

PAC General meeting

October 21, 2014

Meeting called to order at 9:02 - Ingrid

1. Review and pass minutes of September meeting. 1st Karin, 2nd Leah

2. Review agenda: add hot lunch

3. Respect! - Ingrid

There has been some concern over the amount of side conversations going on during meetings. Please remember that we all need to show respect by listening to each other, valuing each others ideas, and remember that we are all here for our kids.

4. PAC meetings dates: There was concern that our meeting dates conflict with Sullivan high schools meeting dates, but there is no conflict. We will continue to alternate morning meetings and evening meetings. The only changes to note are we will change the November 17th meeting to November 18th at 9:00 a.m., and the December 15th meeting will be an evening meeting with wine and appetizers.

5. A few quick notes:

A) Jessie Miller Presentation - Kirsty

We have had him come for 2 years in a row to speak about internet safety. Is there interest in having him come to speak to the primary classes (grade 2/3)? Should we have him speak to parents again? Some concern that his talk has not been well attended in the past. A suggestion that we ask Cambridge or Goldstone school if they would like to join in or even take turns hosting this event. Motion to table this topic until next month.

B) class parent volunteers- we have a class parent for every class.

C) pancakes- pancake breakfast was a great success. Movie night coming up Thursday October 23. Movie will be "muppets most wanted". Pizza and other concession will be sold.

D) hand sanitizers/stove - Ingrid shared that she went ahead and ordered 4 hand sanitizer stations, one for by the kitchen, one for by the office, and 2 for in the portables. Re: stove-The kitchen is in need of a new stove, Colleen is looking into getting a new one. She may be able to get one at no cost. Suggestion made that if this is the case, we make a donation to a cause of her choice since her father just passed away.

6. Principals update- Kelly

Thank you for the great pancake breakfast and she apologized for the confusion in not having the gym ready for set up the day before. She did not know the boys had volleyball practice that afternoon.

7. Technology- Kelly

Kelly thanks the PAC for our keen interest in how the technology finances work with our school district. She has asked Ms leech, Mrs Sarchet, and Mr Becker to join her for this discussion.

There are 4 source of funding for technology: learning resources fund, school supply account, Grants, and the PAC (see attached for more info).

Why Apple? She discussed why the school uses only apple products. (See attached)

She discussed how the school receives tech support and repairs and how there are 4 categories (see attached).

Goals- Kelly shared what the schools technology goals are.

They would like to have:

Laptops: one laptop per classroom and a class set of 30

iPads: a set of 5 per classroom (60) and a class set in the cart

Costs for this would be \$10,000 and they are asking the PAC to give \$4000.

As the PAC has already voted on giving \$5000 for the technology budget, all in favour of using \$4000 for this goal.

8. School grounds- Heidi

There have been some concerns with the state of the school yard. Is it possible to have more gravel dumped to fill the holes and bumps in the yard? Also, could we add some more wood chips to the playground. Also of concern is the hole in the fence that has been there over a year. Kelly to look into those items and put a call to the district. Leah volunteers to call the city to see what they can do. Heidi will show Leah where the hole in the fence is. Also a suggestion to widen out the pathway in front of the school going across the parking lot entrance. It is very hard for strollers to get through there.

9. Communications - Monique

Monique is looking into having 2 sandwich board signs made up with current news/dates, to place on the school grounds to keep parents up to date. These boards will be easier to change on a regular basis than the message board.

10. Buddy bench update - Kirsty

The buddy bench has been installed and we are waiting for the wording on the plaque from Shelley and Al. A date for the unveiling/ memorial has not yet been set. Suggestion is for either the anniversary date or Remembrance Day.

11. Craft fair- heather

Craft fair is coming up November 2. We have 2 extra tables available as 2 vendors cancelled. Does anyone know of anyone that would like to rent a table. Ingrid has a friend who sells bowls. Grade 7's are not renting a table, so Jen will make and sell popcorn for concession. Volunteers still needed.

12. Christmas tree- Karin

Our school supports some low income families from another school for the Christmas season. Kelly to find out how many families our school will have and what they need. Our idea this year is that each classroom (or 1-2 classrooms join together) supports one family. Each room will have a "tree" with ornaments and each ornament will say a price tag or a gift idea that the child wants/needs. We would like parents and students to then pick an ornament and donate that gift. Karin would like to go around to each classroom and explain the idea and get students involved by picking the ornament, making Christmas cards for these children etc.

13. Free the children- Catherine

Catherine and her family are involved with a school in Kenya through this organization. She is wondering if she can have the PAC's help putting together school supplies that we donate. She will let us know how we can support this cause.

14. Fundraising- Elaine

The soup samples at the meet the teacher night were a success. The Souper sale fundraiser flyers have gone out to all students and will be on sale for 2 weeks. Last day to order is October 31st. We have to order by the Case-lot, so we will see how many orders we get in.

We are looking in to getting a photographer for our fundraiser. Deconti charged a \$20 sitting fee but most of the other photographers want to charge \$60. It is hard to find a photographer that is set up for indoor photographs. Suggestion is made that we wait until spring, there are a lot of fundraisers going on right now and if we wait until spring we might have better chances with good outdoor weather.

Chafing dishes are being sold for \$50. Regular price is \$100. Sign up sheet is going around if anyone is interested in ordering one.

15. Popcorn update - Jen

Popcorn sales have been very high lately! Jen has ordered boxes of twizzlers but is concerned that we might run out before the boxes arrive. She is wondering if we should buy some at walmart or sell something else. After much discussion she is affirmed in that she is in charge of popcorn Wednesdays and she can make decisions and do what she feels is best and we will support her!

16. Financial update - shareen

See attached budget.

17. Miscellaneous and Q&A.

A) Monique is putting together a PAC procedures manual throughout the year.

B) there has been some concern over our crossing guard lately. We continue to have substitutes and they never seem to stay very long and the latest one is not very safe.

Kelly will contact the district to let them know our concerns. Heather was in touch with a

constable last year after the accident across from the school, and suggestion was for speed checks but it is not a safe area for these checks. Heather will also make another call to the constable to see what she can do about the crossing guard.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Next meeting November 18 at 9:00 a.m.