

Mundy Road PAC Meeting – Wednesday, January 21, 2009
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In Attendance: John Pesa, Keith Scheibal, Dalene Schulz, Evelyn Chursinoff, Teri Towner, Carolyn McPolin, Edna Fong, Suzanne Clements, Robin Juergensen, Teresa Battista, Tracy Grisdale, Kelly Zimmer, Bronwyn Cheema, Bryanne Duncan, Ingrid Davitt.

Welcome and Introductions – John Pesa, Chair

- John thanked everyone for attending.
- Motion to approve the agenda by Edna, seconded by Robin; motion carried.
- Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting by Teresa, seconded by Dalene, all in favour, motion carried.
- John thanked Edna for chairing the meeting last month and Teresa for all the work on the budget.

Principal's Report – Kelly Zimmer

- The snow is melting, but we have lots of ice. The custodian has been salting the walkways as much as possible.
- To date, we have 245 students.
- Ken Porter has returned from paternity leave.
- Lucy Goodbrand will be moving to 3 days a week with Lindsay Elder filling in for 2 days.
- There will be an emergency drill in the next 2 weeks for fire and earthquake. Another one is planned for March. There will not be a school-wide release this year.
- There is a calendar of events at the office and will be updated accordingly.
- There is a Recognition Ceremony each month where 3-5 students per class will be recognized. You will receive a call from the office if your child will be recognized, however, this is a surprise for the student, so please don't say anything to your child if they are being recognized.
- There will be new math text books for Grades 4-5. The cost was \$6,200 plus tax which includes the teacher guides. Teachers will be going to workshops to learn about this new way to teach math. Don Gordon is coming to talk about it. This move is provincially wide. There are also new manipulatives for this new program.
- The laptops are here and are configured; however, with all the snow, the cart that the laptops are housed in has gone missing in transit. The head of purchasing for the district is checking into this for us. When they arrive, there will be a parent education night with Brian Kuhn.
- Christmas concerts are every two years and will continue to be. Since we did not have a Christmas concert, perhaps there will be a spring concert. The Christmas concert is the teacher's responsibility, not the principals.

Treasurer's Report – Teresa Battista

This report is from December 1, 2008 to January 21, 2009. We have \$2,743.67 in our general account and have \$205.93 in expenses. We have received \$92.68 in interest on the computer savings account and \$65.45 of interest on the playground savings account. The shopping cards have brought in \$249.07; the pancake breakfast brought in \$259.75; Thrifty's has brought in \$557.93. The Classroom Activity Box budget has been spent. Motion to accept the financial report by Carolyn, seconded by Teri, all in favour, none opposed; motion carried.

SPC Report – Robin Juergensen

The SPC (made up of John Pesa, Robin Juergensen and Kathy Anderson) met and discussed our Action Plan for Learning. The mission statement for our school is to build a safe, caring community that ensures quality learning opportunities for all students.

Oral Language and Speaking and Listening skills is our APL (Action Plan for Learning). There is an assessment done at the end of the school year. Kelly Zimmer will put together a report which assesses our goal. There is a quick scale so that teachers can use this to assess students (it is called "prescribed learning outcomes"). If you would like to see these, please go to www.gov.bc.ca (home page) and then search for the Ministries and Organizations; Education; for parents and then click on Performance Standards. This is more than a one year goal.

Discussion ensued on the idea of public speaking. It was said that this is at the teacher's discretion. Parents were wanting this to be part of school as it is easier to start this in elementary school instead of middle or high school.

Other committee reports:**Parent Education Coordinators – Carolyn McPolin and Sheela Anand**

Sylvan is coming on February 24th at 6:30pm to speak on "At Home Strategies for Success". We would like to book Saleema Noonan in June. We will need to book this with another school or two.

Teri Towner – DPAC (www.dpac43.org)

Teri receives a lot of emails from DPAC. There is very interesting information which is available to parents. Please check out the website.

Campbell Soup Label. Teri is going to bring the box into the library to count so that we can redeem them. She will be sending out an email asking for help.

Playground Committee – Suzanne Clements

We are receiving \$2,500 from G&F Financial. The confirmation letter will be coming soon. We have applied for a Gaming Grant of \$20,000 as well as will be applying for the City of Coquitlam Grant which is \$20,000 as well.

Keith was asking about swings. It was discussed and noted that swings are cost prohibitive, plus you need an enormous footprint for swings. Keith brought in a picture of a tower that he saw at a playground to show everyone.

Robin mentioned that a playground supplier knows that we have applied for grants to change our playground. She is also looking into other grants. If you hear of anything, please let Robin know.

Emergency Preparedness – Teresa Battista on behalf of Shannon Antunes

Shannon wanted to let everyone know that she received \$500 from the district for emergency supplies. She has put items in the shed and is looking for other supplies with the money from the school.

Regarding the stencils: The district has decided who is getting the stencils, but hasn't notified anyone at this time.

Old Business

John mentioned the Health and Safety position which is open. He thanked Robin Benning for all her work on this for us. Keith expressed an interest in this position. Edna nominated him, Teresa seconded, all in favour, none opposed. Keith Scheibal is the new Health and Safety person. Congratulations, Keith!

Open Discussion

Spring Dance – Bronwyn Cheema and Teresa Battista are taking this on. The date is April 4th. We are working at getting a band. Keith has a friend who plays in a band. We would also like any donations for raffle prizes. If donate an item, there will be advertising at the dance.

Ingrid Davitt – Vancouver Coastal Health sent Mundy Road a thank you letter for all the clothing donations they received. We will continue to accept Mens and Ladies seasonally appropriate clothing donations on their behalf.

The hanging baskets and bedding plants will be delivered the Wednesday before Mother's Day.

Dalene Schulz thanked all the parents for helping out with the pancake breakfast.

No other business. Motion to adjourn, none opposed, motion carried.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00 pm in the library.