

Parkland Elementary PAC Meeting

Wednesday October 7, 2015

6:30 PM School Library

Chair: Michelle Valente

Vice Chair: Beth Latorre

Treasurer: Kim Parker

Secretary: Katy Mantel

1. Welcome: Michelle Valente

1.1 Introduction

1.2 Quorum - established

1.3 Chair Report

- Huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the family back to school BBQ

2. Principal's Report: Anita Strang

- 11 divisions this year
- Has asked for feedback from teachers and parents about placing the students in grade groupings vs. classes from last year for the first week of the school year
- Takes a week to organize classes and to get the go ahead from the ministry to proceed with classes so the school tries to use the time as productively as possible
 - This year the students worked on various activities/community events in their grade groupings
 - All students made a craft of a person and were to draw something on the t-shirt of something that was special to them
 - Students learned new playground games
 - As well, the students moved through teachers throughout the week so teachers got to know more of the students
- Currently working on class charters
 - All students are asked three questions:
 - How do you want to feel when you come to school?
 - What do I/we need to do as individuals in the classroom to feel this way?
 - What do we do if we don't feel this way?
- New this year – outside meeting areas for each class
 - Previous years the noise level in the hallways was much too high at the beginning and end of school days and this method is working to reduce the noise levels and it is making the hallways much calmer
- Two early dismissals planned for October 21 and 22
- BBQ was excellent –
 - Brought up idea of having open house/visit the classrooms night the same night as the back to school bbq next year – still in preliminary stages of this discussion

- Every class participating in the Daily Five reading program
- Playground – because of new construction they builders will provide a large sandbox, trees, benches and community circles

3. Committee Reports:

3.1 Kilometer club – Kim Parker

- Volunteers are always needed Tuesdays and Thursdays – grab a clipboard

3.2 Hot Lunch – Dee

- 273 students at the school and 160 ordered on-line
- Orders must be received **and** paid for 8 days prior to the hot lunch day

3.3 Fundraising – Michelle Valente

- Back to school BBQ Total expenses \$2100 and a \$1100 profit
- Entertainment books – 75 books sold to date deadline is tomorrow October 8
- Thrifty Foods – ongoing fundraiser
- Boston Pizza Millardville – if you write Parkland on your receipt or advise your server you are from Parkland our PAC receives some money from the order
- Movie Night – will try and organize one prior to Christmas
- Christmas concert raffle baskets
- Big Brother – used clothing ongoing fundraiser
- Express Hockey night – looking at a date in early 2016
- Mabels Labels – ongoing fundraiser
- QSP Magazine fundraiser – ongoing fundraiser
- Lyle Chausse looking into establishing a PAC website

3.4 Safety – Lyle Chausse

- Traffic flow seems to be better at the front of the school however, the back parking lot is more congested this year
- Will look into getting some signage to indicate the traffic flow in the back parking lot – one way
- Will look into replacing our pilons and ordering signage for the top of the pilons

3.5 Santa Breakfast – Darryl Mathieson

- Friday December 11, 2015
- Santa is booked (donated by children's house Montessori)

4. Finances – Kim Parker

4.1 Bills of Allowance – see attached

4.2 Current Financial Position

- As of Sept. 1st, approx \$12, 000 in bank
- Awaiting teacher's wish list

5. New Business

- Shape of outdoor items – for the basketball hoops the backboards need to be painted and would be nice to have nets put up and balls are needed for the tetherballs
- New school jerseys needed
- Look into bringing a group like Gym sense in to teach the gymnastics portion of gym classes
- Saleema Noon – parent night is Oct. 21 and the Oct. 22 is for the students primary session (Grades K, 1, 2) at 630 pm and intermediate session (Grades 3, 4, 5) at 730 pm

Next PAC meeting November 4, 2015 at 630pm

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm by Darryl Mathieson and Seconded by Lyle Chause

PAC Chair

PAC Secretary