

LPAC MEETING – September 14, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:03

Introduction: Kim Egli, Pam Fletcher, Tam Shepert, Jody Ewart, Barb Mulligan, Wendy Gray, Christine Knoll, Joanna Hourihane, Tricia Fung, Kim Lauridsen, Wendy Caldarone, William Ng, Gina Young, Tracy McRitchie, Laura Cain, Deidre Pattenden, Carol Wilson, Janet Kampf

Approval of Minutes: motion to approve by Jody, 2nd by Trisha

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Gaming Funds cut in half: now receive \$10 per child (279 kids)

Gaming funds are restricted to non-school based items eg. Transportation, playground equipment etc.

Budget 09/10 review and approval:

Motion to approve the budget by Barb, 2nd by Tracy

Principal's Report:

Thanks to staff and parents for helping to make the first day pancake breakfast run smoothly
Kids had fun with first week activities - thanks to Julie Eastman for helping to coordinate these activities

Thanks to Janet Kampf for the great Movie Night on Friday. Great welcome to all the new families in the school.

The new computer lab is all in place and we are just waiting for passwords to be setup
School placement delay was due to kids leaving unexpectedly and new kids arriving
4/5 classes are basically full, there is a little bit of room at the primary level, we only have room for 1 grade 5 student, 2 grade 4 students. We did not receive funding for additional staffing.
We are fully within legislation in terms of class size and special needs kids.
Kindergarten teacher is the only new teacher. Ms Duprey will stay for Ms Lochhead; Mrs Bischoff will cover maternity leave for Ms Aiello.

Rainy Day traffic congestion: on a trial basis, we will be opening room 14 and Ms Bancroft will supervise that room until the kids can go to their class. They will go in the backdoor. Kids can be dropped off on Soball and you can see them enter room 14 - should help with congestion.
Opens at 8:45.

Trying to see if the bus will change route for bus pickup to Soball St and not in the loop.

Want to work on improving parent sign in when they are helping out in the school. We will need more because all get used up when 1 class is going an event. If you need to be in the school during school hours, you need to sign in.

Continuing with writing goal for the school.

Discussion was had regarding future growth of the neighborhood and what the district is doing to plan for an influx of students. Funding is all based on number as of Sept 30th and re-evaluated each year.

Half the classes next year will go to full-time kindergarten and the other half the following year.

Updates:

Net book/laptop for PAC use:

Christine is volunteering her husband to do the research on this, will report back next meeting.

Teacher's Wish List:

List was made last school year. Teachers will prioritize now that the budget has been approved.

Family photo nights booked for November 2 and 3. We need someone to head this up. Pam Fletcher did the Mother's Day photo session. Excalibur has been booked already. Pictures would be ready for Christmas. Pam and Barb Mulligan will do this.

\$500 rebate from emergency prep received. We need someone to do this position.

Entertainment Books:

Campbell labels for education: we ordered the camera but we do not know where it is. Jen Henderson has been contacted to see if she has any information.

Fruit & Veggie Program: starts Tues Sept 22nd. Funded by the Ministry of Health and BC Agricultural Growers. We have 4 months left since we started in a January, but we are hoping they will keep us going until the end of the school year. Pam Edwards is helping out this year, could use 1 or 2 more people. Forms have not gone out yet and we start next week. Going to put together a list of new students and get a form home for them and then also handle the kindergartens separately. Can use last years for the returning students.

Emergency Prep: no one has stepped forward at this time to take this one

Grade 5 Leaving committee: we need to get a committee going for this. Kim will chair and Trisha will help.

Green Committee: Scott would like to get another set of hand prints done soon.

Fund Raising:

285 people paid for at movie night on Friday night. \$1600 profit from movie night. We received \$1500 from Westbild. City of PoCo provided the generators and screens at a huge reduction for us. Collected 87 pieces of school supplies and 90 pieces of food for SHARE plus \$30. Janet is working on thank you notes for the RCMP, fire, Westbild etc.

Tam Eberle has offered to help out with movie nights.

Thinking of movie night in Oct and doing ET. Oct 30th.

Thinking of putting on a street hockey tournament 4 on 4. Just for grades 4 and 5. Kids can put their own teams in. Want to put this on next week after school - Tues, Wed and Thursday. Can have a spare on the team. Going to do the scheduling once the teams are submitted. Each game is 18 minutes, with 2 minutes in between to change. Individuals are welcome to register on their own. Thinking of having 2 leagues e.g. house and rep. Each team needs to have a parent rep.

Also working on the Parent Dance. Proposing Oct 16th. Going to go with DJ Dave (Caddy's Mobile).

Christmas Movie: proposing to do this on Dec 4th

Proposed Date for Snowflake Ball: January 29th, 2010.

Traffic and Safety:

Need a coordinator for this

Hot lunch dates:

Popcorn day for kindergarten is Oct 9th not Jan as the order form stated

Minnekhada Liaison:

Elections:

Emergency Prep:

Laura Cain and Wendy Gray will coordinate getting the comfort kits prepped this year to go home with forms on Wednesday.

DPAC:

5 Members at Large:

Pam Fletcher

Christine Knoll

Wendy Gray

Deidre Pattenden

Chris Towers

Traffic and Safety Coordinator:

Parent Ed Coordinator:

New Business:

New school website: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/leigh/Pages/default.aspx>

Playground Equipment:

Events at school: hockey tourney, movie nights, parent event, etc

Saleema Noon: she is in the budget for this year. We usually have her come and speak at the school every 2 years. Ivano will present the idea as well as the date options to the teachers so they can decide if they want to go forward with this and if so, come up with what dates will work for them. If we decide to go forward, we will need to have a permission slip go home that will need to be returned with either permission given or not given for the child to attend the sessions.

Next meeting date: Tuesday Oct 6th. Going forward, meetings will be the first Tuesday of every month.

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 by Pam, 2nd by Barb