

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

May 25, 2016

7:00 PM

In attendance

Zena Ray

Amy Burden

Lucie Seba

Deborah Pettigrew

Terri Burton

Nicole Braid

Mike Keller

Sandra Baumeister

Ruth Kaune

Paula Hutton

Amanda Berera

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM.

Motion was made (Paula) to accept the minutes from the 2015 AGM meeting, seconded (Sandra). Accepted.

Each person filling a PAC position is asked to write a short paragraph explaining the basics of their position. The information will be submitted to Amy, who will develop a hand-out that can be distributed to parents annually. Parents of children in our school will be encouraged to become more involved with PAC events.

AGM: Election of PAC Positions

Chair, Amy Burden let her name stand for another two-year term and was voted in by acclamation of members present.

Treasurer, Lucie Seba let her name stand for another two-year term and was voted in by acclamation of members present.

Newsletter Editor, remains vacant.

A discussion was held around how to proceed with the PAC newsletter. It was decided that a PAC page will be added to the end of the monthly school newsletter. Special announcements can be made through special bulletins/brochures and passed to parents through email.

DPAC, Courtney Marsh's two-year term has ended and she was not in attendance to confirm if she will continue for another term.

Fundraising/Special Events, remains vacant. PAC will encourage parent participation in the new school year.

Several discussions were held regarding how to increase participation by parents with respect to special events. Some ideas were to assign carnival tasks to each classroom and let the parents take responsibility for their specific task. Another idea was to have each classroom have a parent that will become a liaison between the PAC and the parents of the children in that class. Further options will be explored in September 2016.

Zena confirmed that we are able to run movie nights in the school gym but the PAC cannot charge for admission. Monies earned will be through exaggerated concession pricing.

Terri brought up the idea of having a school Halloween party/dance as a fundraiser in October 2016.

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Continue with regular, monthly PAC meeting.

Principal's Report

There will now be 21 Divisions in the school, an increase of one Division from last year. Library may undergo renovations to hold supplies that will come out of other classroom space. Projected is 525 students for enrolment in September and three Kindergarten classes.

Staffing changes will be announced on Friday. Organizing of classes has not been determined yet. Teachers will start work on class placements next week. First of week of September, placements will be revisited and tweaked.

Zena shared the School Growth Plan, incorporating spiral of inquiry. Took the school goal and put into the inquiry model. District has stated that informing PAC is in place until a decision is made on how to effectively replace School Planning Council. Goal is to increase student engagement. Growth is improving student outcomes.

Track review given about how students prepared for track. Fifty students ended up at District meet. Parents can individually sign up their kids for provincial meet.

This year, Grade 7 students are tying in their planning of Sports Days with their inquiry into healthy living.

Parent Appreciation breakfast has been moved to June 1, 2016.

Reminder for parents to attend Math information night at Hellings Elementary with Carol Fullerton. Parents will come away with a better understanding of the new curriculum.

PAC REPORTS

DPAC Report

No report

Hot Lunch Update

Ruth stated that last orders are now open. Sports Day will be separated.

Emergency Preparedness

Mike reported that supplies are up-to-date to 2021 after the purchase of new food and water. The expired water can be collected for the Pickle Project in unused drums. Note: Pickle Project is a gardening project that is led by a local farmer who came to the school to teach kids how to seed, grow, pick cucumbers.

In September 2016, Mike will send a letter home to solicit \$5.00 per student to build up fund for supplies renewal.

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Fundraising/Special Events

Terri Burton agreed to do Entertainment books in September. Rash offered to assist her. Next year there will be five different prizes. A representative will be available for an assembly. Parents will receive information about Entertainment App. The representative offered to share in the cost of reward for top classes and suggested Extreme Air or Laser Tag.

Discussion was held about holding a Christmas market for a second year.

Treasurer Report

Lucie has applied for the Gaming Grant.

New Business

Family barbecue will be held on September 22, 2016.

Carnival: Terri will be the point person. There will be 11 Sands students. Courtney will be available to shop for supplies.

Grade 7 events: usual reception will take place, lunch and dance and year-end field trip.

Update on playground.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.