

École Rochester Elementary PAC
Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2016
Rochester School Library, 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Erin Moore at 7:03 PM.

1. *Roundtable introductions*

2. **MOTION to adopt minutes of October 17, 2016 RPAC meeting as presented. Moved:** Simone;
Seconded: Cynthia; **CARRIED.**

3. *Principal Update*

- Several students who competed in a writing competition have had their pieces published in an anthology of work entered in the competition.
- Uniforms for volleyball team and choir T-shirts have been ordered, no PAC funding required.
- Peer leader program is going well; leadership students from Maillard are running lunchtime programs in the gym. Involving peer leaders in a volleyball program is a possible option.
- School recently welcomed a new student with unique needs. Student is happy at school; a group of leadership students are working with him. Special equipment to accommodate student's needs will be installed and will be maintained when student moves on from school. Renovations will include development of a sensory room in one of the present resource rooms, which will serve several students with self-regulation issues. Approximately \$4,000 in funding for room will be provided by district and a community benefactor.
- Swing set is completed.
- School has completed a second cull of old material. PAC room should be cleaned out next, suggested that Committee order bin and complete work prior to Spring Break.
- Ninety-five percent of grade five students have received Get Active cards. Plan in place to allow earlier distribution of cards next year.
- Committee now has access to upload documents to PAC page of school website.
- Principal is awaiting decision from grade five teachers on year-end activity, decision to be made by end of month.
- Trees are on order. Deciduous trees planted at side of school are local species. Noted that email requesting landscaping assistance has not yet been sent.
- Buddy bench installation is pending district action.

4. *Financial update*

- Update only available for October, there are several deposits pending which will be included in next month's report. Family photo night was successful. Grade five bake sale raised \$725, the next one is scheduled for November 25th. Halloween dance raised \$1400. Excel program raised \$725, another session will be held in Spring. Popcorn sale raised \$160, another sale will be held on November 30th. Purdys raised \$700. Entertainment books raised \$2000. November movie night raised \$450, a stronger performance than other recent movie nights. About \$1700 in QSP product was sold, but unsure about profit. Magazines did particularly well.

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5. *Regular business*

a. *Fundraising*

- Grade five grad committee will schedule a February movie night; another general movie night is planned for May. Another games night and a family trivia night are also planned for the spring, noted that trivia materials can be obtained from another school. Plant sale will also be held. Purdys Easter chocolates will be sold.
- VIP couch seats will be raffled off for the Christmas concert. Tickets will be sold before and after school, sales will end on the Tuesday before the concert with the draw on Wednesday. Four couches will be available for each performance. Erin will circulate a flyer and a call for volunteers to sell tickets this week. Michelle offered to coordinate a coffee sale at the concert.
- Neufeld Farms frozen foods fundraiser suggested. Bal will obtain more information; sale will take place in February.
- Last year's hip hop class instructor can only accommodate a course offering in May this year. A cheaper option is available (\$1100 for four classes versus \$4000 for seven classes with current provide).
- Other options for additional programs discussed. Noted that Gymnastics BC offers teacher training on how to use currently available gym equipment. Vancouver Aquarium Aqua Van program is same cost as hip hop. Planetarium presentation confirmed for this year as a special rate is available. VSO programs are expensive but grants may be available. Noted that teachers like the planetarium and hip hop programs but have no expectation that they will be scheduled every year.

b. *Community-Building Events*

- A community fair will take place on March 9th. Community members will offer workshops; kids will attend in their family groupings. Chris Wilson will present a wrestling workshop but can only attend for a half-day. Mathnasium plans to participate, as does Excel Martial Arts.
- Clothing donations to support Coquitlam Firefighters' charitable foundation will be collected again this year.
- Erin will obtain information about another BCTF presentation for parents in February.

c. *DPAC/BCCPAC*

- The Committee requires a District Parent Advisory Council representative. DPAC meets on the last Wednesday of each month at Winslow Centre.

6. *Other Business*

- All grade five students will receive a hoodie. They will be ready for distribution in about three weeks.
- A grade five fundraising pub night is planned for December 1st, tickets are \$20.

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MOTION to approve offering same hip hop program as last year again this year. All in favour,
CARRIED.

Reminder: Committee does not meet in December. Next meeting January 17, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.