

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

September 23, 2015

7:00 PM

In attendance

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| Sandra Baumeister | Jennifer Marieiro | Cori Vetra |
| Lucie Seba | Sonya Krajsek | Courtney Marsh |
| Terri Burton | Kika Papadopoulos | Andrea Mori |
| Ruth Kaune | Nicoli Mar | Amanda Berera |
| Linda McCague | Mike Keller | Zena Ray |
| Nicole Braid | Amy Burden | Paula Hutton |
| Rash Sangha | Sonja Gustavsen | Jennifer Hastings |
| Lucy Liu | | |

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Amy introduced PAC members to new parents.

Motion made (Sandra), seconded (Mike) to accept the minutes from the previous meeting dated May, 27, 2015

Principal's Report

Zena noted that Gray is now at capacity for intermediate classes and has over 500 students in the school. Thoughts are that the school will grow again next year due to further development at Sunstone. Jennifer Marieiro asked if kids can be assigned to Brooke Elementary. The biggest barrier would be having kids cross over Nordel Way to get to Brooke.

Zena recapped the vision project of the Delta S.D. A public meeting for all stakeholders will be held at the end of January 2016 and will be for parents, teachers and some high school students. Mike Keller asked if the inquiry process changes and/or sets new curriculum.

The new curriculum is in the draft phase and can be viewed at www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca. It shows how curriculum is organized, the assessment and reporting changes, and highlights the differences. The curriculum is trying to create engagement, discovery, explorations, inquiry and become more than just facts and figures.

School planning councils will no longer be in place. There will be a new framework for enhancing student learning but principals are not sure how that will look. However it is rolled out, it will be a public process on the district website and will look at intellectual needs, human and social needs, and career development. The reason for the change is that the SPCs were not functioning the way they were envisioned. Ruth Kaune asked where parents will fit in. Zena shared that there will be consultation with the community. Information can be found at www.enhancingstudentlearning.bced.ca.

Zena presented her idea for a school fundraiser, to secure funds for some work needed that the PAC would not normally be asked to provide for. Art Cards for Kids will have students design cards that parents can purchase sets of. School gets approximately 40% of monies spent. School needs to raise approximately \$6,000 for classroom set up and a window in the old lab room. Sonya Krajsek asked about corporate sponsorship opportunities, especially Polygon's ability to sponsor. The district has a donation policy on their website.

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Treasurer

Gaming money has not come in yet, but is expected in October. The amount expected is approximately \$9,600.

Motion made (Ruth), seconded (Amy) to provide each classroom with \$150 to be used at the discretion of the teacher. A further provision of \$15 per student will be made and is to be used for fieldtrip costs. There is one more set of lunches in this school year. Ruth is very happy with the company we are using.

DPAC Report

No report as first meeting is in October.

Hot Lunch Coordinator

Ruth is working on setting up the website used for hot lunch ordering. Tasty Tuesdays started on Sept. 22, 2015.

Emergency Preparedness

This is the year when we need to purchase more food and water at a cost of approximately \$4,000. There is money in an account for this purpose and Mike/Zena will send home a letter requesting \$5.00 per student to offset this cost. Mike has a list of items required to be stored in the container.

Motion made (Amy), and seconded (Paula) to send a letter home requesting \$5.00 per student.

Zena noted that the Great Shake Out is happening on Oct. 15, 2015. On this day, Gray will conduct their annual earthquake drill, without the assistance of Mike opening the container, and parents will be able to pick up students at 2:00 PM as long as they have identification to prove they are a designated Emergency Release contact.

Fundraising/Special Events

Terri is currently working on Entertainment Book fundraiser and noted it is doing well. There will be a pizza party for primary class and one for intermediate class that sells the most books.

Amy noted that a Fundraiser Committee is needed for recurring major events, such as Family Barbecue, Bingo night, Sports Day, and Spring Carnival.

Family barbecue is tomorrow night and there is a need for 6 – 8 people to run concession.

Terri would like to do another Steeped Tea fundraiser.

Linda McCague will do her annual Family Photo Day on Nov. 7, 2015.

Newsletter Editor

Linda McCague offered to take on the position of Newsletter Editor as Lori Guiton moved to another school district and will no longer be in this position.

Motion made (Amy), and seconded (Paula) to accept Linda McCague into a two-year term as Newsletter Editor.

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New Business

Playground installation update: Sandra is meeting with Dave next week to determine footprint for new playground and start the design process. Sandra will request that a couple of designs be ready for presentation at the next PAC meeting. Nicole passed along some drawings and designs from students. It was noted that there are 4 – 5 vision-impaired students and two students that use wheelchairs so accessibility will be a strong consideration for design. Sonya Krajsek mentioned that Home Depot runs a program to provide installation services (Kaboom).

Gift card fundraiser was a popular campaign and did well in previous years. The PAC is looking for someone to take on this fundraiser.

Amy received thank-you notes from the students at Sands who received scholarships in June 2015. Also, Ms. Martinez sent along a thank you.

Sandra mentioned kids complaining about noon-hour supervisors. Information can be sent to Zena's email.

Cori Vetra asked about Epi pen training for noon-hour supervisors and what protocol is in place during lunch. Zena noted that there are supplies in the office for kids who do not carry their own Epi pens.

Noon-hour supervisors are not required to have first aid. Four teachers have first aid and have a duty to respond when students are in need.

Terri would like to offer services to run a Christmas Craft Fair fundraiser, to be held on Dec. 4 and 5, 2015.

Motion made (Sandra), and seconded (Ruth) to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.