

Trout Creek PAC - Minutes February 4, 2010

Call to Order 6:30pm

Attendees: KaraLee Cave (secretary), Gena Lowe (vice-chair), Robyn DeYoung, Diane Henderson, Margita Heggie, Liz Picket, Lisa Scott, Lara Hughes, Connie Denesiuk (trustee), Greg Johnson

Approval of agenda

Real Photography

- Greg Johnson, local photographer. Presented his product and programs.
- Possibility that he will do school photos next year.
- Many parents not happy with this years school photos or family photos. Parents seem keen on trying him out.
- Will pass info on to Paula.

Executive Reports

Chair - Jenny Chick - Absent

Vice Chair - Gena Lowe

- Valentines Update -things seem to be on track
- Class basket donations a little lower than last
- Last meeting Tuesday, hoping to get most things done

Treasurer - Char-Lynn Bubar - absent

Secretary - KaraLee Cave - no report

School Trustee Report - Connie Denesiuk

- 188 spaces for full-day kindergarten in the fall. Looking like it will be at Trout Creek. Meeting is Monday night that they will pass this. More information available on district website.
- Budget - looking at cute. There are monthly budget meetings. District looking at putting out survey though website to see peoples priorities since it's hard for people to make meetings.

- Fraser Institute ranking of schools was in the paper today. These results are from last year.

Principal's Report - Paula Reay (report read in her absence)

- lots of PE activities - intramurals, cross country skiing, Olympic Day, extra curricular basketball
- wonderful donations to Haiti (\$1210.36) will be forwarded to the Red Cross
- Mrs Rodriguez explained the items purchased for needy children in Mexico based on our November fundraiser
- report cards issued after spring break this year, all students will receive a written report by March 31. there is an early dismissal day on March 31 so students dismissed at 1:30 so that parents can discuss any report issues with teachers.
- staff has been working on our inquiry question which will be the focus of our school improvement plan this year and next, will share more in March
- skipping schedule set and ready to begin immediately after spring break.

New Business

Popcorn Machine - Lara Hughes & Margita Heggie

- Found company in Vancouver that sells the top 3 popcorn machines. The one that has been suggested and seems to be of interest by parents present is a 6oz machine with a 3 year warranty for \$670 plus taxes and shipping. Could save on shipping by picking up at the coast. Will put out in newsletter and vote in March.
- This is a money maker. Initial cost is high but will generate money in the future. Could be used at PAC functions such as Valentines Dance, Movie night, Penny Lane.

Health Fair (report from Deena Thiede read in her absence)

- Health fair is booked for April 28th in the am
- Need volunteers to coordinate stations, some SMS students will help out with one of the exercise stations.
- wondering if hot lunch crew would coordinate the free healthy lunch sponsored by the event.

- PAC funds to support this event? Hearts @ school program gives \$500 to sponsor the event.

Lisa Scott

- Trout Creek parent and local biologist interested in starting up an environmental club at the school
- figures 4 parents to commit to one day a month are needed to get it going
- kids would help mould what the club would be, possibly help organize earth day
- make students more aware of environmental issues
- building on basic recycling, considerations for changes at the school
- crafts using recycled materials.
- lots of ideas, would like to get this going soon
- will put out in newsletter ecomatters@shaw.ca

Meeting adjourned 8:10