

Sullivan Elementary PAC Meeting General
April 22, 2014

Meeting called to order by Ingrid at 9:05 a.m.

1. Review and Passing of February Minutes: 1st Kathryn, 2nd Stacey.
2. Review Agenda: 2 additions: Spirit Night and Teacher Appreciation.
3. Principal Update - Kelly Johnston
 - "Teachers Job Action" starting tomorrow. There will be no teacher supervision on the playgrounds, teachers will not attend meetings, no administration emails going out, teachers will arrive no more than 1 hour before start of school or stay more than 1 hour after school. Current school activities remain the same for May and June. Should not be a problem for our school musical production. Movie Night Thursday will go on as scheduled. There is some concern about the musical decorations that are set up in the gym and the lights and stands etc. We will be careful to be aware of them as it is very expensive equipment.
 - Our school currently has 2 iPads in each classroom. Request has been made to have 5 per classroom. GOAL is to buy 30 more ipads in the next 3 years for a total cost of \$15,000. A 10 pack of 16 GB iPad air = \$4,990 or a 10 pack of 32 GB = \$5,990. They have to be Ipads, specifically because we have to buy them through the district catalogue. Comments are made: how much of this money will the district pay, and is this the PAC's responsibility; this is a lot of money and can we put this idea on hold; what if the PAC made a donation of ipads and bought them ourselves to save money; how often to the ipads at school get serviced; what happens when they break or need upgrades. Idea is given to set up a "technology budget" for ipads and smartboards. To be discussed further at our next meeting.
4. Quick notes:
 - a) Movie Night still going ahead as per above.
 - b) Jessie Miller has been scheduled for May 7th in the evening. This is an evening for parents to discuss technology and their childrens safety.
 - c) Pancake Breakfast – May 16. Still need volunteers.
 - d) Games Day schedules for June 6. Planning to sell coffee and snacks for parents in the morning. Volunteers needed.
 - e) Popcorn Days on Wednesdays have been changed back to selling at lunch.
 - f) Spirit Night in June – still need "silent auction" donations. Waiting to hear back from YMCA/Fire Department and Police if they will come by that night. Currently getting prices for sumo suits, inflatables and dunk tank. Harjeet looking for highschoolers that need volunteer hours. Ginny and Nikki know some kids that need hours.
5. Swimming lessons – After some discussion on whether swimming lessons at the YMCA will only be for grade 2's this year a vote is taken to drop the grade 4's. Most people agree that grade 4's do not need the lessons at the Y.
6. Clothing Drive - begins May 5 for one week. Pick up is Friday a.m. Some concern over the size of the bags as we want each bag to count because we get paid per bag. We need volunteers

that week to fill and stuff bags. Suggestion is made to send 1 bag home with each child on Thursday May 2.

7. Joseph Musical Production – still need more volunteers for Tuesday and Wednesday.
8. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is Tuesday, May 6.
9. Halloween Party – Heather Brown: Sullivan Hall has been booked for Saturday, October 25 from 5-9 for a Sullivan School Halloween Party. This will be a fun night of costumes, pizza, hot dogs, face painting, music and dancing. Some ideas are prizes for best costume and hiring a DJ (potentially a student who needs volunteer hours). This will be a family event with parental supervision. We will need volunteers to set up and decorate. A vote is taken, all in favour.
10. Hot Lunch – Margaret/Darren: Sullivan Hot Lunch to go “on-line”. This program would allow all parents to register their children once and then order and pay for all school functions/lunches/field trips etc on line through the school website. Cash and cheque would still be an option however this would save time and money. Darren to build a domain name. This would allow the PAC to have all the school info/news on a website instead of facebook/emails sent home etc. The cost for this program is \$400/year but if you sign up now there is a discount and cost is \$350/year. Positive feedback from other schools that have tried this new set up. All in favor of having this set up – vote taken, all in favour. This will be set up for May/June.
11. Budget see attached.
 - a. Comments regarding all the school fundraisers. Some parents feel that there are too many fundraisers. Grade 7’s need \$\$ to go to camp and they need to work for that money all year. A suggestion is made to have a yearly calendar to show all fundraisers.
 - b. What is the final cost of the Joseph Musical? We should let parents know how much the cost was so parents see what the PAC money is being spent on.
12. Memorial for Sophie Haines – Ingrid: The PAC has contacted Shelley and Al and they are adamant they would like something on the school grounds. There is some confusion as to whether we are allowed to do something on the school property. Ms. Johnston has stated that the district does not allow this. One idea put forth was that there will be a rock engraved with a heart and the year with a poem. Another long term idea was getting a “buddy bench” in the playground where kids could go sit if they need a friend. Peach Arch school has a bench “in memory”. This is important to our school and our families and we need to fight for this. A reminder that this is a very sensitive situation. More definitive answers by next meeting.
13. Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 a.m. 1st Kirsten 2nd Cheryl