

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting
October 24, 2012

In attendance

Mike Keller	Deborah Pettigrew	Christine Norton
Ruth Kaune	Cindy Latham	Kelly Carter
Kim Perry	Amy Burden	Jennifer Mariero
Patricia Thurston	Sandra Baumeister	Alison Valcamp
Jeff McCallum		

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 AM.

Motion was made to accept agenda, revised to change Twitter Demo to Twitter Discussion. Seconded.

Motion was made and passed to accept minutes of the September 2012 meeting, which can now be published through the school website.

Principal's Report

Halloween theme day is on Oct. 31/2012. Parents are asked to ensure students do not bring weapons, nor wear overly revealing clothing, masks are okay. Parade in the gym will be just before recess.

Twitter is up and running as an extra form of communication, reminders for events, and to pass on articles of interest to parents. Twitter feed is right on the school website. Other forms of traditional communication continue to exist.

Remembrance Day assembly will be held on Friday, Nov. 9/2012 in the gym. All parents are welcome. The assembly is 100% student-led. Time will be confirmed in November newsletter.

Photo re-takes will be on Nov. 20/2012.

DPAC Report

Any reiterated that DPAC meetings are open to all parents and they are held on the third Monday of each month.

Treasurer Report

Gaming grants in the amount of \$8,300.00 were received. The amount to be disbursed to each class will be discussed and voted on at the next PAC meeting.

Hot Lunch

The new coordinator, Mandy, met with Paula last week to transfer information. She will ask, via the PAC newsletter, for volunteers to help out on hot lunch days.

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Emergency Preparedness Report

Mike has our school on the list for a donation bin. Funds generated will be used solely for emergency preparedness. All donated items go to African students.

Mike asked that the next PAC newsletter include a reminder to parents that they need to go onto Parent Connect and review their emergency release names and confirm that they have done so.

Fundraising/Special Events Report

Entertainment Books is just being wrapped up. Upcoming events are Family Photos on Nov. 3, 4 and a movie night on December 7th. Zumba fundraiser will be booked after Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS

Traffic - A discussion took place on the traffic in front of the school. Another mention in the newsletter is necessary to remind parents to obey traffic and parking rules and signs. Parents will be encouraged to make note of licence plates of cars that are putting others at risk and the information will be passed on to the school liaison officer.

To date, there has been no approval for a paid crossing guard on 80th Avenue. Other options discussed were closing off the fence where cars are not to be stopped in the hopes that parents will stop in areas that are approved for stopping and parking. Jeff will prepare a letter to go home with students.

Bullying and the recent Amanda Todd case were discussed. Teacher will determine the level of explanation required with their own students. Programs used in the school are Second Step and WITS. The school counselor will be going into classrooms to assist. Discussed students signing a pledge to not participate in bullying behaviours.

Class photos will take place in the spring.

Grade coordinators are still be sought. A follow-up mention will go into next newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.