

PAC Meeting: October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 8:50am start

Stephanie called the meeting to order at 8:51 am

In attendance:

Stephanie Stovold	Jenni Fauht	Mrs Thygesen
Shannon Lifton	Alysha Rattay	
Kelly Brodie	Toni McClure	
Deborah Hunt	Maggy Lopez	
Joanne Hodgins	Leila Fuoco	
Michelle Chorney	Vanessa Ferguson	

Stephanie proposes to adopt current agenda

Alysha seconds this.

Kelly notes that two points were written incorrectly in last month's minutes. It should have been a motion to increase the classroom incentive from \$100 per division to \$150 per division and to increase the gaming expense: buses increase this year to \$115 from \$100. So Kelly motions to increase from \$1200 to \$1380.

Kerri seconds this.

Kelly motions to adopt the amended minutes from September.

Alysha seconds this.

#### Administration Report: Mrs Christine Thygesen

Mr Carlyle is away in Portland at a Dr Ross Greene Conference. Also attending are Ms Rodgers and Mrs Tripp. Mrs Thygesen (Resource Teacher) is here in his place to give the Admin Report.

The Ross Greene Conference aims to give collaborative and proactive solutions to deal with students that are struggling with social behavior. Our staff is 6 months in to learning about this and some staff attended an earlier conference 6 months ago. Lost and Found is Dr Greene's most recent book and our staff read this book as a novel study.

#### Movement Course: stickers on our school's hallway floors

- for students to follow when they feel wiggly in an effort to burn off energy
- for tired/sleepy students, or for frustrated students to follow and gain more positive energy
- the hope is that once a student has walked the movement course, they will move into the green zone and be ready for learning
- we are one of the few schools in our district who have this movement course and other schools have been looking to learn from our program
- Mrs Thygesen has gone around to classes to explain to students when to use the movement course
- there is physical & occupational therapy science behind this program

#### Grade 6/7 Leadership Crews:

- 1) Playground Pals: grade 6/7's involved go out at recess and lunch on the playground, circulate and help struggling students in social interactions
- 2) Assembly Crew: crew of grade 6/7's who set up the gym for assemblies, know how to set up projector, microphone equipment
- 3) School Spirit Days: crew of grade 6/7's

#### School Improvement Day: Rick Hansen Day: 1 hour session of professional development

- on the topic of accessibility for all students and inclusion for all students
- Grade level resources

- helping our kids with inclusion and helping all students to be included and enjoy accessibility
- Ambassador was a woman in a wheel chair who shared her story (fishing, track etc) with the students

Goal of Literacy this year

- Primary Balanced Literacy Guide for staff to refer to
- aims to provide really good instruction in learning to read

Action Plan for Learning:

Committee made up of Mrs Thygesen (Resource teacher), Mrs Kroeker (Library Commons), Mrs Croft (intermediate teacher), Mrs Hannah (primary teacher), Mr Carlyle and Stephanie (PAC president)

- goal: to make sure all students graduate at grade level for reading
- it has been noticed that our district falls below the goal and this has thus become a District goal
- monthly meetings will happen to aim to get all students to meet this goal

Terry Fox Day

- Mr Carlyle and a fellow student volunteered to shave their heads in support of us reaching our fundraising goal; \$2300 was raised
- teachers were also pried in the face

Orange Shirt Day

- Mr Carlyle read a story to students: Story of Orange Shirt Day
- teachers then de-briefed students
- Bulletin board: every child matters, students all worked on a mini orange shirt to go up

Teachers Report:

A request was made last month that more sustainable materials be used for hot lunch. Kathy has looked in to this but this will put the cost of hot lunch up. We will continue to look for a happy balance between keeping hot lunch affordable and using recyclable materials

#### Reminder: Our PAC's Role in School

- we are lucky to have a great relationship with our staff and have their support
- reminder that the Primary focus of school is the learning of students
- when asking for time or use of facilities, please remember to be respectful and flexible
- sometimes schedules must change to accommodate the goals of the school

#### Budget (Kelly)

Reminder: budget is always approved in May at the AGM

- any amount can be changed if it is approved and the budget can be changed from year to year
- increased grant from govt: we should get \$24 a child: gaming grant from the BC govt

Kelly motions to adopt the budget

Alysha & Toni second this

#### New Business

Purdys Fundraiser, Hampers & Breakfast with Santa coming up

Reminder: if you are on a committee, you cannot directly benefit from that committee

-this is stated in the constitution

-clarification: if there are stats taking, we must all follow the code of ethics and be honest, no fudging of stats and keep everything legitimate. For example, if there was a class division contest, it is allowable for a committee head to have their child's division win if there are stats (tally etc) to back up the win

PAC Email Address: [alicebrownelempac@gmail.com](mailto:alicebrownelempac@gmail.com)

- Stephanie and Shannon will check this account every few days
- PAC business should be communicated through this email please
- better to have a paper trail, and also sometimes points can be lost in casual conversation

-things to be brought up at a meeting or added to agenda should be emailed here

-The discussion of PAC meeting agenda is done the Sunday prior to PAC meeting so please email agenda topics prior to this

#### Projectors for Classes

-currently half of the classes have projectors

-it would be great for all classes to have these

-Mr Carlyle purchased Apple tv's for all divisions with a grant he received

-he would like to request that the PAC purchase the rest of the projectors so all divisions will have them, at a cost of about \$6200

Kelly proposes that we give the \$6200 to Mr Carlyle to purchase and install the projectors for the remaining divisions without.

Jenny and Vanessa second this.

It should be noted that we still have \$1000 in the Literacy fund.

Mrs Thygesen would like to note that she uses the new projectors, and they are awesome and convenient!

#### DPAC Update: Alysha

First DPAC meeting happened on Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

-Adam Henry resigned as President as his boys do not live in this district

-Lisa Moore is now president , she is a mother of 3 students in the district

-Superintendent reported that it was a smoother start to the school year this September as there was an increase in teachers hired

-reminder that DPAC is for district issues and not individual issues

-newly proposed elementary school in about 3 years in Willoughby area

-Emergency tents are being returned and hoping for refund

-tents were too heavy to move in an emergency (200 lbs)

-issue that not all schools could accommodate these tents as they must be stored outside the school with outdoor access; also theft issue

Presentation by Cecelia Reekie of Langley: My Journey to Reconciliation; Alysha recommends this

Bookfair: week of Oct 22-26

-call out for volunteers

Please Contact Cindi if you can help out

Purdy's Fundraiser Campaign

-Oct 18-Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

-Pizza parties for the primary class and intermediate class that sells the most

Old Business

Coupon Books: sold 60 or 70 (we receive \$5 per book)

-will probably be Langley coupon books next year

Walk to School Week

-went well, weather held out

-some special guests in mornings

-two students won movie night & dinner passes

-Ms Bricco's class has won ice cream sandwiches, to be awarded this Friday afternoon

All committees are now filled!

Fun Night: Jenny: Willy Wonka Theme: May 10th

- meetings have started
- working on door prizes
- donation by Envision

#### Grade 7 BBQ/ Welcome to School Night:

- great turnout

#### Capital Fundraising Goals

- Gym mats?
  - discussed last year
  - ours are in poor shape
  - big expense (approx \$5000)
  - used for more than just PE (assemblies, movie night..)
  - Ms Kroeker has \$1000 in her budget

(Ms Kroeker also has \$1500 in her budget specifically for extra curricular activity)

Other goals: home reading

#### Facebook Page:

It has come to our attention that Alice Brown Elementary PAC is not coming up automatically in members' newsfeeds, unless you "like" a post. Perhaps we could all make a habit of going in to the Alice Brown Elementary PAC page to check for new posts and "like" them so others can see the posts

Note: Kelly will be away and so no cheques will be written til October 30<sup>th</sup>.

DPAC will pay for at least one person to get their Food Safe Certificate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

