

## PAC MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2012

Attendance: Jane, Alaine, Christine, Lisa, Shyann, Pj, Naomi, Kim and Dede.

**MOTION by Gail that the minutes from the November 16, 2011 PAC meeting be accepted as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ali. CARRIED.**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

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

DeDe reported that FSA's were being held over the next two weeks. She will be administering the tests as a result of the teachers' job action. The Ministry of Education has mandated that the tests must by law be held. The grade 7 and 4 students will do practice tests, then will complete the actual tests. The computer lab and gym will be used for the tests and will be off limits to other students during test time. The grade 7 students have offered to assist the grade 4 students in logging on to the computers prior to their tests. Children who have a family emergency or illness and are absent from school during test time will be excused, but all other grade 4 and 7 students will write. School Support Workers are helping to supervise the tests, no parent assistance is required.

DeDe reported that basketball season has begun with Tier 1, 2 and 3 teams. Mrs. Hanson is the teacher sponsor for basketball, but has been away on compassionate leave. With several home games being held at DTE it has become evident that getting refs for the games is difficult. DeDe reported that some schools have had to cancel games due to a lack of refs. DeDe has been in touch with WSS and has been successful in finding refs for the games held at DTE to date. She further reported that the mezzanine has been cleared of items, making it safe for parents to watch basketball games.

DeDe reported that the WSS band will perform at DTE on January 19. She further reported that the DTE strings group will perform next week.

DeDe reported that spirit days have been planned for Fridays, including twin day, pj day, hat day and DTE colors day.

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DeDe reported that field trips have been occurring, including several classes continue to have skating trips, YPC, and ski trips to come.

DeDe reported that a new daytime custodian has been assigned to DTE.

DeDe reported that a refund has been issued by SD73 to DTE for the Fun Hoop that was returned. At this time it is unclear as to why the refund is greater than the amount originally paid for the Fun Hoop, so it was suggested that the money not be spent until this has been determined.

DeDe reported that she has decided to mount the mobile smart boards in Mrs. Hansen's, Mrs. McCauley's and Mrs. Bentz's classes. After speaking with the teachers it was determined that the boards are more effective when mounted permanently, they are also less likely to be damaged. A draw was held for teachers who were interested in having smart boards mounted in their class room. DeDe further reported that one more smart board will be purchased for the school. She would like to know if PAC would consider purchasing another smart board as well. The cost is approximately \$2,500, inclusive.

DeDe reported that at this time, due to the teachers' job action, the SPC plan completed to date is on hold.

DeDe reported that the photographer who does DTE school pictures has presented a year book sample for DTE to consider. It could be completed for \$13 per copy. Some discussion followed as to whether PAC could purchase them for students, using Gaming money, or if it could be done as a fundraiser. Christine is looking into the eligibility of Gaming funds for this project. This item will be tabled until next meeting.

**DPAC REPORT:**

Shyann reported that she had attended the DPAC meeting the previous night. It was discussed that, due to a lack of volunteers, parent education workshops normally held by DPAC were on hold. Shyann reported that Meaghan Wade and Rhonda Kershaw were the School Board reps at DPAC.

Shyann reported that DPAC was discussing the how teachers' job action was affecting the baccalaureate program at Norkam. Unless teachers are willing to attend training outside of school time, the program may not continue for this coming school year.

Shyann reported that DPAC was interested to hear from PACS as to whether or not the teachers' job action has had an impact on students or parents. It was discussed that, though report cards are missed, parents have not had any complaints in this regard.

Shyann further reported that DTE PAC was not eligible for the playground equipment refund being issued by the Provincial government, as our equipment was purchased before the time period allotted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached):**

Kim was not able to present a report at this time. There are still bank statements missing. Christine will contact the bank to see where the statements are. Kim reported that there is approximately \$8,000 in the General account and \$12,000 in the Gaming account. Christine will ask the bank if we may have online access to our accounts.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Teacher Liaison** - Ali reported that the teachers had presented her with a letter from the BCTF regarding the teacher's job action. The letter outlined the status of the job action, that it will continue without change for the current time. Ms. Yeast renewed her offer to attend a PAC meeting should parents have any questions regarding the job action. Mrs. Corbett also offered to attend should anyone have questions for her in her capacity as BCTF Rep. Ali further presented a request for funds to purchase new percussion instruments for class use, ie, bells and rhythm sticks.

**MOTION** by Ali that PAC commit \$100 for the purchase of percussion instruments for class use, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Naomi. **CARRIED.**

**Fundraising Committee** - Nothing to report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Credit for Fun Hoop** - Tabled.

**Jerseys** - Pj and Ali presented quotes for new team jerseys. Pj had samples of new jerseys using sublimated fabric, meaning the designs are part of the fabric, rather than being embossed or embroidered, making them last longer. They are also available in future should new, matching jerseys be required. The shirts would cost \$40 each plus taxes and shipping and would need 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. Ali presented a quote for shirts that are the same as the shirts we currently have, for a cost of \$31.25 per shirt, including taxes and shipping and requiring 2 to 3 weeks for delivery. Ali will get a quote on shirts similar to those presented by Pj. This item is tabled until next meeting.

**Pizza Day** - Christine reported that a volunteer is required to organize pizza day. Pj will continue to collect the pizza days money, but a volunteer is needed to see to the other details of pizza day. A notice will go out to this effect in the newsletter.

**Buses for Cross Country Runners** - Tabled until a quote can be obtained.

**Spring Fundraising Ideas** - Gail will organize a Purdy's sale for spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Teacher Request** - Christine reported that Mrs. Stumpf and Mrs. Poirier requested \$548 for their classes to attend the Kamloops Gymnastics Centre, as well as \$40 for the school's registration fee and insurance. It was discussed that perhaps the teachers were planning to use the \$200 per class already given by PAC for field trips and that this request is required to access those funds.

**MOTION** by Kim that PAC commit \$40 for registration fee and insurance for DTE for 2011/2012 school year at Kamloops Gymnastics Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ali.  
**CARRIED**

**Facebook Page** - A suggestion was made that perhaps parents could communicate via Facebook regarding DTE issues. Tabled.

**Next meeting February 15, 2012 at 6:30 pm.**

Minutes recorded by: Jane Viveni.