

Sullivan Elementary PAC

Monday September 18th, 2017

Meeting called to order 6:36 PM

Minutes from June 2017th meeting will be reviewed next meeting.

In attendance: Heather Brown, Marle Simmons, Shareen Singh, Amy Every, Manj Bunwait, Heiko Hockemeyer, Harjeet Gill, Ingrid Dob, Jennifer Bay, Dana Crowley, Sindy Saran, Ravi Dhami, Rita Sidhu, Julie Desy, Bal Dhillon, Amy Lucrezi

Meetings will now alternate Tuesday evenings and Monday mornings each month. Next meeting will be Oct 23rd in the spare portable outside as the library is in use and Dana will be delayed in coming.

Hot lunch: coordinators are not in attendance. Mirella and Erin are attempting to get everything for the entire year online, with a mix of outsourcing and hotdogs. October there will only be one on the 27th.

Craft Fair: held at Sullivan hall every year, this year it is Sunday November 5th from 10-3 PM. All the tables are booked and most are paid for by vendors already. Gaming license has been taken care of and raffle tickets are ordered. Hoping grade 7 parents and students will do the concession. A call for volunteers will be going out shortly.

Terry Fox Run: Mr. Mullen was hoping to do freezies after the run, they were tough to find, so Chapman's popsicles have been ordered for the kids instead

Pancake Breakfast: Mirella said she would do it. Heather will touch base with Mirella to confirm details and get back to Dana by Friday. It is currently on the calendar for Oct 13th. A call for volunteers will go out soon if doing it. Jen can do coffee for it, if needed.

Halloween Dance: Harjeet and Manj will attempt to pull it together. Hoping for October 27th 5:30-7:30 at Sullivan Hall. Probably pizza to be purchased through the Hot lunch site. Volunteers will be required to man the doors, serve pizza. DJ may 'donate' his services but will be nice to compensate him in some way. If Paul can't maybe Declan can be approached. \$200 budget approved for the dance if they can pull it together.

Fundraising: there is no coordinator this year, if anyone has ideas for fundraising please bring them up. Purdy's was successful at Christmas. \$567 was made last year and everything was done online. Would need someone to head it up. Sindy will look into it further. Marle said there are booklets upstairs still. Clothing drive through DDA also did really well last year making \$647 for one date. Someone will be required to help people unload bags and repack them so they are full for the week it runs. We have the clothing bin on the sidewalk and the school should get money from it. May be a better idea to push that instead of taking on more. Dana hasn't seen money yet and she will enquire to see what the percentage our school will receive as it is probably a smaller percentage from what is disbursed to other inner city schools.

Two movie nights are on the calendar.

Big Ridge gives back 10% of the bill to the school if we tell them we are from Sullivan Elementary.

Pub night made \$547 with a small turnout. Most of the money came from 50/50 sales. Rita will look into a pub night and get some dates/ideas.

Dana's update:

Final enrollment 277, about the same as last year. Was worried there wasn't enough K's for 2 classes but district approved it.

School goal is to develop math skills. The staff would like to do an evening of Math and invite families in to make real examples of math, ie games night, carnival. Dana hopes to include updates in the newsletters on how they are accomplishing the goal and math goals for the year will be posted on the website. They had a large collaboration day last week and the kids watched movies and discussed how they were being on TRACK, while the teachers collaborated.

Two refugee families at our school in September, one from Syria, that seems established and the other from Somalia, with limited English. The welcome centre has been contacted to help but no response has been given yet. They really need clothes for grade 2 (boy), 4(girl), and 7(boy). The staff plans to pool money and go shopping. Should we put out a request for gift cards, ask for donations? They really need a wheelchair for one of the elder children. We could do a giving tree, but unsure if they would be okay with that and Dana needs a translator to be able to ask. PAC will look at sponsoring their hotlunch. Dana will find out what their food restrictions are to see if that is an option.

Crosscountry starts tomorrow. Practices are mon/wed/fri for 15 after school with Mr. Mullen.

Collection for Terry Fox started today. Collecting quarters Tuesday, loonies Wednesday and toonies Thursday. Mr. Mullen said if their goal is surpassed they will throw cream pies at teachers. Run starts at 1 pm, parents welcome and needed to stand on the route.

Orange shirt day is Sept 29th. Meeting with staff on Wed to see what the day will look like. There will definitely be an assembly and there will be classroom activities to recognize the residential schools and that every child matters no matter what their background.

Newsletters will come out the end of every month and the shape of the week every Friday. Parents need to register online to receive them.

Friday will be Dana's last day for 6-8 weeks, Charles Schneider will be stepping in and has already come in to meet the staff and will be attending next month's PAC meeting.

Wish list: end of last year a list was put forward for what the teachers would love for their classrooms.

They would love to see \$15/student for fieldtrips and Grouse fieldtrip has been booked again for grades 1-6. Ks and 7s would have a different fieldtrip. Proposed that every parent pay for Grouse and the \$15 goes to other fieldtrips so there are less bits and pieces throughout the year but most agreed it would be more helpful for families to have the most expensive trip subsidized. Teachers must be told that no other trips would be contributed to by the PAC. Approved \$15/student from gaming.

Want to fund 2 Art start performances out of three at \$800 each. Total of \$1600. Approved from gaming

Mr. Mullen wants to bring in HipHop instruction for all students. \$10 a student for 4 classes and a performance. Approved from Gaming

\$500 for outside play soccer balls. Put it out in the newsletters and FB page to see if anyone has soccer balls they don't use and can donate.

Mr. Mullen said we need 12 new basketballs. Dana to find out cost for next meeting since they are not needed until January.

\$500 for new books for the library. If the librarian did the Scholastic book fair, we could give her all the profits from that to purchase new books.

There is no school banner anymore, would be nice to have for cross country meets, etc \$500 would be an approximate. Push it off as well, since not really needed until Spring.

Request for funds for primary team to purchase new stations to feature, First Nations books, props, puppets, beads, art etc. Dana to request a cost from them so we can discuss at a later meeting.

From earlier budget meeting, every teacher would receive \$250 each to purchase what they want for classrooms. This is also the only amount for new teachers. LST & Library will also receive this. Music will receive \$150 and French \$100

Dana has approximately \$2000 that is coming back to us from money that wasn't used last year.

\$3915 in Gaming account currently. Last year's grant was \$5600, so anticipate about the same, since we have similar enrollment. That would cover art start, hip hop and \$15/student for field trips.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Heather first, Shareen second.