

Minutes of PAC Meeting

January 24, 2018

9:15 a.m.

Attendees:

Sandra Baumeister
Andrea Mori
Zena Ray

Rajbir Powar
Rash Sangha
Patrick Klassen

Jenn Clarke
Sonja Gustavson
Ruth Kaune (late)

Meeting called to order at 9:18 a.m.

DPAC Coordinator

Kristen was unable to attend but did forward the DPAC newsletter through to Andrea. There was no further comment or discussion held.

Hot Lunch Coordinator

Ruth was not in attendance and no report was made.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Deborah was not in attendance and no report was made. Rash noted that her and Deborah had completed an inventory of the bin. Patrick said it was okay for them to purchase items needed for the bin and not to wait for changes from the School District as the changes will be procedural only.

Fundraising, Special Events Coordinator

A review of recent fundraisers was given and noted that the gift cards raised \$1,000.00 and the Purdy's event raised \$800.00. The Christmas Market had good traffic and went well. It was noted that the coffee truck was very late, showing up at 2:00 p.m. Feedback from attendees is that the Gray market has a very good selection of vendors.

Upcoming events will be a Bingo Night on Feb. 16, 2018. Posters will go up this week and Patrick will load the poster onto the website. PAC will need a Grade 7 student to call bingo and some assistance with sales. There will be a Purdy's Easter event running from February 19th through to March 5, 2018.

Zumba will not be scheduled into P.E. classes this year as teachers decided not to proceed but will do it next year. The school needs for all classes to participate in order for the gym scheduling to work out. This year, in May, there will be an outside company coming in to the school to run a four-session tennis program.

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Carnival will be on May 25, 2018 and the gym has been booked, along with all the necessary rentals. There will be not raffle baskets due to lack of donations last year. There will be a silent auction again which replaces the raffle baskets.

Treasurer

Lucie was unable to attend, no report was made.

Principal's Report

Zena asked for an update on playground payment. The city will pay their grant portion of the playground after the official opening. Discussed several dates that Zena and Patrick could be available.

Zena expressed her thanks for all the parents that gave donations to support six families over Christmas. Every family supported received a large box of groceries, meal vouchers and gifts for every member of the family.

Read All Day is being held on Friday, January 26, 2018. Classes will read all day and guest readers will attend each class to read also. Some readers will be local police officers, Mayor Lois Jackson, School District staff, Trustee Val Windsor, and many more.

The school plan is in its first year and the staff are working on a change to how the goal reads so that it is less wordy. By condensing the statement, it will make it easier for all staff, students and parents to remember.

Zena is now on Twitter. On the school website, parents can go onto any staff member's profile and see if there is a Twitter link. The website has been updated to a more modern look and style. Patrick is working on getting more pictures.

For the previous two years, the Grade 7 classes have left 'legacy' funds of leftover monies from their year-end fundraising efforts. This year, a cordless microphone was fixed and a second one was purchased using the funds. The school also bought two 'buddy' benches which are expected to arrive in about two weeks. The Grounds Department crew will install the new benches around the newest playground.

New Business

Terri sent a question along regarding leftover hot lunches, can they be donated to vulnerable children in the school. Zena explained that Pearl McLeod is currently looking after those kids at

lunch time and Ruth could speak with her directly about how to get the leftover lunches to the kids.

Discussed the possibility of moving PAC meetings to evenings only because there are not enough executive members able to make it to a morning meeting and the PAC is unable to make and/or pass motions. A further discussion will be held at the evening meeting in February.

There are several PAC member terms ending in June. Some thoughts that were discussed were that Andrea may take the Chair position and Amanda Berera may take on the Vice-Chair position. Colin Warde has been approached about taking on the Treasurer position and he felt it may be something he would consider. Terri Burton will be stepping down from Fundraising and Special Events. Ruth explained that in past years, prior to her taking on Fundraising / Special Events, the position was two separate positions. PAC may consider going back to two positions in the future. Hot Lunch Coordinator will also be open next year and Sonja Gustavson and Jenn Clarke both expressed an openness to taking it on.

Sonja Gustavson expressed a concern over Twin Day which is a day for students to dress alike. Sonja felt that it may be exclusive as some students may feel left out by not having somebody to buddy up with. Zena and Patrick explained how teachers, especially in primary grades, work with students to assist them with making decisions about who they will dress like and if they want to participate.

Rash brought forward a concern with the condition and cleanliness of the washrooms at the school during the day. It appears that some students are not accessing washrooms and saving it for when they get home. Zena and Patrick supported her concern and explained that there are no staff for custodial duties during the day. Patrick explained that teachers remind students, after breaks away from school, that they should take care of their environment and clean up after themselves. Rash asked what she could do to elevate the concern and it was suggested that she may start with bringing the concern to the DPAC level.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.