

Leigh Elementary PAC

January 13, 2015

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Ingrid Bahng, Laura Cain, Mary Lo-Sng, Tia Tang, Natasha Rozner, Kelli Forster, Kulli Yee, Chris Yee, Michelle Tuan, Christine Cyr, Linda O'Sullivan, Natalie Walker, Remi Collins, Greg Miyanaga

Motion to pass November Minutes – tabled because paper copy not present

PAC Chair Report – Laura Cain

- First meeting for Snowflake ball was head already
- Boys night planning has started
- Vote on teacher wish list items. Christine will go over budget and provide recommendations.

Principal Report – Remi Collins

- Received 50th anniversary memo to celebrate Leigh and the 50 decades. Similar to identity fair and celebrate all the different things in the city. We will be making a new time capsule. We have one from 25 years ago that Mrs. Neuls has. We will keep fairly low key, just a walk through.
- FSA are coming up, letters will be sent home.
- At the school, we need to manage our waste. Challenge is we don't have a safe place for collection from bears. Courtyard is a location but hard to move the bins from there. Ask kids to bring green waste home and from lunch due to the concerns. Composting is an option but can be challenging to have the right management of it.
- New shirts for the school in progress
- Feb 3rd – Kindergarten registration –expecting a busy day that day, best to not visit the office that day if not registering a kindergarten child
- Question raised about parking and drop off – ICBC was here to look at the traffic situation around the school, city engineers been involved as well (school and parking expected to grow for two more years) so looking to plan longer term. Move to a community forum to examine other ideas (like no left turn out of the drive way) Expecting an assessment from the city on the signage and costs. Might explore investing in some cones to block doing the left hand turn when exiting the school.

DPAC Update –Ingrid Bahng

- SD43 has made presentations on the “Traffic Safety Toolkit” to all school administrators. This private intranet site was created as a resource for school administrators to help manage ongoing traffic issues at their schools. After much feedback from stakeholders, five key areas were identified: road safety, parent education, student education, community programs and enforcement of traffic violators. Traffic safety is the responsibility of the school administrators and parents together.

Some suggestions that other schools provided were:

1. Take photos of violators and post them on a wall but you must blur out the license plate and the face. Something like a “Wall of Shame”
2. Walton Elementary trains their Grade 5 kids to help with crosswalk duties
3. Provide “valet service”, open car doors at drop off to help speed up flow of traffic
4. Provide parent education materials in other languages

Treasurer’s Report- Christine Cyr

- Reviewed current state of budget
- Current cash balance: \$54,402: \$15,000 allocated for playground leaving \$39,000 and have \$20,000 of expenses planned in this year’s budget. Budget assumes \$13,500 in fundraising and year to date we have completed \$1,400 in fundraising, we need to increase with the second half of the year. **If there are any parents who are interested in getting involved in fundraising activities, please contact the Leigh PAC e-mail, a PAC exec member or come to the next meeting. We can always use more volunteers.**
- Reviewed the history of the playground fund and plans
- Natalie suggested to have at least \$5,000 in the budget next year
- Fundraising is intended to help fund specific initiatives to be used within the same year
- Discussed use of the existing bank balance
- **Christine stressed that the current budget should be the first thing that the LPAC consider and make sure that is inline prior to any spending of bank cash. Ie, more fundraising or cut expenses as that is our number 1 priority**

Motions

Mr. Miyanaga did a great presentation on how the technology can be used and how it can enhance the kids learning. The kids did a great song to the parents and PAC to say thank you. It was all wonderfully done and was a great illustration.

- Motion to purchase 4 projector sets to include: a projector (\$630 each), **new laptop** (\$650 each), a laptop/projector cart (\$300 each) and a set of speakers (\$50 each). Cost per set is \$1,630 including all taxes, delivery and setup.

motioned by Laura, seconded by Ingrid / 9 in favour and 1 opposed, motion passed

- Motion to purchase up to 3 new document cameras at \$600 each. Total cost of up to \$1,800 including all taxes, delivery and setup.

motioned by Laura, seconded by Ingrid / 8 in favour and 2 opposed, motion passed

- Motion to purchase up to 10 new iPads with retina display, Wi-Fi, 32GB at \$463 each. Total cost of up to \$4,630 including all taxes, delivery and setup.

motioned by Laura, seconded by Ingrid / 7 in favour and 3 opposed, motion passed

- Motion to purchase additional novels and reading sets at \$500 per grade (Kindergarten, grade 1 through 5). Total cost of up to \$3,000 including all taxes, delivery and setup.

motioned by Laura, seconded by Ingrid / 10 in favour and none opposed, motion passed

Remi committed to make all of the purchases above add up to \$15,000 as that is the amount that the PAC agreed to commit to the resources.

Agree that we need to do more fundraising this year to off-set our spending on these important needs for the teachers and our kids. Anyone can come forward with ideas for fundraising at any time.

Committee Updates

Hot Lunch – Mary

- Cookie Day tomorrow
- Hot Lunch/Snack Days is going very well
- Feedback to give more info in September to Kindergarten parents on the various food and lunch programs, next year we could send an information page detailing the different lunch programs at the school
- Need more volunteers for hot lunch and snack distribution

Newsletter/Parent Communication – Shelley Verbeek

- If you have any material that you would like to include in the LPAC Newsletter please send to Shelley

Grade 5 Committee – Grade 5 – Kay Friio

- Hoodies will be ready in the next few weeks. Looking at buses and ways to make the day great.

Snowflake Ball – Shelley Verbeek

- 170 girls attending
- Jan 26th – invitations are being sent out, memo to kindergarten girls will be sent ahead of time to tell them what the Snowflake Ball is all about
- Going to do on Munch and Lunch – still in need of monetary donation and food for the night of the event
- Wishing Well Fundraiser, Me to We Fundraiser – for every \$50 raised a family in Africa receives a goat, already received a donation of \$50 from TD Bank

New Business

- Remi has contacted Jesse Miller (regarding internet safety) about 2K – just confirming the date
- Next PAC meeting is on February 3 , 2014 @7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned – 8:46 pm
