



## **PAC MEETING MINUTES**

### Wednesday, January 13, 2016

In attendance:

Cathy Thomas  
Angela Wong - Moon  
Cathy Matusicky  
Lisa Osoba  
Sandra Larson

1. Meeting called to order 6:10pm
2. Minutes from November 18th approved.

### **3. VP report**

**Parent- Teacher Conferences-** great to have seen so many families able to make it to the conferences today and yesterday- it really shows the collaboration between home and school and sends such a positive message to our students.

**Family Literacy Day-** in addition to everyone coming into school wearing pajamas, staff is planning to have a story teller come into school and are developing activities for Family Literacy Day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, January as has run in previous years.

**Peer Leadership opportunities grades three and four-** I have been in contact with Nancy Bradshaw who the Executive Director of the Social and Emotional Leadership Foundation about providing a program designed to provide peer leadership training for interested and targeted grade 3 and 4 students. I would facilitate the program that would be designed to develop positive leadership opportunities- where the students will develop skills such as facilitating peaceful conflict resolution and respectful listening. This will be great for the younger students to see and will help the students as they transition into the main school- they would have increased self- confidence and self- esteem. The program would compliment the Social Responsibility curriculum delivered in the classroom and would entail a commitment of one lunchtime a week from students to meet as a

group for training and two recesses a week to be a peer leader on the playground. As this moves forward, I will be approaching PAC for some funding towards the cost of the initial consultation, although much will be provided by Nancy Bradshaw as volunteer time and we will look to apply for grants as well.

**Parent volunteers-** thank you very much to the volunteers who are able to give their time to support the activities and learning that happens in the school. From organizing the cookbook, the garden and coming on community walks and field trips- we appreciate it. This term there will be a Chess Club and a Card Club two lunchtimes a week run by parent volunteers. This is a good term to have lunchtime clubs indoors- especially on those cold and wet rainy days.

**Pink Day Acceptance Dance-** about 18 students have returned their forms and are practicing the dance diligently three times a week. It is going very well! Letters have gone home this week selling the pink Acceptance T- shirts and for families to order tickets to the Giants game on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**Hallway carpet-** I had confirmation today that the carpet in the hallway outside the classrooms will be replaced over Spring Break.

#### 4. Financial report

Gaming account has \$1,415.10

PAC account has \$11,583.30

A cheque has been written for \$350 for the teacher classroom spending funds, and that will come out of the PAC account. PAC account will go down to \$11,233.30 once the cheque clears.

The planned spending is: \$150 for Muzewest and \$650 for Marnie the Sexplainer.

#### 5. Committee reports

##### **General:**

*\*\*Urgently need more volunteers for PAC and all committees. Will send out a letter of appeal to all parents to get involved more to avoid having to drop activities such as movie nights.*

Cathy Thomas suggested a sending out a survey (via survey monkey) to find out the interest/availability.

##### **Kitchen:**

Next movie night planned for Wednesday, February 10th. Will talk to parents about joining the PAC/committees before the movie starts.

Hot lunch for Friday, March 11th, right before spring break.

**Garden:**

Need to get a garden committee together to help Sandra plan for the spring. Also someone to take on the organization of the manure sale (weekend before or weekend after spring break). Potential to pay for someone to be in charge of the garden then Garibaldi provides volunteers for support. Cathy Thomas will contact Templeton, VanTech & Windermere to see if they have students who need to fill volunteer hours.

**Fundraising & grants**

Will apply for the Hastings Racecourse grant.

**Sustainability**

Winter clothing swap on now.

**6. Cookbook**

Under 50 cookbooks left! Total funds raised will be announced when all books are sold.

**7. Capital requests**

Possibilities: sex education, media awareness (next year), yoga/movement, colour/music, probably in May or June.

**8. Other business**

Ok to send out media consent form for images to be posted on the PAC blog.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21. **Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6pm. Principal Dan Knibbs will be invited to attend.**