

PAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11th, 2010

Introductions were made around the table. 10 parents, 2 staff and Kelly!

Secretary Report:

- Lindsay was unable to attend, so no secretary report

Treasurer's Report:

- After Christmas fund-raising of bake sale, cookie dough, Pennies for the Sports Court, poinsettias, the balance in the fund-raising account is \$9127
- Basket raffle proceeds of \$1100+ was deposited in the gaming account leaving a balance of \$3619
- \$10,000 is still owed on the playground
- there will be more fieldtrips coming out of gaming account

Principal's Report:

- **Ginny Manning** is new board chair. There may be a shuffling of school trustees.
- **Skating** has started, many parents turned out to help
- First **swimming** session started today. More than 90% of the students were able to pay the \$20 donation, so the amount supported by PAC will be less than last year.
- Government is conducting a review of the new government implemented guidelines for **food in schools**. Parkway has been randomly selected as one of the schools for follow-up
- **Auditor General** is doing an audit of schools this year to ensure that special education funds are being properly distributed. SD 67 has been chosen as one of the districts to be audited. Cathy Terris will be on the team to be interviewed.
- Please send any comments regarding new **report card format** to Kelly
- **Christmas concert** - about 250 attended afternoon performance, 500 at the evening performance. Feedback - present company loved it. One concern was voiced about exiting in case of fire or emergency, but in spite of tight quarters, we were well under maximum capacity

for the gym. More performances are planned for the spring, but not on as large a scale.

- **Writing Out Loud** will start on Thursday evening. Child-minding will be provided if necessary
- **Friends Program** - an anti-anxiety program for grade 4 & 5. Vicky Byrnes is piloting a grade 1 program. There will be a parent meeting next week for the parents of her students
- **Basketball** - 41 students in grade 4 & 5 have signed up for basketball. Practices are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 8 games are set up - 5 home and 3 away.
- **Family Literacy Day** - there will be a celebration at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre on Sat. Jan. 23rd. All are encouraged to attend
- **Pictures** - Angie and Kelly are meeting with Life Touch Photographers to give feedback and arrange for future photos. Comment - seems expensive in comparison to other companies. Request - family photo night.
- **Olympic Torch Relay** - Torch committee is providing busses for all grade 4 and 5 students to attend the celebration at the SOEC on Jan. 25th. Primary classes will be encouraged to walk up to Main Street to cheer on the torch. Kelly will get more details before the event.
- **Performance** - Jan 29th - West African Master Musicians will be performing in the gym at 9:30. All are welcome.
- **Grade 5 fundraiser** - Grade 5s will hold their annual **spaghetti dinner** and basket raffle on Feb 11th. This is the only fund-raiser held for their spring trip to O'Keefe Ranch and the Vernon Science Centre.
- **Smart Board**. Mrs. Tunnell has requested that a "Smart Board" be put on the fund-raising wish list for the school. It would cost approx. \$1200. PAC suggestion that she arrange to speak and/or demonstrate at a future PAC meeting.
- **FSAs** for grade 4s will be written in February.
- **Floor Hockey** - next tournament will be Feb 6th in the Parkway gym. There will also be a bottle drive at that time.
- **Ball Hockey Tournament** - plans are in the works for a family ball hockey tournament to be held at QP school in the spring. There will be an admission fee and sponsors will be approached. The proceeds will go to buy books for QP and PW libraries.
- **Starbucks** - 100 new books has been donated to the library from Starbucks fund-raiser

- **DPA** - school-wide DPA started last Wednesday - everyone is invited to join in
- **Movie night** - next one is Feb 15th

New Business

- Friday April 16th - **Spring Fling and carnival** - discussion on holding a family night - free admission, with activities (ie - carnival-type games) have a charge. Mr. Zaugg has volunteered to provide music for a dance in the gym.
- **Year-end Barbecue** - will be organized for June - Par T Perfect will be hired again. This will be a celebration, rather than a fund-raiser
- **Hot Lunch** - lots of interest and volunteers willing to help, however no one has stepped forward to organize. Angie will talk to some parents and try to get it going.
- Mrs. Zaugg is looking for a **pianist** for spring festival
- **Bottle drive** - notice to go home, will include volunteers for floor hockey concession. Terry will organize concession
- **Full Day Kindergarten?** - Ministry has granted 188 full-day spots for the district which is just over ½ of total spots. District will choose which schools will offer it - decision should be announced within the next 6 weeks. Recommendation to register kg students in their home school, then request transfer if wanted. Kelly will pass on info as he receives it.
- A **fund-raising committee** meeting will be held Tues January 26th - 7:00 pm in the PW library

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