

## PAC general meeting

13 June 2016

Attendees:

Monique (first) and Maddie approved the minutes

DPAC - Ingrid attended the last meeting. South Newton Community is our neighborhood group - check their website for lots of information. [southnewtoncommunity.com](http://southnewtoncommunity.com)  
Have a Facebook page as well.

Expansion information - Marle. Met with Kari Mendez.

Will look like T.E. Scott. Expanded gym. 8 additional classes. Plans are being drafted now and will be sent to our school. (Four potentials being drafted) Not starting this year. 6-8 months to get city approvals and plans in place. The portables will be removed. Expansion will \*possibly\* be attached to the gym. "Light monitoring system" for the interior classrooms as there will be no windows to the outside. She will come to our Sept PAC meeting. Suggestion to have a separate meeting with Kari as an info session for the parents to have input into the expansion. Have this meeting after the Sept PAC meeting. Marle and Heather will be attending the district school board meeting and will provide the PAC with a review from that.

Water. Kelly updated. Health and Safety at the district have tested our water. The mineral content (copper and lead) is too high. Kelly has been advised to "flush" the cold water lines each morning. The district will do additional testing over the summer. The other issue is turbidity, as our water is quite discolored. The issue is with the city supplied water, and then it sits stagnant in the school's old pipes over night, and over the weekend. Hot lunch is also a concern - as we use the water in our PAC kitchen. The district has tested the water and said that with flushing the lines in the morning the water is safe to drink. Parents are encouraged to send water from home in the meantime if that is their choosing.

Kelly will arrange with Fraser Health and the school district together to send a hard copy letter to each student's home.

Sports equipment: Marle. Rec'd a list of requests from different teachers: Mr. Taylor would like floor hockey equipment. Mr. Mullen would like an equipment cart, and approx \$400 for new small items (hula hoops, floor mats and a replacement for our missing high jump pole), and equipment for gymnastics. Marle has been researching prices and has passed info to the teachers. Call for a vote to allocate \$ from the gaming account. \$1200 for Mr. Mullen and \$500 for Mr. Taylor. Voted on and passed unanimously.

Communications: Jen. Robbins. Has created a survey that will be sent home with students, as well as on the website. Please provide your input as to how each family prefers to receive communication from the school. Much discussion about personal responsibility of the parents to search out the information, rather than spoon feed the paper copy to each household. Online survey now, and a paper copy of the survey will be included with the September package.

Jen has also put together an option to sell add space on our school website.

Spirit night update: Harjeet. A tremendous success! The layout was changed and it worked well - silent auction was in Sullivan Hall and it was easier to see the items.

\$2360 plus the \$2000 donation. = \$4360

Financial update:

Shareen provided the financial breakdown, and a copy of the financials.

The emergency kits profit was used to help offset the costs of buying 16 kits for the school.

Discussion of helping some Fort Macmurray schools with buying books for libraries for the schools that were lost in the fire.

Principal's update:

Kelly introduced Dana Brown - our new principal for the 2016/2017 school year.

Dana attended Kelly's parent info meeting and there was a good turnout.

Request to help stock our "makers" supply cupboard in the second portable.

Kelly is going to miss our school community!

Christine (first) Shelly seconded closing the meeting at 7:35pm.