

## PAC MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2011

Attendance: Christine, Shyann, Pj, Naomi, Jennifer, Gail, Jane and Gordon. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. A suggestion was made that fundraising efforts and results be posted on the DTE website.

**MOTION by Gail that the minutes from the January 19, 2011 and February 16, 2011 PAC meetings be accepted as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Naomi. CARRIED.**

The agenda was accepted with additions.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (see attached report):

Gord reported that DeDe was attending meetings regarding the BC College of Teachers in Vancouver, but would be returning to DTE Thursday, March 17.

Gord reported that the School Achievement Report was available for perusal, but that as there was only one copy, it must remain at DTE. The Report is compiled with data obtained for the past 10 years' FSA results and is specific to DTE. The Report shows that DTE students performed within the Province's range for the majority of the time over the past 10 years.

Gord reported that DTE Grade 3-7 students were competing in relay races at TRU, and that the results would be available Thursday am. He further reported that following Spring Break, football would begin for Grades 6 and 7.

Gord reported that DTE has been chosen to liaise with athletes from the Yukon Territory with regard to the Western Canada Summer Games being held in Kamloops in August, 2011.

Gord further reported that the Intermediate Spring Concert titled "It's Saturday" will be held April 20, 2011, with a dress rehearsal before the entire school in the am, and performances for parents at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

Gord reported that the Helping Hands for the Harlock Family fundraising continues.

Gord reported that Dennis thanks PAC for the funds allocated to the library and continues to take suggestions for spending the funds. He further reports that next year Dennis will have library information posted on the DTE website with the opportunity for students to recommend books. He further reports that Dennis arranged for students to video-conference with author Eric Walter.

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Gord reports that the Homework Club continues each morning with 10 to 15 students attending daily. A question was raised as to whether or not the DTE newsletter announced to parents the availability of the Homework Club. Gord will follow up.

Gord reported that several field trips have been planned for the last few months of the school year. He reported that the Grade 3-4 class visited the Kamloops Museum last week. A parent supervisor from that field trip reported that the Museum visit and city bus ride were very successful.

Gord reported that the Leadership group were organizing a Spring Dance for March 17, 2011.

Gord reported that the Band program was ongoing, with Miss Howarth stepping in for Mr. Powell until his return.

A question was raised as to the progress of the Fun Hoop that had been damaged and removed from the playground. Gord reported that he had spoken to SD73 Groundskeepers in this regard and learned that the Fun Hoop had been installed incorrectly and that it was damaged beyond all repair. Gord and the SD73 Purchasing Dept. are looking into the warranty of the item at this time and will have it reinstalled when possible.

### DPAC REPORT (see attached report):

Shyann presented her report from the March 15, 2011 DPAC meeting.

During the presentation, the availability of information was discussed wherein some parents felt they were not being informed by the school as to DPAC surveys, etc. It was further discussed that information has been reported on the DTE newsletter which is now available on the DTE website, as well as via email.

It was further discussed that DPAC membership is dwindling and that parent involvement is greatly needed. It was explained that more DPAC Reps are welcomed at the meetings, or PAC members can just attend DPAC meetings.

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It was discussed that SD73 issue each school PAC a cheque that is actually Provincial funds that are meant to be DPAC funds, but are funneled through individual PACs. It was suggested by SD73 that school PACs can write to SD73 to have the funds re-allocated directly to DPAC. After some discussion it was decided that DTE PAC would continue to receive the funds from SD73 and would decide each year whether or not to issue a cheque to DPAC for some or all of the funds received.

**MOTION by Jennifer that DTE PAC discuss and decide each year whether the SD73 funds provided should be forwarded in whole or in part to DPAC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Naomi. CARRIED.**

**MOTION by Pj that DTE PAC provides DPAC with \$100 to support their Parent Education Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer. CARRIED.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached report):

Kim was not in attendance. Christine reported that funds had been received by PAC for Hot Dog Days and Senor Froggy Days, and that expenses had been paid in regard to these events.

### COMMITTEES:

**Fundraising Committee** - Jennifer reported that she would like to organize a PAC fundraiser wherein she would provide PAC with 25% of funds raised through the sale of Norwex products. Jennifer will produce an order form to go home with students and would collect orders and money. She would hold this fundraiser from April 11, 2011 to April 21, 2011.

**MOTION by Naomi that Jennifer hold a Norwex fundraiser for PAC in April, 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pj. CARRIED.**

Jane presented a fundraising idea wherein children produce artwork that can be put on greeting cards and then sold to friends and family. Pj will present this idea to teachers at the next staff meeting to see if they are interested in participating in this fundraiser. Should staff agree, Jane and Shyann will organize this fundraiser.

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Pj reported that the School Clothing fundraiser is underway, she has been working with a vendor and should have orders out to students by March 28, 2011. She is still waiting for final costs on the items. There will be sample sizes available for perusal. Clothes will be available in black and blue, with the tiger logo in orange and black. There was some discussion about PAC having extra items available for sale, prizes, etc. Pj hopes orders can be in to PAC by April 7, 2011.

**MOTION by Jane that PAC commit up to \$500 to purchase school clothes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pj. CARRIED.**

### OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Stumpf and Mrs. Poirier prepared a Request for PAC Funds in the amount of \$72.50 to take their classes for two sessions each at KATT's Gym on a school bus. The total fee for the gymnastic sessions is \$472.50, with the teachers using the \$200 per class allocated by PAC for field trips. Discussion followed wherein it was discussed that some classes have made such requests of PAC and have been refused, while some have been accepted.

**MOTION by Pj that PAC commit \$72.50 to Mrs. Stumpf's and Mrs. Poirier's classes to attend 2 sessions each at KATT's Gym, with school bus transportation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Naomi. 1 PAC MEMBER ABSTAINED FROM VOTING. CARRIED.**

Mrs. Stumpf and Mrs. Poirier also requested PAC pay the yearly insurance required by KATT's Gym. It is believed the fee is \$35, as PAC has paid this insurance in the past. It was discussed that, as the fee is below \$50, the item does not have to be voted on, but it was generally agreed that PAC would pay this amount for 2011. Mrs. Stumpf will provide the exact amount and deliver the cheque when her class attends KATT's Gym.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**School Planning Council** - Christine reported that the SPC have two specific goals for this year; the first being Using Technology to Support Academic Learning and the second being the Social Behavior Matrix. With regard to the first item, discussions centered around using technology, ie calculators, school websites and blogs and Smart Boards, and to determine the best way to measure if the technology is being used and the rate of success. The second item, the Social Behavior Matrix, is a way to recognize positive behavior in a consistent language used by school staff and parents alike, ie the word TIGER broken down into an acronym of words that reinforce school culture.

**Hamlets Hot Dog Day** - Jane reported that a fax had been sent to DTE requesting permission for staff from the Hamlets to prepare and sell hot dogs at DTE in an effort to raise funds for the MS Walk. After some discussion it was suggested that perhaps other fundraising plans might work better at DTE, in an effort to reinforce community relations between the school and the Hamlets. Jane will invite a representative from the Hamlets to the next PAC meeting to discuss this further.

**Greening of Playground** - Shyann presented a grant application from TreeCanada.ca - the Greening of Canada's School Grounds, wherein funds can be obtained to plant trees, turf, etc. on school property. It was agreed by all that DTE could benefit from this program. Shyann and Gord will work with SD73 Grounds Staff to this end.

**Next meeting Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 6:30 pm.**

Minutes recorded by: Jane Viveni.