

PAC MEETING MINUTES

February 11th, 2016

Attendance: Jocelyn, Christine O, Valerie, Becky, Katrina, Ali and Sharon .

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

As there was not immediately a quorum at the meeting, Sharon started with the principal's report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Cooley provided an electronic copy of her report which follows. Any further discussion or comments regarding a topic has been added in **BOLD**.

Fri., Feb. 12 – Carr and Brennan to symphony

-theme day – wear red and/or hearts

Mon., Feb. 15 – skating -Carr and Brennan

-Big Little Science Center – Martin and Bentz

Feb. 15-Feb. 18 – School of Choice kindergarten registration

Tues., Feb. 16 – Brennan's class to WSS to work with writing mentors

Wed., Feb. 17 – skating- Pitman and Blacquiere

-Chopped Leaf lunch

Fri., Feb. 19 – non-instructional day

Mon., Feb. 22 – skating- Carr and McCauley

-Brennan's class to WSS to work with writing mentors

Feb. 22-26 – Kindergarten registration

-Random Acts of Kindness/Cool to be Kind week

Tues., Feb. 23 – Blazer visit 10-12

Wed., Feb. 24 – skating – Pitman and Blacquiere

- PINK Day

-Senor Froggy lunch

Thurs., Feb. 25 – follow-up WITS presentation with Contable Winkels to Caissie, Bojesen/Noble, and Webster's classes

Fri., Feb. 26 – class presentations on tipis and Inuit summer homes

Mon., Feb. 29 – skating- Carr and Caissie

-WSS counsellors visit grade 7 students to discuss grade 8 course selections

Wed., March 2 – hot dog day

-skating – Cinel and Hansen

Wed., March 9 – Dental Screening for kindergarten students

-performance – Teddy Anderson – aboriginal hoop dancer

-pizza lunch

Fri., March 11 – Chopped Leaf lunch

March 14-18 – gym closed while lights are being replaced

Thurs., March 17 – Early Dismissal

Fri., March 18 – Term Two report cards sent home

March 21 – April 1 – Spring Break

Mon., April 4 – Non-instructional Day

Tues., April 5 – School re-opens

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- 1) Jesse Miller: SD73 DPAC, along with Kamloops RCMP, SD73 and the city of Kamloops are proud to host a special parent session on Social Media and Education and Awareness with renowned expert Jesse Miller on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7pm at the Henry Grube Educational Centre. Learn how to keep up with the ever-changing world our children are living in.
Space is limited, so please register by emailing your name, phone number and school name to registerdpac73@gmail.com.
- 2) David Thompson will be having the week of Feb. 22-26 to promote Random Acts of Kindness/Cool to be Kind. There will be activities related to this theme.
- 3) David Thompson will not be having a Speed Stack team this year.
- 4) FSAs are completed. Results will be coming home around the beginning of March.
- 5) At this time no firm decision has been made on grade 7 math texts. The possibilities are still being explored.
- 6) Mother Goose program will run for a spring session April 11-June 20.

Wishing you a Happy Valentines with your family!

PARENT QUESTION: A parent asked about whether or not Battle of the Books would be starting soon at the school. Sharon said that Lorin wasn't here but that she will check into it because it should be starting ASAP.

END OF PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A quorum was formed at the end of the Principal's report.

MOTION by Christine that the minutes from the January PAC meeting be accepted as posted, 2nd by Ali. CARRIED

TEACHER LIAISON:

Ali reported that there was 1 request for funds:

- 1) Mrs. Carr, DT's Math Resource Teacher, is requesting \$150 in PAC funds for a Family Math Night, see attached for details, which includes purchasing board games for the math club as well as sending K to 7 kits home. The Family Math Night would be run by Mrs. Carr and Amanda Russet. A parent commented that if the funds were for a Math Club, that gaming funds could be used. Another parent commented that Math is extremely important and everyone uses it at some point or another. Another comment was that math games can take the "hard" out of Math and turn it into fun.

MOTION by Ali that the PAC give up to \$150 in Gaming Funds for Mrs. Carr to put on the Math Family Night and purchase board games as described for the Math Club, 2nd by Christine. CARRIED

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Sharon indicated that they were still investigating the needs of the school and looking into Ms. Hansen's past request regarding new math text books.

DPAC REPORT:

Valerie reported the DPAC released the December and January Meeting minutes. To view the meeting minutes you can go to www.dpac.sd73.bc.ca and click on the DPAC Meeting Minutes link on the left side of the Home page. She also mentioned that the topic of the District's idling policy not really being enforced was brought up and that the Food and Beverage Guidelines were also mentioned. She reiterated that Jesse Miller was presenting on March 10th. There was a question regarding the school's lockdown procedure. A parent felt that the word lockdown had a bad connotation to it and gives the impression that the children are in a jail or something and felt that it didn't seem appropriate. Sharon stated that they have changed the wording they use when announcing a lockdown and that they will now say "Secure room, secure room, secure room." She also explained that everyone then stays in their classrooms, portable students stay in the portable and that the staff room can be secured for staff/parents.

Valerie then reported on the January DPAC meeting and stated that there is an online parenting study for parents with kids aged 6 to 12 and that it is regarding child behaviours and cognition parenting. Both parents need to participate in the study. You can email cjlab@psych.ubc.ca for more information. She also reported that the accountability framework, "thinking out of the box", was being presented at the Principal's meeting. Valerie again stated that they spoke about Jesse Miller presenting Mediated Reality on March 10th.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Leni was not in attendance, however, she did provide the treasurer reports and some information via email. She wrote

"We are at the time where we have collected most of the revenue, but a large portion of expenses are still outstanding (hot lunches, bus trips, playground equipment etc.)

I have not allocated the latest round of hot lunches, unless it was specified on the deposit slips, most of that revenue is sitting in one account – hot lunches. The first round of hot lunches was already allocated, so whatever is in the hot lunch account if from the Jan order.

Summary of fall/winter fundraisers:

Poinsettias – net \$848

Purdy's - net \$1,691

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Craft Fair/bake sale – net \$ 1,318

School clothing - \$44

Cash in the bank

General account - \$33,254

Gaming - \$20,096”

See attached for the complete financial report.

There was also a question regarding the playground equipment that PAC agreed to purchase for the school and whether or not it was ordered, when it was going to come in and be installed, etc. Sharon said she would look into this.

FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE:

Dunes Spring Function:

Jocelyn provided an update on the Dunes function. The planning committee had a meeting and the date for the Parent's Night Out is Saturday April 9th. The DT community is welcome to attend. Corrinna is coordinating the event with Sheena handling the silent auction, Jade is on door prizes, Christy and Shalene are doing decorations and Wanda is handling the marketing of the event. Sharon indicated that she had to make one change to the letter requesting donations from companies to say that we can thank the business for their support but the school cannot promote the business. All the tickets are made up and the plan was to sell tickets from March 7th to 11th at the school from 8 to 8:30 and/or after school. The tickets will be \$25 each. Jocelyn also said they would be having another meeting in a week or two.

MOTION by Jocelyn that the PAC forward up to \$500 for miscellaneous costs and incidentals for planning the event, ie decorations, etc, 2nd by Christine. CARRIED

Art Card Fundraiser:

Jocelyn reported that the teachers now have the art card design papers so that the kids can start drawing. The kindergarten classes opted out of the fundraiser. The art cards will be collected before spring break on the 16th or 17th. The teachers will then hand them in to the office, a box will be set up for them and hopefully the order forms will be ready to send out after spring break.

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Spring Plant Fundraiser:

Christine reported that Coralee has just started looking into this. Sharon suggested that we might look in to Vesey's, which sells seeds and such. She said that you make 50% of what you collect and that she had used them in the past and felt that it was a very simple process with limited work for a good return.

OLD BUSINESS:

At Home Alone: The Spring At Home Alone course is scheduled for April 28th from 3 to 5:30pm with parents attending the last half hour. Registration for the class will open up on March 1.

Waste Stations: Still in process

Plaque or Bench for Krystina: Will add this topic to the Placeholder section

Placeholders:

Track and Field format

Creation of Facebook Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator

General Discussion: A parent commented that with all of PAC's additional fundraising this year, we should have some extra fundraising dollars to spend so she was wondering what we should spend it on. Sharon stated that with the new curriculum rolling out there will be new needs and not necessarily new money from the government. The new curriculum is more project based and individualized so she recommended that PAC hang on to the funds to see where best we can invest to make the new curriculum successful.

A parent asked if perhaps the library needed some more resources in the novel and book areas. Sharon reported that the library is pretty well funded and has good selections. The library is investing in technology right now. The library also gets funds from the Book Fairs held at the school. A suggestion of a student wish list to add new titles to the library was brought up, as well as a family book exchange spot, where families could bring in their gently used books to exchange with other DT families. Sharon said she would look in to that to see what the logistics would look like.

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A parent asked about the Track and Field placeholder and wondered when we would revisit the topic. Sharon asked what it was we wanted to know. Parents explained that they were interested in returning the Track and Field Day to a full day of sports rather than the way it has been run the past couple of years where students are pulled from their classes throughout the day but the school day goes on as normal. Sharon said she would speak with Terri Hansen regarding the reasoning behind the change. It was also asked what the difference was between Track and Field and Fun Day. It was explained that Track and Field Day is when kids can qualify to compete in the zones and then on to Districts, etc. Fun Day does not qualify kids for other events, it is just for fun. Ali offered to bring in track coaches, she would just need some time before hand to coordinate. It was also discussed that the Boogie the Bridge Day has been a big school spirit event that is also family oriented.

Christine mentioned that Leni had a time conflict with the first and second weeks of the month and that she could not attend Thursday's on these weeks.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

(Minutes recorded by: Christine Ony)