

Meeting Minutes

November 2/09

Introduction: Call to order 7:05

In Attendance: Kim Egli, Tam Shepert, Janet Kampf, Joanna Hourihane, Ivano, Deidre Pattenden, Laura Cain, Barb Mulligan, Jody Ewart, Tracy McRitchie

Approval of Minutes from October 4/09: approved by Jody, 2nd by Tam

Reports:

Treasures:

Changing over signing on bank accounts. Co-chairs, treasurer and 3 hot lunch coordinators. Other than Gina and Jody, everyone else needs to make an apt and go in and sign the papers.

Still waiting for outstanding deposits

Received \$500 for emergency prep for the school. May/June lunch lady cheque has come in as well as the \$1500 donation from Wesbuild for movie night.

Principals Report:

Thanks for all the hard work on the Halloween activities, kids really enjoyed the day.

Pandemic Plan for the district: will be on the district website. Change from Sept in that they now have a plan for school closures if necessary. Our staff are offered the immunization on Oct 17th.

Approx 11 – 12 kids ill each day, 3 or 4 with the flu. Middle and Secondary schools seem to be getting harder hit than the elementary schools right now. Caretakers are doing more disinfecting now, including door handles. Hand sanitizers inside door of the computer lab so nobody touches a computer without sanitizing.

Writing goal for the school: Grade wide write has been completed. Teachers can collaborate to try and improve.

Saleema Noon: week of June 7th is a good week for the teachers.

Volleyball: Teachers are hoping to put on a tournament. 3 schools involved. Thinking of Nov 25th. Used to be held at Irvine but that teacher has moved on. They held a concession and seemed to bring in a lot of money. Is PAC interested in hosting a concession fund-raiser? They ran out of food. They offered hot dogs and stuff but their tournament was larger than what we will be doing. We could hold it in the multi-purpose room, gives students and parents another place to go besides just the stage. PAC feels like we could do this.

Put into newsletter that we need volunteers for that day for concession.

Ivano is wondering about a plan for snow – volunteers to help remove the snow. Some schools have volunteers that come in and help prepare. We cannot have someone prepare the actual school grounds but we can clear the sidewalks and street going up to the school. Even to help direct traffic. Will put this on the volunteer sheet.

Christmas concert: Dress rehearsal on Dec 15th in the afternoon, afternoon and evening shows on Dec 16th.

Updates:

Recycle Program is all set up at Biggar Bottle depot on Kingsway: families can take their recycling there and put their credit on the Leigh account. Will also take all our event recycling there. We can get a cheque once a month, or once a year.

Laptop for PAC use: last meeting motion was put through to spend \$600. We are going to spend \$600 on the laptop. Kristine will coordinate the purchase for us.

Family Photo Night: going on tonight. Both nights are fully booked.

Entertainment Books: Deposit has been made. We made approx \$500.

Parent Dance: Lots of fun. Short approx \$350. Lots of reasons why: some alcohol couldn't be returned because it was damaged, some money went missing, caretaker expense was higher than expected. People's responses around the school have been great and we think turnout would be better.

Halloween for Hunger: approx 6 more families involved this year than last. There's a lot of food collected. Would like to have the kids who were involved to get a little treat and be involved in the counting.

Halloween Haunted House: turned out okay. Tough with volunteers this year. They missed Scott but Pam did a great job!

Halloween Patrol: there were about 15 people who showed up. Some new people involved which was great. No lights were left on the school, it was pitch black. No damage was done to the school so thank you for your involvement.

Fruit and Veggie: Kristine Knoll absent

Emergency Prep Laura Cain has stepped forward for this: should we start collecting Canadian Tire \$ to help pay for supplies?

Grade 5 Leaving: Kim L absent however everything going fine

Fundraising new items: Laura mentioned the cookies and pie fund-raiser (Minnehada doing this for horse club). Janet asking if anyone has any fund-raisers they are interested in doing. Discussion regarding just asking for donations from parents to the school – in lieu of fund-raising. Will re-visit this in January.

Parent Education: nothing to report

Traffic and Safety: Ivano and Kim met with a man who was hired by the City of Coquitlam to go to the schools and look at the cross-walks, sidewalks etc. He is looking at what needs to be done to encourage walking to school, what needs to be done to make it safer. Our school zone signs are limited and some that are there have been knocked down and not been put up. The corner of Apel and Victoria is agreed to be the worst area.

Hot Lunch: counting day is tomorrow.

Minnekhada Liaison: believe the shows will be on Dec 15th and 16th

New Business:

Recycle old books: Janet was thinking of doing a book sale after school. People to donate old books. Book fair is Dec 4-9 so will want to avoid that time. Perhaps do it before Spring Break. Ms Bancroft will have first crack at them.

Carnival Date: suggesting May 28th

Chris Towers is not doing the raffle prizes this year. She is willing to advise / help whoever wants to take over.

Next Movie night and bake sale need a committee: would like to change from Dec 4th to Nov 27th. Will put out a form and ask for volunteers. Raffle prizes will need to be donated from families, PAC will purchase some, also front row tickets to the Christmas concert will be raffled off, 1 hour in the gym. May choose the movie "UP". Going to show Frosty the Snowman first then the feature movie.

December appreciation lunch for teachers someone to head this up: Dec 14th, Tracy will head this up

Form a Snowflake ball committee: Jan 29th - DJ & multi-purpose room have been booked. Gym not available until after school. Planning committee meeting Wednesday Nov 18th 7:30

Things to do after school for example: Hip Hop, Mad Scientist, Bug zoo: needs to be sponsored by PAC or a staff member

Other new items Moms night or Volleyball: Moms would like to keep mom's night going. Should we do something other than a movie – eg rockband.

Grade 5 Camp: camps book way in advance, may be hard to get organized for this year. For eg. camp Sasamat is \$132 per person for 2 days, 2 nights. Other issue is it does start a tradition in the school and the PAC needs to be willing to do this each year. Ivano would need to discuss with teachers.

Next meeting: changed to Tuesday Dec 1st

Motion to adjourn: at 8:47 by Jody, 2nd by Tam

