th. Books can be donated March 22nd and 23rd. Leftover books will be donated. Funds raised will go towards PAC initiatives.
- **Spring sports events:** Some of the younger students have requested a spring sports event (similar to the fall hockey tournament for Gr. 4's and 5's). Event will be for Gr. 1 - 3. An indoor soccer tournament has been decided upon, which will take place April 27th, 28th, 29th.
- **Afterschool movie:** Janet would still like to pursue an after school movie day. Ivano would prefer not to host such an event as there are issues surrounding liability and supervision of students.
- **Saleema Noon:** Parent evening will be Monday June 7th, with daytime presentation to the students on Wednesday June 9th. Watch for further information to come home.

Motion to adjourn by Tricia, seconded by Christine.
Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.