

PAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 1st, 2010

Introductions were made around the table.

Secretary Report:

- Lindsay was unable to attend, so no secretary report

Treasurer's Report:

- Not much activity in January, more \$ should be coming in February with hockey tournament and bottle drive
- Waiting on two grants for the sports court. We are very optimistic that we will receive them
- Kelly and Connie Hack have sent out 110 letters to businesses in the community requesting a donation to the sports court in return for recognition. After only a week, we have received \$750 from 4 businesses.

Guess Speaker:

- Alice Tunnell invited Rick from Points West to demonstrate a **Smart Board**
- Alice would like to have a Smart Board for the school as it would be an excellent technological tool for the students.
- Rick showed many of the features of the Smart Board, and how it could be used interactively to enhance lessons.
- Alice would be willing to be the support person for the Smart Board and give workshops to the rest of the staff
- The cost would be \$1800 for one Board and a rolling stand. This would include yearly upgrades.
- An additional \$900 would also get a document camera for the school.
- The school already has the necessary LCD projectors needed.
- It was decided that as we have already committed to the sports court and assistance to field trip bussing, the fund-raising for the Smart Board would have to wait until next school year.
- An implementation plan for the next few years will have to be put into place as we will need to supply the school with more than one Smart Board.

Trustee's Report

- Our new trustee is Tom Siddon
- Meetings are coming up re: budget.
- Tom feels that next year's budget will be a little easier after this year of many cuts.
- We will finish this year in the black
- Full time kindergarten is still in talks, but it will be throughout our school district within the next 2 years
- Tom showed a student health study done by Annie Smith every 5 years. It involves 29,000 grade 7-12 students in BC. The 2008 study results, which have just come out, show that alcohol use, cigarette use and suicide attempts in this age group have declined since the previous study.

Principal's Report:

- **Floor hockey tournament** - last one @ Parkway will be on Feb 6th. There will be a bottle drive with proceeds to the Sports Court, and concession with proceeds to Relief for Haiti
- **Basketball** - going very well. We are lucky to have a grandparent/retired teacher Terry Lindsay volunteer coach for the team. Thanks to Robyn for the great mascot costume!
- **Movie night** - Feb. 15th - the movie will be G-Force
- **FSAs** - will be Feb 8th to 22nd in Grade 4 classrooms. We keep them very low key, causing very little stress on the students
- **Satisfaction Surveys** will be going out in February. They are mainly completed electronically. Kelly will be sending info home to the parents of grade 4 children. Grade 4 students will also be completing surveys in the lab within class time.
- **Olympics Day** - February 12th. The students will enjoy an Olympics-based activity in the gym. The primary students will have their "Olympics" before lunch and the intermediate classes will go after lunch.
- **Spaghetti Dinner** is on February 11th - proceeds will go to Mrs. Raitt's and Mrs. Tunnell's year-end field trip
- **Photographs** - Kelly and Angie will meet with Life Touch photographers on Friday. They will be asking about the possibility of

- a family portrait fundraiser. Please forward any questions or requests re: school/class photos to Kelly or Angie before Friday
- **Cross-country skiing** - the grade 5s will be going skiing on February 17th. Parents are welcome to join them. It is a wonderful day! Lessons are provided, and no previous experience is needed.
 - **Swimming** - grade 3s had their 4th lesson, all is well. They will get all their lessons in before the pool renovation shut-down.
 - **Family Science Night** - March 4th. Families will be invited spend the evening doing a Science experiment together, then will be provided with a package of experiment ideas they can do at home with supplies easily found in the home.
 - **Report Card** window is the week after Spring Break. Teachers will decide individually which date they will send them home. Another early dismissal day is set for March 31st.
 - **Thank you letters** will go out on behalf of the school and PAC to the community businesses for donations to the sports court.

New Business

- Tina Ben has volunteered to head up **hot lunch** for February and March. Thank you Tina! Order forms will go out Feb. 4th and need to be back by the 11th. The arranged lunches are: hot dogs - Feb. 19th, subs - March 5th, pizza March 26th. Veggies and dip or fruit salad will also be an option.
- Diana Kelly brought forward an application for a \$1000 **grant from Terasen Gas**. The first 10 qualifying applicants will receive the grant. Angie will fill out form and submit it immediately.
- We are currently leading in the **Penticton Vees** fan competition for \$1000
- There will be a **fund-raising meeting** arranged for some time after the Floor Hockey tournament. A spring dance will be discussed, possibly in conjunction with family portraits.
- Zachary Wilson has been **babysitting** during the meetings. A running total will be kept and he will be compensated at the end of the year.

Next Meeting - March 1st - 7:00 PW library