

## **Parkland Elementary PAC Meeting**

Wednesday December 2, 2015

6:30 PM School Library

Chair: Michelle Valente  
Vice Chair: Beth Latorre - absent  
Treasurer: Kim Parker  
Secretary: Katy Mantel

### **1. Welcome:** Michelle Valente

1.1 Introductions

1.2 Quorum – established

1.3 November's meeting minutes – motion to accept by Wendy Griffiths and seconded by Dee Konopacki

### **2. Principal's Report:** Anita Strang

- Traditional (rule based) vs. restorative (relationship based) approach
  - Any changes take a while to implement and sometimes we have to move backward at the beginning to make future progress
  - Parkland moving towards restorative approach
  - Mrs. Strang would love to discuss the shift in more detail with interested parents – possibly put together some community circles for parents
  - Restorative justice video – one remarkable one is about a woman who's husband was killed by a group of young people coming from a party in Squamish
- Christmas Concert – Thurs. Dec. 17 – 930 am and 130 pm
- Garbage – classes are going out once in a while to clean up but trying to have children take responsibility for the cleanliness of the playground – parents should also be having this discussion at home with their children. Mrs. Strang will send some photos/message home in the principal's blog and hope that the conversation will continue at home.
  - PAC to purchase two large bright garbage cans to highlight the message of keeping our school and school grounds clean
- Charles Best leadership group that is sponsoring a refugee family is coming to speak to our grade 5 classes
  - They want to team up with Parkland to raise awareness and funds for the refugee settlement group
  - They would like to run a movie night to raise awareness and funds for the organization – PAC and school are ok with this

### **3. Committee Reports:**

3.1 Hot Lunch – Dee Konopacki

- \$1800 raised to date for hot lunches
- Montana's is our next hot lunch

- January will be hot dogs and sushi
- Have lots of volunteers thus far this year

### 3.2 Fundraising

- Movie night \$260 profit
- Entertainment books \$1086 profit
- Ongoing/online fundraisers
  - QSP Magazines
  - Boston Pizza
  - Big Brothers
  - Mabels Labels
  - Thrifty Smile Cards
- Upcoming Fundraising Events
  - Christmas Concert – basket raffles – motion to spend \$150 from PAC funds for the baskets – motion to accept by Darryl Mathieson and seconded by Dee Konopacki
  - Spirit Wear – Tara Parkinson and Lyle Chausse working on designs
  - Bricks for Kids – January – sign up on-line – email has gone home to parents
  - Feb. 26 – Express Night
  - March 4 – Movie night

### 3.3 Playground/Green Space

- The equipment quote we received requires further clarification
- The boogie-board price is about \$4400 – consensus is that this is too much for an item that only a child or two could use at the same time
- Discussion about safety
- The PAC will be looking at other options including creative building items – moveable building set
- Ask Habitat representative to attend our next PAC meeting to discuss options

### 3.4 DPAC – Tara Parkinson

- New math curriculum was topic of discussion – K-12 will have a financial component (financial literacy)
- Currently there are four strands of math in high school – want to have eight strands and to contain the history of math – contentious issue is that the ministry does not want to use text books but what is the alternative– right now no one has answer to this

### 3.5 Safety – Lyle Chausse

- Signs have arrived for the pilons, parking spaces, etc
- Reminder to be prepared and have children dressed for the wintery conditions

### 3.6 Santa Breakfast – Darryl Mathieson

- Tuesday December 8 – reminder email to be sent home tomorrow

- Need a few more supplies – crock pots, juice boxes, oranges, still have \$450 of the budget that can be used
- Santa and Mrs. Claus are booked
- Lisa Ferrera will be taking photos
- Lots of volunteers
- Have reached out to the SNAP newspaper to attend the breakfast – our contact was at a late date so unable to confirm

**4. Finances – Kim Parker**

4.1 Bills of Allowance – see attached

4.2 Current Financial Position – see attached

4.3 Review and approval of new expenses

- Have to spend \$4300 this school year
  - Increase budget to \$1000 for outdoor supplies – motioned by Michelle Valente and seconded by Lyle Chausse – voted and approved by those present
  - Purchase hand sanitizer for each classroom – voted and passed unanimously
  - Keva blocks – will be ordered by school in the new year – PAC approved purchase at November’s meeting
  - Laptops – purchase another 15 for a complete class set of 30 - \$350 each (approx. \$5150 for 15) – voted on to purchase 15 and passed unanimously
  - PAC Website quote \$812 – have a few questions that PAC would like answered prior to voting on spending funds for a dedicated PAC website

**5. New Business**

5.1 Gymnastics – Tara Parkinson – Kerrigan would cost \$1250 to provide 2 weeks of gymnastics instruction to the entire school – Mrs. Strang to speak to teachers - those present voted on approving the funds should the teachers wish to move forward with this proposal

Next PAC meeting February 3, 2016 at 630 pm in the Library.

Motion to adjourn at 845 pm by Katy Mantel and seconded by Christie Zenone.

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PAC Chair

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PAC Secretary