

PAC MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2013

Attendance: Jane, Christine, Leni, Naomi, Kirstine, Shyann, Jocelyn, Melanie, Heather, Lori and Chris.

MOTION by Jane to accept minutes of the December 19, 2012 be accepted, 2nd by Christine. CARRIED.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

DPAC REPORT:

Shyann reported that on November 17, 2012 DPAC presented "Future Proofing your PAC" to the 10 people in attendance. DPAC discussed that the \$500 cost for the presenter may be too much for the number of people interested in attending. DPAC would like feedback in this regard.

Shyann further reported that DPAC is hosting Terry Small on February 16, 2013 for his presentation about assisting students in getting better grades in school. A poster regarding this presentation will be displayed at DTE. The presentation is co-sponsored by DPAC and KTTA. SD73 is looking for parent input regarding ways to market presentations to parents.

Shyann further reported that DPAC discussed the SD73 2013/14 calendar. Parent feed back is welcome regarding future calendars - input must be submitted by March 6, 2013.

Shyann further reported that DPAC is looking for ways to communicate with SD73 parents and wondered if DTE PAC have its own website. Discussion followed - no, DTE PAC does not have a website. Chris will see if Coralee can help PAC to set up and run a website.

Shyann further reported that the Askable Adult presentation, focusing on how to speak to school age children about sex, can be made available to PACs at a reduced cost as there is now a local representative.

Shyann further reported that SD73 has made Innovative Learning Grants available in conjunction with 21st Century Learning. The Grants total \$100,000 and relate to the use of technology in the classroom, strengthening what staff is teaching now. Deadlines for submissions is January 31, 2013.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Chris presented a copy of the proposed SD73 calendar for 2013/14.

Chris reported that he spoke with Fiona Clare regarding hosting an evening session of Come Read With Me. Chris suggested that the session be held in February - he will survey parents of Grade 1 students to determine interest. Chris asked if PAC would consider paying the \$5 per parent admission should the course be held. Tabled.

Chris reported that FSA's are being held next week for Grade 4 and 7 students. He encouraged parents participate in the Satisfaction Survey online in this regard.

Chris reported that SD73 was holding a mid-year review of schools and that DTE's review would be held by Karl DeBruijn on January 23, 2013. Chris would meet with Karl and LART staff to discuss School Improvement Plan, and would like to know if a PAC member would like to attend. Melanie volunteered to attend this meeting.

Chris reported that following the Behaviour Matrix Assembly children are aware of behaviour expectations and that they were complying.

Chris reported that various classes are currently participating in skating, skiing, gymnastics and curling.

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Chris reported that Literacy Week was successful with books going to Heap the Honda. Shyann reported that the announcement regarding the Heap the Honda event was not clear in the newsletter, that she was unaware that prior to donating the books, DTE students were allowed to swap books. She expressed concern that children who wanted to donate books to under privileged children were disappointed that DTE students were taking their books home.

Chris reported that a new session of *Mother Goose* was beginning at DTE.

The floor was open to questions and a parent asked Chris what he thought of the DTE Christmas sing-along. Chris asked for her to state her opinion first. The parent reported that she was extremely disappointed in the event, citing issues such as a lack of uniformity in the band's clothing, poor coordination of the leadership students, a lack of practice on behalf of the students. She felt it was very unfortunate that parents left work in order to attend such a poorly organized event. Discussion followed regarding some parent's disappointment in the lack of a Christmas concert. Chris strongly agreed that the event was very disappointing. He stated that the staff had initially agreed to organize a Christmas event, but that in the end decided all they wanted to do was a sing-along. He reported that no rehearsal was done with the children by staff. A question was posed as to why the teachers seemed more interested in holding the Remembrance Day assembly, but had a lack of interest in the Christmas concert. Chris reported that the Remembrance Day assembly was organized by him. Discussion followed regarding PAC members offering to help organize future Christmas plays or concerts. Chris reported that he would discuss PAC's disappointment in this regard with staff at the next staff meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Leni was presented the month's report - see attached. She reported that at this time PAC had approximately \$32,000 in the general account and \$11,500 in the gaming account, after committed funds. She further reported she had not yet received invoices for skating, reffing or the copyright licence. Christine indicated she would pass those on to Leni as soon as she received them. She will ask Coralee if the invoices had been received at DTE. Leni then reported that the month's revenue was approximately \$34,500 and the expenses were approximately \$16,000. Christine presented the QSP invoice of approximately \$6,200 that had just been received at DTE. Leni reported there was still one NSF cheque outstanding. Leni asked if there was a plan for the gaming funds. Christine reported that the funds that must be spent will be used for the budgeted amounts for yearbook, xylophones and bus field trips.

COMMITTEES:

Fundraising - Christine reported that to date no fundraisers have been planned, but discussion has occurred regarding a bingo/bake sale night. Christine reported that Wendy's had forwarded information regarding a food day, but that they do not deliver the food so no PAC members stepped up to organize this fundraiser. Christine further reported that she is looking into organizing a pot luck and BBQ for May. She is communicating with the Lion's Club and Ed the bus driver regarding cooking burgers, etc.

Year Book - Christine reported that she still hasn't heard from Doug regarding the contract to produce the year books. She further reported that Mrs. Poirier has the cameras and that they have been loaned to students on occasion and that pictures are being collected for the year book.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bicycle Donated by Coopers' Foods - Christine opened the floor to suggestions as to how best to utilize the bike. After some discussion it was decided that each student at DTE should have their name submitted and that a draw will be held at the final assembly of the year.

Movie Night - Jocelyn reported that the licence required to show movies as a fundraiser was approximately \$600. Discussion followed regarding the lack of proper sound system and the topic was tabled until this issue can be addressed.

Grade 7 Year End Celebration Framework - Christine presented the framework - see attached.

MOTION by Lori that PAC accept the **Grade 7 Year End Celebration Framework** as presented, 2nd by Leni. **CARRIED.**

BCCPAC Membership - Christine reported that membership in BCCPAC would cost DTE PAC \$75 and provides PAC with votes at the BCCPAC AGM and access to their website.

MOTION by Heather that PAC pay \$75 for BCCPAC membership, 2nd by Jocelyn. **CARRIED.**

Request for Funds - Christine presented a request for funds from LART for the RAZ Kids reading program. Chris thought that it has already been ordered through the office and would ask Coralee. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

PAC Meeting Babysitters - It was suggested that application forms go out to students who had completed a babysitting course for the opportunity to babysit at PAC meetings. Students earn \$10 for babysitting at PAC meetings. Christine agreed to prepare the application forms.

At this time Chris suggested that when the minutes for this meeting are prepared, that the discussion regarding the Christmas sing-along not include anything that might be perceived as hurtful to those involved.

Next meeting February 20, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by: Jane Viveni.