

Leigh PAC April 3, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Barb Wolgemuth, Michelle Tuan, Remi Collins, Lori Daoust-Chow, Ingrid Bahng, Anthony Bischoff, Deidre Pattenden, Christine Knoll

Approval of agenda by Deidre 2nd by Christine

Approval of minutes from LPAC March 6, 2013 meeting by Lori, 2nd by Michelle

Principal's Report: Remi Collins

Remi suggested perhaps having Jesse Miller come to present at the school every other year –similar to the Saleema Noon presentation. Jesse is currently working on a presentation for a younger audience.

Remi felt the key message from the presentation was to make sure parents are informed and make sure kids talk to parents about their online presence. Jesse talked to the children today and reinforced that sometimes children stumble across bad sites and it is important for children to let parents know—talked about stranger's online, instagram, and how strangers can access your information.

Budget process—email sent from the district to the parents

Enrollment is steady-350 students for next year-cross catchment is closed-want to make sure we have room for new enrollment.

Articulation for Grade 5 students will be happening in April and May

Early dismissal Thursday April 11-parent teacher interviews

Chair's Report: Michelle Tuan

Still working on getting David Pavane workshop on social responsibility.

Chill from Coquitlam parks and recreation has contacted a cartoonist for afterschool workshops and will contact us to see what other programs will be available.

Treasurer's Report: Anthony Bischoff

Bank balance is currently \$45,000

Awaiting carnival receipts

Parent Communication: Kulli absent

Michelle asked for anyone with information for the newsletter to contact Kulli.

DPAC: Ingrid Bahng

Nothing to report

Minnekhada Liaison: Deidre Pattenden

Minnekhada students will be participating in the 30 hour famine as a fundraiser for children in Africa.

Hot Lunch: Laura Cain absent, Christine Knoll reporting

April, May, June, Activity day and snack day orders will be online tomorrow through munch a lunch.

Families have been asking for refunds if their children are not here for lunch—in the past no refunds have been given. When people are making the order and in the email confirmation it needs to be stated that no refunds will be given as this is a PAC fundraiser. These events are run by parent volunteers.

Grade 5 leaving: Kim and Tricia absent. Remi Collins reporting

Most pictures have been taken-just a few more to do. Student questionnaires for the yearbook will be going out soon.

Ceremony will be held June 27

Staff are currently looking at ways to limit the length of the assembly due to the larger number of students.

Discussion:

Discussion around the capacity of elementary schools in the area- most are close to capacity
4 new portables will take up half of the upper gravel field—originally planned to put the portables on the other side of the fence—due to large amount of runoff the school has been experiencing-the location needed to be changed.

The portables are the same square footage as the classrooms—staff will have a discussion around who will use the portables at the end of the month. There will be a new design and layout and that may change the dynamics of the students using the portables.

When the new elementary school is built they will talk about changing catchment areas.

Parking lots are now locked on the weekend.

New Business:

Motion: Anthony moves to accept the money handling policy to fill out and submit to the chair and treasurer at least one week prior to funds being collected and the treasurer is responsible for ensuring a plan is in place for each PAC event where funds are collected. Should the treasurer be unavailable, the chair will assume responsibility. Motion 2nd by Christine. All in favour—motion passed.

Money handling protocol forms will be kept in PAC file—whoever is the coordinator needs to fill it out.

We currently have \$2500 budgeted for our wish list. Remi will spend \$500 on balls and primary centres from the wishlist money and will come up with suggestions on how to spend the rest at the June meeting. We have to look at creative ways of increasing play value with decreasing space.

Michelle suggested the possibility of purchasing more ipads, so that each child could have their own. Remi said it is important for the children to work together rather than being constantly looking at a screen—right now there is a licensing issue with the apps within the district. Remi wants to make sure that if we are going to expand in our technology that we do it right and that might mean that it may take a few years in order to have meaningful activities.

Boys night out --April 26—Remi will contact Terry Fox for possible volunteers

Teacher appreciation will be held May 7—Ingrid will plan this event.

Date for the updates to the constitution—Kulli will email a date for the meeting—early May

Plant sale information will be coming soon

Mac Matheson—installed the drop box and the safe—Christine will purchase a gift card as a thank you. Reminder that PAC positions need to be filled for next year—Elections will be held at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Michelle 2nd by Christine.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.