

Parkland Elementary PAC Meeting

Wednesday November 4, 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 Chair Report

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

- If parents have any questions – please bring them to Anita's attention
- Teachers wish list:
 - Laptop cow has been obtained – holds 30 laptops currently have 15 laptops – could use 15 more laptops - for grades 2 and up
 - IPADS for K/1 classes – currently 4 classes so can start with 4
 - Tongs for litter pick up – set for a class (approx. 30)
 - Building materials – Keva blocks – 2 x 800 packs
 - Playground equipment (shovels, pails, skipping ropes, balls, sidewalk chalk, etc. – a set for each class)
 - Multi purpose room – “maker space” – items to fill this room (teachers to provide an idea of what they identify is needed for this space)
 - Dye cut lower case letter maker
 - Playground equipment – get quotes for moveable pieces as well as add ons to the existing pieces. Lisa Schmidt to get us some quotes from Habitat.

3. **Committee Reports:**

3.1 Kilometer club – Kim Parker

- More volunteers needed on Tuesdays & Thursdays to record number of sticks
- Have begun to hand out the ribbons

3.2 Hot Lunch – Dee

- No issues, things are going well, lots of volunteers

- Profit is approx. \$1800 to date and have only had three hot lunches so far this year
- Will be sending out a notice “Dining for Parkland” at Boston Pizza Maillardville

3.4 Fundraising – Michelle Valente

- Entertainment books sold 128 – made approx. \$1000
- Mabels labels - \$75 profit
- Smile Cards – An account has been set up - \$50 made in October. Detailed info on how program works in PAC newsletter.
- QSP – online magazine sales
 - Are going to try snack, chocolate sales as well
- Big Brothers – ongoing clothing donations. Details in newsletter.
- Cobbs Bread. Sutterbrook and Sunwood Square locations.
- Boston Pizza. Flyer and coupon sent home to families explaining how the program works.
- Movie Night – November 27 – Movie will be Christmas themed. Kim Parker to head committee to organize.

3.4 DPAC – Tara Parkinson

- Superintendent’s Report
 - Coquitlam has 400 new students
 - January 2016 will try out a district wide system to pay all school fees, field trip fees, etc
 - “Fresh Grade” a program that is being piloted by 193 Coquitlam teachers
- “At our school” – schools share what works well for them at each DPAC meeting
 - Kilmer Elementary – popcorn days \$1 a bag and make as much as their hot lunches do
- New Curriculum going live Sept. 2016 for Grades K-9 – currently being piloted to varying degrees in the classrooms in Coquitlam
 - Grades 10-12 being piloted next year and will go live Sept. 2017
 - To learn more Google BC New Curriculum or attend next DPAC on Wed. Nov. 25 to hear more about the curriculum and will have someone available to answer questions
 - Highlights:
 - Personalized learning for each student
 - More open ended teaching instead of standing in front of the class and teaching the same thing to all students
 - Children tracking their learning and taking ownership of their learning
 - More meaningful learning not just having children memorize things

- Reporting of child’s successes will be different – want it to be more meaningful to parents and to work more closely with parents to education and raise children together

3.5 Safety – Lyle Chausse

- Back parking lot is extremely congested and flow of traffic is not being adhered to
 - Signs have been ordered to indicate no parking areas, identify exit is exit only
 - Suggested need designated handicap parking spot(s)
 - Noted to be placed on those cars who are parked in non designated parking areas as a friendly reminder.
 - Garbage on the playgrounds/fields has been really bad – have put out more garbage cans on playground during the day, grade 5 leadership group has created a beautification committee to take some ownership over the garbage issue, Grade K/1 class did a big clean up last week.
 - Suggestion to purchase 2 large garbage cans for students to paint. Motion for PAC to purchase. Motion passed.
 - Broken glass – custodian is to do a sweep of the grounds prior to the beginning of the school day
 - With winter season – walkways are to be salted prior to children arriving for school

3.6 Santa Breakfast – Darryl Mathieson

- December 11 – on track

4. Finances – Kim Parker

4.1 Bills of Allowance – see attached

4.2 Current Financial Position – closing balances as of Sept. 30, 2015 \$14,677

4.3 Money in gaming account to be spent by end of year. Decision on how where to allocate money to be determined at next PAC meeting.

5. New Business

- PAC website \$1000 to have it set up – we would own the URL – Lyle to obtain further information on setting up a website. Wanting a more user friendly and appealing way to keep parents informed on PAC initiatives. Any suggestions for the website please forward to Lyle Chausse.
- Anita will look into “prettying up” the school website that PAC can link to

Next PAC meeting December 2, 2015 at 630pm

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm by Lisa Schmidt and seconded by Darryl Mathieson

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PAC Chair

PAC Secretary