

PAC MEETING MINUTES

October 22nd, 2014

Attendance: Leilani, Christine O, Jocelyn, Leni, Naomi, Erika, Valerie, Ali and Michelle.

Meeting was called to order at ~6:30 pm.

Teacher Liaison:

Ali reported on the first staff meeting with her attending as the Teacher Liaison.

She reported to the teachers that Hot Lunch orders are due on Wednesday, Art Cards, Purdy's and School Clothing fundraisers are coming soon, PAC voted to purchase scooter racks for the school and there is a community fundraiser (KSM Fundraiser) happening at the Dunes on November 8th. The KSM fundraiser is to support three families in Westsyde (two families are associated with David Thompson) that have children who are currently battling cancer. There are 2 buffet sittings one at 12:30pm and the other at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$20 or \$60 per 4 member family. Also a trade show/craft fair occurring at the Dunes on this day. Tickets are available at Cooper's or from Dianne or Val.

The teachers wanted to know if PAC would again pay for referee fees for the sports programs this year. This was approved in the budget.

They also brought up Mathletics and if they are going to continue with it this year. Mrs. Carr, the Math Director at the school, is going to survey the teachers to see if they want to continue using the program and then come back to PAC with a request at that time. A parent had a suggestion to tack on Mathletics fees to the school fees due at the beginning of the year.

The teachers reported that there are 5 classes going skiing this year, Cinel, Blacquiere, Hansen, McCauley and Brennan, around the beginning on Feb/March. The ski hill has a "scholarship" or sponsorship fund which will help children attend the ski trip if their families cannot afford the costs, however, this fund sometimes does not cover everyone. The teachers were wondering if PAC would cover the costs of the ski trip for families that cannot afford it. A parent asked who determined if a family could not afford the trip. Another parent suggested that the parents would talk to the principal and that it was basically an honour system. This was tabled until next meeting as neither DeDe nor Lorin were in attendance tonight.

Ali suggested to the teachers that if they are aware of big cost items that they would like to request funds for, they should get the requests in sooner rather than later as it sometimes takes some time for these requests to be approved by PAC. Ali also stated that the school would be trying to implement a system where all requests for funds would go from the teacher to the principal and then on to PAC if administration did not have funding available for the teacher's request.

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MOTION by Christine that the minutes from the October 1st, 2014 PAC meeting be accepted as presented, 2nd by Jocelyn. CARRIED.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of cookie fundraiser under New Business.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

DeDe and Lorin were not in attendance tonight.

DPAC REPORT:

No Report. Email addresses will be formally exchanged with DPAC to introduce Valerie as David Thompson Elementary's representative. Reports to follow.

TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached):

Leni presented the completed financial report for the 2013/2014 school year. We have ~\$11,000 in the Gaming account and ~\$11,000 in the General account for a total amount of funds of ~\$22,000. Leni also reported that we received a letter stating we would be receiving \$7,640 in Gaming funds this year.

Leni then presented this year's proposed 2014-2015 budget. (See attached) Some adjustments were made to the Gaming money budget which were:

- Increasing the Classroom Field Trip (Busing only) Expenditure to \$3200 to include the new classroom division
- Lowering the Yearbook Club amount to \$200 as not as much is needed to maintain their hardware
- Increased the Yoga Expenditure to \$1000 so that we can include an Intermediate Yoga class as well as a Primary one.

The General Account budget was left as presented.

MOTION by Christine that the 2014-2015 Budget be approved as presented with the adjustments described above, 2nd by Naomi. CARRIED.

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There was some general discussion that occurred during the budget presentation regarding possible need for school T-shirts for children to wear on field trip outings to help identify DT students from other children. The Salmon Run came up as an example where there were many children around and a parent volunteer who was new to the school and didn't know the kids very well felt a little overwhelmed trying to keep track of the children in her care. She felt that identifying T-shirts would be helpful in cases like this. Some discussion about cost arose, someone thought we could utilize school jerseys, however, the jerseys are currently being used by the Volleyball teams and they are also very expensive. Someone thought even very simple pinnies would be useful. Someone thought that perhaps it would only be necessary for the younger primary grades. Ali will bring this up at the next staff meeting to see if perhaps the school had some ideas about what could be done.

There was also further discussion surrounding the use of our Gaming funds. The group brainstormed a few ideas for spending the money such as a Homework Club where PAC could possibly use Gaming Funds to give an honorarium to a tutor for the Club. Leilani said she would look into that. Another parent suggested that PAC could sponsor a Babysitter course and the YMCA Home Alone course.

COMMITTEES:

Fundraiser updates -

Christine reported that QSP magazine sales were due next week on the 29th.

Christine also reported that Mrs. Hansen was utilizing the hotlunches website for a School Clothing sale next week, but suggested that as Mrs. Hansen was doing all the work that the proceeds of this sale would go to her directly as she was planning to utilize the funds for the Athletics department in the school. There were no objections.

Christine also reported that the Purdy's fundraiser would be going out on Nov. 3rd.

Jocelyn reported that the Art Card fundraiser order forms would be going home around Nov. 10th or 11th.

October Movie night - Jocelyn reported that the movie night was happening tomorrow and that they have 4 volunteers to help with popping corn and concession but had hoped for maybe a couple more for cleanup. A parent suggested that some parents attending the movie usually stay back to help cleanup and it shouldn't be a problem. Jocelyn also reported that AV Technicians from the Henry Grube center were coming to set up the screen and sound.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Request for Funds - New High jump mat - Ali reported that she may have a lead on getting some used mats from the Kamloops Track and Field Club that are in much better shape than the school's mats. She is just waiting to hear from the Club on a price for the mats.

New Playground Equipment - Naomi reported that the discussion on new playground equipment is in the hands of Mr. Dempster and DeDe to discuss available space, etc. As DeDe was not in attendance to comment we are tabling this until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Email vote re-caps - Christine reported that there were 2 email votes that occurred between last meeting and this meeting. The first email vote was to approve \$900 in Gaming money to be spent on scooter racks for the school. DeDe requested an email vote as the scooters were causing safety issues in the hallways and wanted to get the racks on order ASAP. PAC approved this request. The second email vote was to approve buses for a Kindergarten trip to the Pumpkin Patch. As the Kindergarten classes are not going to the Salmon Run, they requested buses for the Pumpkin Patch in lieu of, however the trip was scheduled before the next PAC meeting which was the reason behind the email vote. PAC also approved this request. See attached emails.

Cookie Fundraiser - Ali brought up the idea of doing a cookie fundraiser for the student currently attending DT that is battling cancer. The company is an Albertan company that will give \$5 to \$6.50 per tub in profits back to the school. Ali said she would even try to talk to the company regarding our cause to see if those profits could be increased. Ali posed the question if PAC was interested in doing this fundraiser or if she should just do this through the community. Leilani said that we had discussed this at our last PAC meeting as well and said that there was already a kind of plan in place to do a school wide fundraiser for the student. The parents of the student have already been approached and they are in the process of setting up a trust/bank account that they can use for donations. Once they are set up, the plan was to just do a straight up cash donation fundraiser, where all of the money went to the family. As this would be a lot easier than a cookie dough fundraiser and has the potential to bring in more money, it was decided PAC would do this rather than the cookie dough fundraiser.

It was also brought up that PAC had in the past donated \$500 to other families battling cancer.

MOTION by Leni that PAC donate \$500 to K.M's family 2nd by Ali. CARRIED.

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There was further discussion regarding fundraiser ideas for the M family, such as a school dance. Leilani reported that she had heard that the teachers were planning to hold a dance for them already. Discussion about other dances included having a family dance on Family Day, instead of Shakewood Annie having a Zumba type dance where kids are following a leader's steps. Sisters love to Dance was a company name that came up for someone who may be able to be a leader. It was also just suggested that a deejayed dance would be fun too. No decisions were made; will table this until next meeting.

General Discussion:

Ali reported that one of the PAC refrigerators died this past June and that PAC needs a second fridge for Hot Dog Day as the milk order cannot be held in one fridge. Ali said that BC Hydro would come and pick up the broken fridge.

MOTION by Jocelyn that PAC spends up to \$2000 of Gaming money for a PAC fridge. 2nd by Naomi. CARRIED.

Further discussion regarding the PAC room followed including asking about the possibility of getting shelves in that room. One parent suggested reclaiming the space from the adjoining bathroom as we no longer are in need of the change table in the bathroom. This will be tabled until next meeting so that PAC can ask DeDe.

A parent also requested that the emails from the broadcast email system on hotlunches be consolidated into a single weekly email to avoid overuse of the system. Leilani offered to put out the weekly emails, Christine will give her instructions how to do so.

Next meeting Thursday November 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by: Christine Ony