

September 5, 2012 LPAC meeting minutes

Attendance: Kim Lauridsen, Angie Covo, Claudia Ruiz, Kulli Yee, Ingrid Bahng, Tammy Pastro, Laura Cain, Deena Lewis, Jennifer Stephenson, Jenn McCreedy, Robyn Hollingshead, Christine Knoll, Tracy Scribner, Koreen Garofalo, Anthony Bischoff, George Tuan, Michelle Tuan, Tony Mitchell, Marica Federation, Kim Egli, Mary Smith, Deidre Pattenden, Tracy DeGusseme-Matheson, Tricia Fung, Barb Wolgemuth, Remi Collins

Meeting called to order 7:02 p.m.

Welcome and introduction of our new principal: Remi Collins

Introductions of all in attendance.

Reminder to check the new parent board at the entrance of the school.

Principal's Report:

Pancake breakfast was very well attended; thanks to Coq. parks and recreation for tables, to the lions club for their support and to the staff for all their help preparing for the breakfast.

We currently have 342 students, a number of late registrations—larger numbers of primary aged children

Due to the number of registrations and the need to anticipate future student enrolment, the amount of teachers may need to be expanded resulting in additional classes. In order to eliminate the need to move students at a later date, classes may not be finalized until Monday. Thank you to Ms. Eastman for her assistance with the organization of the classes.

Our Coquitlam Parks and Recreation liaison-Chill, will look at starting an afterschool program— he will begin with one program and then build from there.

Built up the Leigh PAC webpage--- will allow PAC members to upload info to the site and have info available to parents—working on getting an email available for PAC members

Getting to know the children—introduced himself to all the students today.

Forms will be sent out when children are in their classrooms. Discussion about electronic forms—at this point will need to make the information easier to coordinate before considering their use.

Wireless is in place.

Treasurer's Report:

Update on the finances-yearend financial report. See attached reports

New Business:

A motion to vote on replacing the upper playground put forth by Michelle, seconded by Marica. Vote will take place at the next PAC meeting.

Remi asked the PAC to remember that this playground is primarily used for kindergarten children.

Setting a goal for fundraising will possibly assist in getting parents involved—keep parents informed.

Discussion regarding applying for additional grant money

Would like to work on keeping the community feel within the school— could do this with activities such as movie nights

A motion to obtain a movie license at a cost between \$750-\$1000 put forth by Marica, seconded by George. Vote will take place at the next PAC meeting.

The movie license would allow us to acquire new releases and show them prior to their release in movie stores.

Marica announced that she will be sponsoring movie nights this year.

Martial arts fundraiser –will take place Monday Sept. 17 to Friday Sept.21 from 8:25 a.m.-8:55 a.m.

Mom’s night out will be held-September 28th 6:30-9:30p.m.

There are 23 confirmed vendors which will offer products and services such as mini spa services. A letter will be sent out soon to parents asking for more vendors and will contain more information on the night. There are currently two comedians booked. “Unwrapped” tickets may be available for sale or a pre-order may be available that night.

Entertainment books-report by Tracy Scribner

We will be selling the Values coupon book at a cost of \$20 each. All children will take a book home. The books will be sent home in an envelope containing information on costs etc. Hoping to get them sent out September 15th Would like to have special “turn in days-have tables set up outside—try and make it an event –would like to have an assembly to get children excited about bringing the books back.

We will have to look at dates that work best for sending out the books as well as an assembly due to number of forms and information that will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Family photo night with Excalibur Photography is set for Oct. 1 and 2 between 5-8:50p.m. More information will follow.

Discussion regarding supplies that will need to be purchased to utilize the wifi—would like to make sure that we have the skills in place and commit to using them before we purchase anything—suggestions for ipads for classrooms would cost around \$6-7000

There were some questions and discussion as to where the PAC monies can be spent. The PAC money is to be spent on enhancing student life within the school and can include such things as classroom incentives, transportation for field trips and playground structures.

Hot lunch:

A motion to provide a free hot lunch to the students at an approximate cost of \$500 at a date to be determined later, put forth by Laura, seconded by Deena. This will be voted on at the next meeting in October.

Emergency prep:

Laura will purchase crank lights for the earthquake bins.

Minnekhada liaison: Nothing to report

Fundraising: Vacant

Parent education: Vacant

Sexual Health educator Saleema Noon is booked for November

Members at large: Angie Covo, Tracy Matheson. Claudia Ruiz

Grade 5 leaving committee; Kim Lauridsen, Tricia Fung, Barb Wolgemuth

DPAC Representative: Ingrid Bahng has volunteered for this position

Kulli would like to request that any information to be included in the LPAC newsletter be sent to her at kulliyee@yahoo.com

Anthony would like to request an executive email list

Looking for volunteers for fruit and veggie program

Motion to adjourn by Tricia Fung, 2nd by Tracy Scribner. All in favour--meeting adjourned 8:51p.m.