

Parkland Elementary PAC Meeting

Wednesday February 3, 2016

6:30 PM School Library

Chair: Michelle Valente
Vice Chair: Beth Latorre (Absent)
Treasurer: Kim Parker
Secretary: Katy Mantel (Absent)/Darryl Mathieson

1. Welcome: Michelle Valente

1.1 Introduction

1.2 Quorum established

1.3 December 2015 Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept by Wendy Griffiths, seconded by Kim Parker

1.4 Chair Report

- New Playground Garbage Cans have been purchased, decorated and Crow proofed
 - They will be placed in designated areas around the playground
 - Parents are reminded to encourage their children to keep our playgrounds clean and use these designated garbage cans
- Newsletter Competition- Winner of the 2016 Entertainment Book
 - Meagan Tsuida
- The PAC has purchased two sets of TEVA Blocks which the children are thoroughly enjoying
- Each Classroom now has a PAC funded Hand Sanitizer Station installed
 - Parents are reminded to encourage their children to use these hand wash stations especially during this cold/flu season
- The PAC purchased Outdoor Activity Buckets for each Division and they have been very well received by the students
 - Each bucket contains shovels and rakes

2. Guest Speaker – Phil Milton from Natures Touch Playground Equipment

- Phil's presented on Playground Design and showed the PAC how our School could incorporate nature/forest friendly play items within our Playground
 - Phil's background is Playground Fabrication and Design
 - A popular choice for playground equipment is 'Loose Part Play Items'
 - Logs, Boards, Tree Stumps, Branches, Wood items, Buckets, Rocks
 - Kids need freedom to play creatively with other children and create teamwork
 - Phil showed us examples of Loose Play Items which were very well received
 - The PAC voiced some concerns including:
 - Deciding on a designated area and deciding if/how it would be bordered
 - Carting the items in/out or using a designated storage facility
 - Obtaining District Funding

3. **Principal's Report-** Anita Strang

- The PAC watched a slide show wherein we were shown how our PAC Funded Technology Equipment is being used at our School
 - It was obvious our students are greatly benefiting from our Pac donated items
 - The slideshow showed our students working on PAC donated computers, making presentations, building incredible structures with Keva blocks and using their creativity in the playground with PAC funded play bucket equipment
- The Grade 5 Students completed the Parkland School Charter
 - The PAC received a copy of the two page Parkland School Charter
 - The first page included: How do you want to feel when you come to school, What can we do to make sure everyone feels this way, What will we do when things go wrong
 - The second page included the “I-Statements”
- The number of Kindergarten Students registering in 2016 appear to be similar to 2015
- Milton Randall led the Students in a Drum Workshop which was very well received

- Upcoming Dates to Note:
 - February 18: Student-Led Conferences
 - February 23: Coquitlam Express Visit
 - February 24: COL Assembly (2:00pm)
 - February 29-March 11: Gymnastics
 - April 14: Iskew Singers
 - May 16-20: Hip Hop

4. **Committee Reports**

4.1 Hot Lunch – Dee (Absent)

- Kim Parker went over the Hot Lunch Financials
 - It is estimated the PAC will earn about \$3500 in Profit from this popular Hot Lunch program
 - Parents are reminded to bunch their orders rather than order each lunch individually which incurs extra fees for the PAC
 - Parkland Staff/Teachers are reminded that the Hot Lunch Program is open to them and we invite their participation
 - The Program will start again in the Spring after the March break

4.2 Fundraising

- The Christmas Raffle earned approximately \$700
- The upcoming Coquitlam Express Game Night
 - Frisbee Toss will be offered again this year
 - A few Student Skating Volunteers are required to pick up Frisbees
- Cookies and Pies
 - Look for Information packages to go home February 15, 2016
- Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday February 24th
 - The PAC will not be selling our custom shirts this year
 - The PAC will be selling the Pink Silicone “Be a Buddy, not a Bully” Bracelets for \$2

- The PAC is considering donating all fundraising dollars to the Amanda Todd Foundation
- Bricks for Kids
 - This program will be winding up in the Spring and was very well received
 - 18 kids signed up
- KM CLUB
 - The KM CLUB will re-start in the spring
 - Parent volunteers are needed
 - The PAC discussed motivational items to encourage greater Student participation
- Movie Night
 - There will very likely be another Movie Night in March (Date to be announced)
- Thrifty Food Smile Cards
 - Thrifty Foods is closing
 - If Parents have any points to cash they should use them by the end of March

4.3 Safety – Lyle Chausse (Absent)

- Parents are continuing to park in designated ‘no parking’ or ‘drop-off only areas’
- Parents are often seen dropping their kids in the middle of the street, or directly in front of the marked x-walk instead of using designated drop off zones or the parking lots and are putting our Students and other Parents in danger
- The majority of offences appear to be occurring in the morning
- The PAC discussed fining or shaming Parents who continue to ignore the parking/speed regulations
- Police Enforcement was discussed
- The PAC discussed what parents could do should they view other parents disobeying traffic protocols and endangering students.
 - Parents could record or photograph the incident, provide the details to the Principal including the date and time, the Parent’s name (if known), plate number and vehicle description. The Principal could then in turn take appropriate action including notifying the Police and/or contacting the Parent directly

4.4 DPAC – Tara Parkinson

- The new Curriculum was discussed
 - Every Student will be taught Computer Coding by Grade 9
 - By the end of December 2017 every School across the Province will have ‘efficient and seamless’ internet access.

5. Finances: Kim Parker

5.1 Bills of Allowance – will be posted on School Website and PAC Parent board

5.2 Current Financial Position - will be posted on School Website and PAC Parent board

- KIM provided the PAC with the November and December 2015 Financial Statements for review and discussion

5.3 Budget Review/Planning for the 2016 School year - will be posted on school website and PAC parent board

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- The PAC discussed the Gaming Grant and deadline to use these funds
- Our fiscal year end is August 31 however we are using June 2016 as our deadline to determine what these funds will be designated for

6. **New Business**

6.1. Tennis – Tara Parkinson

- Tara discussed a well-received Tennis Program which the PAC will consider

6.2 Book Fair – Wendy Griffiths

- Scheduled for February 18-25
- Wendy will be assisting Mrs. Niska
- Additional Parent Volunteers are required especially for after school
- More details will be coming out via info sheets soon however the Fair will likely be open from 8:30am-9:00am and again from 3:00pm-4:00pm and be held in a designated area separate from the Library

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Michelle Valente and Seconded by Darryl Mathieson

PAC Chair

PAC Secretary

Next Meeting April 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the School Library