

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

October 28, 2015

9:15 AM

In attendance

Sandra Baumeister

Andrea Mori

Amy Burden

Terri Burton

Rash Sangha

Sonja Gustavsen

Linda McCague

Nicole Braid

Zena Ray

Arlene Bradley

The meeting was called to order at 9:19 AM.

Motion made (Sandra), seconded (Amy) to accept the minutes from the previous meeting dated September 23, 2015

Principal's Report

Traffic continues to be difficult in front of the school and there are concerns someone may be hit by a car. Zena confirmed that the city will not put a controlled light at the cross walk. Terri asked if a letter can be sent home to parents, having them sign off that they understand traffic concerns and rules. Regarding U-turns, our new liaison officer stated he cannot ticket anyone until there is a no u-turn sign.

Zena reviewed recent earthquake drill. Every year the school refines the process. Zena was amazed at how the kids came out of the building, quiet and orderly.

There will be two new pro-d days added to the school year to help teachers adapt to the new curriculum. Delta SD has chosen February and April, although the dates are not set.

Zena present the staff's wish list, which is mostly for technology. List includes a need for more iPad minis, crates and covers. List (attached) is in order of importance. PAC members are asked to come prepared to vote on disbursements for the next meeting.

Carol Fullerton, who is known as a guru of inquiry-based Math, has done pro-d day training. On October 29th, she will do lessons with primary students in the morning and intermediate in the afternoon. She will model a different approach to teaching Math. She is scheduled to come back in December and January.

District is undergoing a review of its Aboriginal programming. Delta currently does well but Aboriginal graduation rates are lower than other populations. District is looking at a model of how they can support Aboriginal students.

Presentation by Arlene Bradley, School Counsellor

Arlene introduced Zones of Regulation theories which are currently being taught to students in the school to help them self-regulate. There is a focus on sensory needs, for example, using items to fidget with as a tool to help students focus. Arlene explained the benefits of having parents using the same language as the kids are using in the school. Examples of Zones of Regulation will be attached to the next newsletter.

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Nothing to report

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Hot Lunch Coordinator

Ruth sent out an update that there are approximately 180 families signed up for the hot lunch website. There will be 130 families participating in hot lunch this week. Amy will be doing the upcoming Grade 6 hot lunch fundraiser

Treasurer

Nothing to report

Emergency Preparedness

Nothing to report from coordinator.

Nicole noted that the response for the letter requesting \$5 per family went well with approximately \$1,100 raised for supply renewal. Half of the families responded.

Fundraising/Special Events

Terri stated that the profit from Entertainment was \$3,548, and then mentioned that there is a mobile app that gives coupons on your phone and can also give you coupons for other cities.

Steeped Tea was launched on Oct 27, 2015. Last year, \$2,000 was raised. The fundraiser will run for two weeks and orders will be back before Christmas. Top seller will get a Toys R Us gift card.

Christmas Market – information went out in the PAC newsletter. Terri will solicit vendors. Grade 6 students will run a bake sale. Concession will be run by Grade 7 students.

Movie nights – we can start again with movie nights by making them a free event and charging higher prices for concession. A request was made for healthier concession options.

New Business

Reviewed playground designs. Sandra will meet with a group of volunteers to finalize colours and design. Currently, the cost of the playground is set to run approximately \$75,000. Once a design and colour scheme are set, notice boards will go up for students to vote on their favourite design.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

PAC WISH LIST

October 2015

1. 3 iPad Minis	\$269 x 38, plus tax	\$11,440
2. Portable iPad crates	\$125 x 6, plus tax	\$850
3. Covers for old iPad Minis	\$20 x 25 plus tax	\$560
4. Covers for new iPad Minis	\$20 x 38, plus tax	\$850
5. Wiggle stools	\$120 x 6, plus tax	\$805
6. Seasonal dye cuts		\$300
7. Classroom bookshelves		\$600
8. Kindergarten light table		\$700

This is a wish list of things that we would like to have in the school.

There is no expectation for everything to be provided. They are in priority order.