

PAC MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2011

Attendance: Christine, Shyann, Pj, Naomi, Jennifer, Karen, Kim, Jane and DeDe.

MOTION by Pj that the minutes from the April 27, 2011 PAC meeting be accepted as read, 2nd by Naomi. **CARRIED.**

MOTION by Kim that the agenda be approved with additions, 2nd by Naomi. **CARRIED.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

DeDe reported that the final interim report cards had been issued to those students who require them.

DeDe reported that the Flag Football Team ended their undefeated season at the District Jamboree and a good time was had by the players. She thanked the coaches for their hard work.

DeDe reported that the Zone Track and Field Meet will be at TRU on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 and that the District Track and Field Meet will be at TRU on Thursday, May 26, 2011.

DeDe reported that the final YPC for the school year had been held, and that it was very well received by the teachers and children.

DeDe reported that the musical group the BluesBerries had performed at DTE.

DeDe reported that Jump Rope for Heart had been held and that the children participated with enthusiasm. The final donations were to go in by Friday.

DeDe reported that as the Parent Appreciation Strawberry Tea had not been well attended in the past, the staff decided to organize a Parent Appreciation Assembly on May 30 at 1:30 pm wherein the band will perform, and the children of DTE will sing a song to show their appreciation of the work parents do for them and the school throughout the school year.

DeDe reported that class pictures will be taken on May 26, 2011.

DeDe reported that the Mr. Staginnus continues to purchase items for the library as per the PAC budget.

DeDe reported that the attendance is currently down for the morning Homework Club, due, she thinks, to the improved weather. The Drum Group continues on Wednesday mornings for the Aboriginal student population and they will perform at the Parent Appreciation Assembly as well as for the School Board on June 2, 2011.

DeDe reported that the Grade 5's and 2's are taking swimming lessons at Westsyde Pool, as per the PAC budget.

Dede reported that teachers are planning year end field trips, including a 3 day trip to Sunnybrae for the Grades 6's and 7's.

DeDe reported that the Leadership Group is planning to perform their anti-bullying skit for the School Board.

DeDe reported that the band continues to practice and is looking forward to performing at the Parent Appreciation Assembly.

DeDe reported that the items required to furnish the 2nd Kindergarten class have been ordered. Mrs. Stumpf's classroom will become the 2nd Kindergarten classroom, with Mrs. Stumpf choosing another room to occupy.

DeDe reported that Mrs. Hanson will return in the fall after maternity leave and Mrs. Corbett will be leaving.

DeDe reported that the SD73 school dress code had been discussed at the staff meeting and that children must not wear short shorts, halter tops or spaghetti strap tops.

DeDe reported that the use of hockey and lacrosse sticks by students had been discussed at the staff meeting as well. As these sticks are not allowed on the school bus, it is felt that it is unfair that students who don't ride the bus are allowed to bring them to school. DeDe is determining whether or not the sticks will be allowed at school in future.

DeDe reported that the high spinner, or orbiter, playground equipment had been installed two weeks ago and had already been repaired twice. She has let the children know the rules around the use of this equipment.

DeDe reported that the School Improvement Plan has been prepared and the timeline for the Social Responsibility portion will have it in effect in the fall. It is important that the use of a common language regarding social responsibility be used with the children, at school and at home, and that parent involvement in the plan is essential. A draft matrix has been presented to the intermediate classes - ROAR: Responsibility, Ownership, Attitude, Respect. DeDe hopes to form a Behaviour Support Team, made up of staff and parents, to help curb poor behaviour and reward good behaviour. The team would meet monthly to examine behaviour trends on the playground. Shyann expressed an interest in being part of the Behaviour Support Team. Discussion followed regarding parent involvement with regard to the SIP, the Social Responsibility plan and the development of the matrix. It was discussed that parents had not been invited to participate in the development of these behaviour matrix, though some parents would be very interested in being a part of this process, be it sitting in on meetings or doing research. DeDe acknowledged again that parent involvement is necessary in the success of the plans and that when they are implemented in the fall parents would be welcome to participate.

DeDe reported that the next Professional Development day would focus on technology.

DeDe reported that the year end assembly would be held June 28, 2011 at 10:30 am with the entire school participating. After the assembly, the Grade 7's will go to a luncheon to be held in Room 1 to celebrate their completion of elementary school. There will then be an intermediate dance in the gym from 1:00 to 2:30. On June 29 class year end celebrations will take place with early dismissal at 12:30. DeDe further reported that a student has asked that there be a year end Teachers vs. Grade 7's soccer game. DeDe is organizing this.

DeDe reported that she had received a flyer and registration form for the Collaborate 2011 conference to be held October 20-22, 2011.

DeDe opened the floor for questions, of which there were none.

DPAC REPORT (see attached report):

Shyann reported that a presentation entitled "Media Influence on Girls" is scheduled for June 8, 2011 but requires volunteers. Parents interested can sign up via DPAC email.

Shyann reported that the Happy Thoughts from last DPAC meeting were:

1. The number of students from Arthur Stevenson participating in the Boogie the Bridge were up substantially as it was approached as a school event.
2. The Heritage Fair was a big success.

Shyann reported that the sound system at Mac Park had been improved to accommodate the graduation ceremonies this year.

Shyann reported that the Big Little Science Centre is concerned that the space provided to them at BEST may dwindle further in the future, with classrooms being used for all day Kindergarten.

Shyann reported that the protocol for reporting lice outbreaks in schools is being reviewed by Dr. Sullivan.

Shyann reported that the DPAC members remind PAC's to get their gaming fund applications in by the deadline.

Shyann reported that attendance at the Collaborate 2011 Conference is \$100 each, with DPAC willing to pay for one additional attendee when PAC registers one member. Shyann further reported that Parkcrest Elementary PAC, who has 6 members registered, is issuing a challenge to other elementary schools to register 6 or more members.

MOTION by Pj that PAC commit up to \$300 to register 6 DTE PAC members to attend Collaborate 2011, 2nd by Kim. CARRIED.

It was suggested that a notice go home to parents in the newsletter letting them know of this opportunity. Parents can call Christine to register with the 1st 6 parents calling being eligible for the opportunity.

TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached report):

Kim was not able to prepare a report, but will have it completed for filing. Christine reported that the DTE Intermediate Track and Field Day concession raised \$1,930 with costs of \$1,300 and a profit of approximately \$600. Christine provided Mr. Staginnus with \$120 for his volunteers to purchase lunch. Mr. Staginnus will repay that amount. Christine further reported that there are still some ice cream novelties available to purchase at \$5 per box. Christine further reported that the Little Caesar's pizza people were quite rude and difficult to deal with. It was agreed PAC would not work with them again, and that perhaps a letter to that effect was in order. DeDe offered to assist with the letter as the Little Caesar's people had been rude to staff members as well. Christine further reported that a staff request was issued that in future the primary classes have the opportunity to pre-order their lunch on concession day. PAC agreed this would be a good idea.

Christine reported that Senor Froggy funds were also in. She further reported that some cheques issued for school clothing had been returned, Pj will follow up on this.

Christine further reported that PAC cheques are still to be issued regarding library purchases and smart board purchases.

COMMITTEES:

Teacher Liaison - Pj reported that the teachers thought the card fundraiser should be tabled until the fall, perhaps to be ready for the Christmas season. As well, the teachers would support a school clothing fundraiser in the fall.

Fundraising - Pj reported that the school clothing is still to be completed and distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A request for funds was presented regarding the Flag Football Jamboree. In the past the students participating were provided with a pizza lunch, but this year this was not provided. Mrs. Blacquiere requested PAC provide each of the 19 students participating with \$5 for their pizza lunch. There was some discussion about PAC being obligated to provide lunch for future events such as this, but that it can be discussed on a request by request basis.

MOTION by Kim that PAC commit \$95 for the purchase of pizza for the children attending the Flag Football Jamboree, 2nd by Pj. CARRIED.

Christine explained that Mrs. Stumpf's request for funds presented at the April PAC meeting had been amended to \$555.32 from \$265.86. Mrs. Stumpf changed her order from 20 white boards to 10 and added 30 home reading books. Discussion followed that perhaps both Mrs. Stumpf's requests could be accommodated.

MOTION by Pj that PAC commit up to \$700 to Mrs. Stumpf for the purchase of graphing mats, white boards and home reading books, 2nd by Naomi. CARRIED.

Discussion followed regarding the requests made by teachers at the April PAC meeting (see attached outline). Discussion followed regarding PAC funds available at this time. Christine reported that PAC has just under \$20,000 available in the general account for these requests as they are not eligible to be purchased with gaming funds. Christine further reported that PAC has 3 years to spend the gaming funds.

MOTION by Pj that PAC commit up to \$5,000 to purchase items per teacher requests presented at April PAC meeting, ie smart board speakers, document camera, toys for primary classes and kindergarten items, 2nd by Karen. CARRIED.

A request was also presented for an alto xylophone for the band, to accompany the bass xylophone purchased in April.

MOTION by Pj that PAC commit up to \$400 in gaming funds for the purchase of an alto xylophone for the Band, 2nd by Kim. CARRIED.

Discussion followed as to whether or not a new sound system can be purchased for the Drama Club using gaming funds. DeDe will follow up. It was further discussed that perhaps new school jerseys can be purchased for next year.

Shyann had no updates with regard to the Greening of the Playground.

NEW BUSINESS:

A question was raised as to whether or not the World Book Online should be accessible by students via the DTE website. It was explained that students are instructed to use the World Book Online in order to do homework projects, but that they are not able to access it. DeDe will look into this. It was suggested that if the problem is a licensing issue, depending on the cost, perhaps PAC can look at purchasing the extra license for off-site use.

Another question was raised as to the participation at the Intermediate Track Meet of the Grade 3 students in the Grade 3-4 split class. The Grade 3 students participated, though their results were not used to determine which students go to Zones. The concern raised was that the Grade 3 inclusion caused some confusion with Grade 4's when the Grade 3 students may have won a race, but the Grade 4 student racing against him or her would move on to Zones. Also the time involved in practicing for the Track Meet could have been better spent in class for the Grade 3's. DeDe explained that this would be reviewed at the staff meeting.

Christine suggested that a date be chosen for the PAC sponsored staff luncheon.

MOTION by Pj that PAC commit \$500 for the staff luncheon, 2nd by Naomi. CARRIED.

Next meeting Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by: Jane Viventi.