

PAC Minutes for November 2009

Secretary's report- Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report- Angie reported that about \$1600 was brought in from the new Hotlunch program for the full 5 weeks. It was noted that the profit was around \$100 for this week.

Trustee report- Larry Little was present at this meeting and informed us that -

A joint letter signed by the Partner groups (CUPE, OS Teachers Union, Principals/Vice Principals Association, DPAC and the Board) and was sent to the Premier, the Minister of education and our MLA Bill Barisoff.

A letter was sent to the standing committee on Finance and Government services.

The board is setting up a meeting with MLA Bill Barisoff.

Your BC PAC organization has been lobbying the government on behalf of all parents. The government does listen to the voice of parents more than politicians.

Principals report- It was reported that fifty five children in our school were away today. Thirty nine of them were ill.

These children were not necessarily sick with the H1N1 flu, but parents are keeping children home until they are fully recovered, just to be safe.

The Hot Lunch program has officially started and it was a success. Teachers were very pleased and reported that it went very smoothly.

There will be another floor hockey tournament, this time at Queens Park. November 14th, from 9am until 3pm.

There will be early dismissal Wednesday November 4th and Thursday the 5th for parent -teacher interviews. There will be a book fair on these days as well, in the library.

It was noted that there will be a new report card format that may come out looking different , with no written learning outcomes on the side column. Report cards to come out December the 11th and feedback is welcome. (Report cards are late this year due to the date that Spring Break falls on).

Soccer and Cross country teams (gr. 4 and 5) received certificates at the assembly which took place today (November 2). Wednesday will be the final run and ribbons will be given out to the runners.

Basket Ball will start in January .

Volleyball day went really well. A professional Volleyball player came to the school and gave the children lessons. The children really enjoyed this.

There was a Parent conference (MC'd by the lovely Terri Wood). This was a huge success , with over 100 people in attendance.

Ready Set Learn to start November 18th at 3 pm, in Mrs. Tucker's classroom. An introduction to a school setting for children 3 and 4.

Parenting Wisely- is still going strong, Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the Home learners building. Spots always available, drop ins welcome.

Writing Outloud- There are 2 more classes coming up in the new year . More information to follow.

Some of the Penticton Vee's came to visit our school to read to our students and sign some autographs. There will be game vouchers available in the office. November 27th will be Parkway's Vees night. Families of Parkway students will be able to attend as a group. School spirit is a must!

School Spirit Days- Some students from Mrs. Tunell's class have put together some fun student spirit days. Black and Orange Day was the first and November the 19th will be Pajama Day. There will be 8 school spirit days in total.

The grade 3 swim program will continue this year. Grade three Parents will be asked to pay \$20 towards the cost.(6 sessions)

There is a report due in regards to the \$8000 community grant that we received. Sue and Angie will look after this.

It was mentioned that there are 2 wonderful photo books available in the library full of photos taken from sports events and school activities. Thank you Mrs Raitt!

SPC - November 12th, 7 pm at the Princess Margaret Library. Parents and staff can discuss goals within the school.

Old Business- A concern about the Hot Lunch program was brought up involving the volunteers following the food guidelines. It was explained that the guidelines are being followed properly.

Fundraising Meetings- We have found out that parent drivers are allowed to drive to and from field trips. Also, the use of City buses to transport students to field trips may be more popular this year. It is a new goal to try and keep field trips more local and possibly have each class fundraise a little towards their own field trips. More information to come.

The Christmas Basket Raffles are in full swing and are being organized. The first raffle is set to be at the school Christmas concert, December 3rd.

New Business- The Christmas concert will be open to the whole school this year, and a suggestion was made to offer each student 2 tickets per family in order to fit everyone in. Extra tickets will be available(if there are any) . More information to follow.

Banking- The Treasurer, Angie Wilson announced that the executives from last year (Lucille Freeman and Brenda Watson) were present to properly release signing authority, and newly elected executive parents (Vice President, Dirk Goedhart, and Secretary Lindsay Christian) needed to be added. In September, Dirk was elected by the PAC to be Vice President (motioned by Allen Wilson, seconded by Terri Wood) and Lindsay Christian was elected to be secretary (motioned by Kelly Jones ,seconded by Allen Wilson).

Mrs Mercer- Is expected to be away (surgery) until the end of January . We wish her the best. Tammy Takashima will be taking her place in the office.

Meeting ended around 8:20 pm, next meeting will be December 7th at 7 pm.