

## PAC MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2012

Attendance: Jane, Christine, Lisa, Evelyn, Heather, and Chris.

There were not enough PAC members in attendance to make a quorum, so no voting can occur.

The agenda was presented with some additions.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Chris discussed the ERASE Bullying website set up by the Provincial Government. The site has resources for parents, teachers and kids to help deal with bullying in schools, including the ability to anonymously report bullying to SD73.

Chris further discussed the measures SD73 is taking to keep our schools safe in the aftermath of the Connecticut school shooting. He reported that school doors are kept locked during the day, except for recess and lunch time. He will not have any lock down drills until the New Year. He encourages parents to discuss with their children that school is a safe place for them to be

Chris further discussed the Come Read With Me program for parents of Grade 1 students. Parents expressed an interest in having an evening session so Chris is working with Fiona Clare to set one up in February.

Chris further discussed the purple spinner in the Primary playground. He has spoken with Tim Dempster about altering the spinner so it will not spin so fast. Discussion followed wherein it was explained that the spinner was originally supposed to be placed in the Intermediate playground but that there was not enough space. Chris suggested that since the tree was removed, perhaps there may be enough room now. He will discuss it further with Tim.

Chris further discussed that preparation will begin in the new year for FSA's. Students will practice in January and will complete writing the FSA's by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

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Chris further discussed that Asst. Superintendent Karl De Bruijn will visit DTE to meet with Chris and others to determine how the school is doing.

Chris further discussed that DTE will participate in the Heap the Honda event for Literacy Month. A book exchange will be held at DTE, and the left-over books will be donated.

Chris thanked PAC for the funds donated to purchase treats for the Mug and Muffin to be held in conjunction with the school Christmas Singalong.

Chris reported that the Fresh Fruit and Veggie program will begin in January.

Chris further discussed that the SPC has been discussing social responsibility with the development of a new behavior matrix. It will be presented at a January 8 assembly - parents are welcome to attend.

Chris further discussed that a program has been developed wherein children who exhibit good behavior are rewarded with Tiger Pride - the children's names will be put into a draw for a weekly prize. Christine suggested that PAC may have some leftover prizes that can be used - Chris appreciated the donation.

### DPAC REPORT (report attached):

This month's DPAC meeting was cancelled

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Leni was unable to attend. Christine reported that the xylophones ordered last year are still to be paid, as no invoice has been presented.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Fundraising** - Christine reported that the PAC fundraisers completed for this year, unless a new fundraiser is held in the new year.

**Year Book** - Christine reported that the cameras are being used by staff and students so there will be lots of pictures to choose from when it comes to preparing the year book. The laptop is in Chris' office and has been set up for year book preparation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Gym Rental for Bouncy Castle Display** - Christine has heard nothing from the PAC member who wanted to discuss this matter, so PAC will not discuss this further.

**Bicycle Donated by Coopers' Foods** - tabled.

**Movie Night** - tabled.

**Grade 7 Year End Celebration Framework** - Christine presented the framework, tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BCCPAC membership** - tabled

**Request for Funds** - LART department - RAZ Kids Reading Program - tabled.

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**Suggestion Box/Class Rep Requests** - Christine reported that she got 3 responses to the Class Rep Requests and that the responses each had suggestions for PAC. One suggestion came from Lisa to hold a Bake Sale/ Bingo Night. Members in attendance agreed this sounded like a fun fundraiser for DTE kids and families and Lisa agreed to look into setting it up for the New Year. Christine further discussed a family BBQ and potluck for the spring and will look into organizing that event. Discussion followed regarding DTE Gym rental. Chris explained that all rental requests had to go through SD73, and that there are fairly strict insurance issues. Further suggestions per the Class Rep Requests included monthly reporting to parents as to events, etc., at DTE. It was discussed that the calendar presented on the DTE website is quite informative in this regard. It was agreed that since only 3 volunteers came forward for Class Rep that the program would be suspended at this time.

**Next meeting January 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm.**

Minutes recorded by: Jane Viveni.