

PAC Mtg - Jan 26/15

Meeting called to order at 6:36

Minutes from December meeting tabled and approved.

First: Heidi Seconder: Stacey

Principal's Update:

- Even given the last start of the school year due to the job action the teachers are really gun ho
- But because of the compressed school year the principal feels that there seems to be a lot of "extra" energy around the school
- The energy on the playground seems to be spilling into the classrooms and teachers are spending more time trying to solve those issues than focus on teaching
- ProD as staff, Numeracy in the AM and the Mind Up Program in the PM (Self-regulation program) that staff feels the students need to be more equipped to work through social issues and settle into learning.
- Next year Mind Up will establish the "common language" with students, especially manners and routines.
- Kelly commented appreciation for the PAC and parents at the school for making it a great place.
- Skating has been a success, teachers have seen the kids gaining confidence, it has gone well and the students have enjoyed it
- Math Blog: Every week there is a math question on the blog but there hasn't been alot of participation yet. The kids who send in an answer are put in a draw at the Monday Assembly and are drawn to win an ON TRACK pencil.
- Extra-curricular activity possibilities: In-line skating \$2205.00 for students to have 3 lessons, incl. skates, music, pads, etc. Company comes with great reviews. They would be in the gym for 6 days. After Spring Break is the proposed time frame. Instead of gymnastics (but the \$amount spent by PAC on gymnastics is not known)
- Pink Shirt Day: We will not sell the shirts through the school this year, but we will still participate in the Pink Shirt Day on February 25th
- She will bring in photos of the students using materials paid for by the PAC (ex: Keva blocks) and they are enjoying them.
- Possible Multicultural/Aboriginal Day this year.

Fundraising:

- Elaine: Some concerns about parents questioning fundraising changes/decisions or not taking concerns to her first to be clarified. Unfortunately, Elaine is stepping down as Fundraising Chair. Our Sisco account is still open if we would still like to use them for food orders/Spirit Night. Ingrid and other people will step in to run upcoming fundraisers. Elaine has done a wonderful job, with her husband supporting as well, the PAC is sorry to see her go.

- Discussion of lines of communication, how issues are supposed to be resolved. Parents are encouraged to bring any concerns to the PAC meetings so we can solve as a team, so those who have stepped up to take on PAC executive positions are supported. Discussion around how this situation can be avoided.
 - Encouraging use of sullivanpac email address, and add information about who to contact when there are concerns.
5. Canucks Raffle: Tickets donated by generous parent, won by Dylan S. We made \$800 and it was very successful. If we are ever able to get tickets again there is an option of applying for licence and do a larger raffle.
 6. Book Fair - Taken on by PAC, it came up quickly. So we needed quick parent volunteers, but it is running this week.
 - We need to decide what to do about the profit, we can either take half of the amount made in cash, or all in books. And how much percentage goes to teachers, librarian, etc. Options: 1/3 to library, 2/3 to library, or divide 13 ways, or just to Library.
 Passed by vote: Stacey to handle distribution of books earned, roughly 1/3 to classes and 2/3 to library for new books.
 7. Stove - Marle P. has found a stove on neighborhood buy/sell site and parents helped pick it up, install it and take away the old stove. Yay!
 8. Feb 19th Movie Night - One night before Feb 20th Pro-D. Kirsty has picked the movie, it will be The Lego Movie.
 9. Fruit and Veggie - Sign In for delivering it to the classes.
 10. Communications - Jen Foster (neighborhood member and real estate agent) They are running a community garage sale and we talked last year about planning the clothing drive for after the sale so possibly more donations could be made to the school.

Facebook page - Discussion whether parents may join when they register a student for kindergarten or once their student starts K. Suggestion that it is inclusive to parents that will be coming to the school.

Vote: Allow parents to join school Facebook page upon registration of their K student for 2015-16.

11. Financial update

- Gaming account could be used for in-line skating.
- Vote passed: Use Gaming funds for the in-line skating

12. Q&A: Grade 2 booked for swimming, Grade 3's also going this year.

Spirit Night: We will be using Sullivan Hall again, the date is Friday, June 12th. Cotton Candy books are booked, Inflatables booked, Sisco can do food and will also BBQ and

run the food service. We will need to pay for food ahead of time, will need to adjust food budget to account for pre-payment. Parent Volunteers and Silent Auction items to be collected.

Fundraising: We will try to cover the role amongst PAC members for the rest of the year. Possibility of an adult function in the works. Mirella B. to look into locations and bring back to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13

First: Monique

Second: Stacey