

Sullivan Elementary PAC General Meeting December 15, 2014

Meeting called to order by Ingrid at 6:35 p.m. Meeting held at Kirsty's house.

1. Review and pass minutes of November meeting. Monique 1st, Stacey 2nd.
2. Review agenda:
 - Table the discussion on internet safety. A dad in our school brought up this issue again this week. Last year this discussion went nowhere. We feel this topic needs to be addressed with the school district and should be kept separate from the PAC meetings. Suggestion to have a separate meeting in January to discuss these issues. Kelly to look into this issue and contact the District.
 - Noon hour Supervisors. There has been some on-going concern with our noon hour supervisors. (Just to be clear we are talking about the outside adult supervisors). In the past our school had 4 supervisors, but this year we only have 3, and we feel this is not enough. Kelly informed us that based on our student/adult ratio, our school actually only gets the budget for 3 supervisors and the years we had 4 was an oversight. Suggestion is made for a gate in between the grass field and the gravel field, so that one supervisor could monitor both fields quickly and pass between them efficiently.
3. Principals Update – Kelly
 - Christmas concert at the Bell was a great success! The foyer area was a bit congested and next year we should announce that there are actually 2 entrances to the bell, the front and one at the side. The tickets sold covered the cost of the buses and the rental of the Bell. A suggestion that next year we give Mrs. Ibbotson a bouquet of flowers at the end of the night. Kelly informs us that the teachers gave her flowers at the school assembly.
 - Technology Wish List: the IPADS and macbooks arrived today. Teachers are very excited and grateful.
 - Kelly informed us that our school just underwent an internal audit. In one account there is \$2,700 from the YMCA swimming account. It seems administration must have paid the swimming bill out of a different account and then not paid themselves back. Kelly is wondering what we can do with this money. Three suggestions are made: to keep it in a “slush” fund and at the end of the year, if there is a shortfall in the budget we use that money, or we use it for swimming lessons next year, or the auditor gave us the option to use it as a school “event”. Either way, suggestion to wait this out and hold on to the money for now.
 - Scholastic Book Fair. The librarian, Mrs. Baisee is not interested in hosting the book fair. Elaine explains that BearFoot Books also has a fair they are interested in hosting at our school. Most people feel that Scholastic Books are more affordable than BearFoot books. Having a fair is a lot of work and if we want to host a fair, we need to

look into dates and start organizing. Stacey will ask her mom if she would like to volunteer. Need 4 people per day for 2-3 days. Discuss this again in January.

- We have a new crossing guard! She said she is staying at our school and we are very happy to have her there!
 - Suggestion is made to buy coffee cards for Christmas for the following people: Mrs. Ibbotsen \$50, three noon hour supervisors \$20/ each, and our janitor \$20. All in favour.
4. Movie Night coming up Thursday, December 18. There has been one issue with one parent who is concerned that we are showing the movie "elf" which on SOME websites is rated PG. We agreed last year that we could show movies that were PG using discretion and based on the movie. It is up to each parent to decide for their families. Kirsty needs help Thursday night. Monique will be there.
 5. Deck the Halls was a success! The kids loved the hot chocolate but were wondering where the whipped cream went! Next year we will add the whipped cream back in. There were a few complaints about the music over the loud speakers because it wasn't working properly. Other than that, a great time was had!
 6. Canuck raffle was postponed until January as December is too busy. The game is January 30th. We will start sell tickets from January 12-16 before and after school by the cage for \$2 per ticket. We will draw the name on the 19th and announce it. Monique to write a letter for first week in January.
 7. Christmas Families Project is going awesome. The Christmas tree and ornaments ideas has worked well and all gifts have been collected and will be dropped off at the inner city school on Thursday. Everyone thanks Karin for her hard work on this project!
 8. Financial Update – Shareen – see budget attached.
 9. Questions and Comments:
 - Monique is organizing a bottle drive for January 10th as a grade 7 fundraiser. She will send out an email to Sullivan Parents. Suggestion is made to open an account at the bottle depot. The Cloverdale Depot doesn't charge a fee. Suggestion also made to sell hot dogs and drinks at the depot to make a few extra dollars!
 - Just a reminder that the Sullivan Parents Facebook page is not moderated by the school. If there are any problems with the comments please see Ingrid or Kirsty.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Kirsty 1st, Elaine 2nd.

Next meeting January 19th @ 6:30 p.m.