

Sullivan Elementary PAC Meeting General
March 10, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m.

1. Review and Passing of February Minutes: 1st Heidi, 2nd Cheryl
2. Review Agenda: No additions, deletions or deferrals at this time.
3. Principal Update - Kelly Johnston
 - Zumba is going great and the kids love it! Teachers are very happy with it. A big thank you to the PAC for funding this.
 - Ingrid, Jen ?? and Kelly attended a School community forum. Ingrid found it non-productive, with not enough discussion. They discussed items such as the school district yearly calendar, 2 week spring break, student learning and feedback etc .
 - Parking: Kelly emailed the school liaison regarding the no parking signs. He will drive by and take a look. Question was asked regarding the green space and whether that could be made into more parking spaces. It cannot because it is City Property. People felt that a large parking lot would be under-utilized as it is only for pick up and drop off that we need more space. Comment was made that we all need to walk more, but a large percentage of kids are from out of catchment. Comment was made that our school is now closed to out of catchment children and therefore our school will not be growing much more. Walk to school week is in April and we will try to motivate kids to walk more.
 - Sophie Haines Memorial update: Kelly has a meeting with Shelly this week to discuss what the family would like and what their wishes are for a memorial. Ideas such as planting a tree or buying a park bench have been discussed. Further discussion needed.
4. Updates: Ingrid
 - Saleema Noon – Further to last months discussion, many people have raised concerns. Ingrid called her and discussed our options. Saleema suggested we take the cheapest option which is having her come after school to meet with children and their parents for those who are interested. Comment was made that maybe we should give out pamphlets ahead of time so parents have a clear idea of what she discusses. Currently she is booking into November, so Ingrid is going to book her for the cheapest option and we can always upgrade.
 - Zumba Budget update: Originally the cost was \$500, but it ended up being \$600.
 - School washrooms: concerns have been made that the soap dispensers in the washrooms are too high for many children to reach, and that the taps are very difficult to turn on for the younger kids. Kelly says they have bought stools that are already in the washrooms. Over spring break the janitor will move the soap dispensers closer. Also the toilet paper is difficult to get out when there are 2 large rolls in the dispenser, so the janitor suggested he only put 1 in at a time. Question was asked when the janitor comes and what happens during the day when there are “accidents” or messes. Kelly commented that the janitor comes at 3:30 each day and that she takes care of other incidents during the day as they are reported.

5. Additional Directors – Ingrid

There have been additional directors added to the PAC at the last meeting. After today additional directors will not be added until the new school year.

6. Field Trips/Bus incidents – Harjeet

Firstly, the school field trip to the Orpheum was great, however there was some concern about the bus driver and arriving to the Orpheum on time. Apparently they were so rushed that the kids didn't have time to use the washrooms, and the orchestra had already started so they missed the first 15 minutes. The driver was angry and stressed out and comment was made that we should send in a complaint. There was enough time allotted to arrive on time, but there was some confusion over where they should be dropped off.

ACTION: Kelly to investigate the incident.

7. Magic Show Review – Ingrid

A big thank you to Kevan, Darrin and Rob for helping set up and do the manual labour. It was a HUGE job. Thank you to Kelly for letting us use the school gym. Budget: \$457 short of breaking even. It was very expensive. People felt that it was a bit "cheesey" but we all agreed that the kids LOVED it. The concession was very expensive.

8. Movie Night Update – Kevan

The last movie night of the year will be held April 24 and there will be pizza for sale again.

PAC has rented out the CLOVA movie theatre for Thursday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. Tentatively, the movie showing will be Mr. Peabody, but cannot guarantee that. Tickets on sale now after school and also there will be tickets sold at the door. Question asked if we can send out an email the day before reminding people to come. We need to sell 60 tickets to break even.

ACTION: Kelly to send out email reminder.

9. Spirit Night – Harjeet

Spirit Night is planned for Friday, June 13. Harjeet needs lots of volunteers. Linda is taking care of the silent auction. Kirsty is in charge of the soap box. We need student volunteers to help out. If anyone knows any high school students that need their volunteer hours, please ask them. Everyone agreed that Clanceys was excellent so we will hire them to do the food. Margaret is in charge of calling them and getting the permit. Cotton Candy Boys are booked. We need to contact the YMCA to ask them to send a few volunteers. Last year they gave out shirts. Harjeet will be calling parents volunteers and will set up a meeting at her house for further discussion. Comment was made that we need something to attract the older kids, the Velcro wall is good, any other ideas? Also, we should look into a healthier option such as fruit kabobs, instead of just cupcakes.

10. Swimming – Ingrid

In the past years the grades 2 and 4 go the YMCA for swim lessons. Earlier this year the grade 3's did a course called "Swim to survive". Question was raised whether we need to send the grade 4's to swim lessons. Most of the kids know how to swim or already go to swimming lessons. Many families in our school already have memberships at the Y. Is it the best use of our money to send the grade 4's? Idea was to send younger grades. But that is difficult because you need parents volunteers to watch them if they are under 8 years old. Further discussion needed.

11. Budget – see attached page.

12. Questions and Answers:

- Popcorn Money: Please do not leave it in the freezer anymore. Bring it up to Kelly, as she has a safe for it.
- Al Pichler ?? – he was at our school last week and had “auditions” for grades 3 and up. He will be coming again on Thursday. Rehearsals start after spring break. Performances are planned for April 29/30 (2 performances during the day and 2 in the evenings).
- Sullivan is not on the Fraser Institute list this year.
- Clothing Drive scheduled for beginning of May.
- Concern that if a parent is not on FaceBook, are they getting enough information? Emails are sent every Friday, Newsletter is sent the last Friday of the month for the following month. Would it be possible to post PAC minutes on the school website? Concern about privacy issues. Could we email PAC minutes to parents? Recommendation made that we send out PAC minutes to all directors at large immediately following a meeting, so that if they missed the meeting they will know what’s going on while it’s relevant and timely. Recommendation that we post the PAC agenda and if parents want more information they can request a copy of the PAC minutes.
- No hot lunch this Friday. Next one is April 25.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 p.m. 1st Shelley, 2nd Heidi