

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

October 26, 2016

9:15 AM

In attendance

Sandra Baumeister

Jennifer Clarke

Andrea Mori

Rash Sangha

Zena Ray

Nicole Braid

Deborah Pettigrew

Terri Burton

Ruth Kaune

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 AM.

Minutes of meeting from September 28, 2016 meeting will be approved in the November meeting.

Principal's Report

Zena presented on-line material that was made available at a recent DPAC meeting and described what the changes are and why. Reporting will move away from being a judgment of a student and will become a way to support ongoing learning. New reporting introduces core competencies of Communication, Thinking, and Personal & Social.

There will be three community forums provided by the Ministry to inform parents of changes, in the New Year. Also, an online survey is available at <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress>.

Zena reiterated that it is good practice for communication between parents and teachers to go both ways and email is a very good method.

Zena will have an evening event in November to explain to parents about the new reporting.

Zena presented the school wish list which, for the most part, is in order of importance. New items this year is a contribution to the school hardship fund which assists students with major field trips, band instruments, breakfast and lunch programs. A handful of students come to school without being fed and the school provides a morning meal. Bulletin boards are needed for the new divisions.

DPAC Report

Kristin emailed an update on her DPAC meeting and noted that they reviewed new reporting methods. Interesting item of note was \$200 for parent education events. In the past, the PAC has arranged for speakers on internet security and new ways of learning math. Terri expressed an interest in drug information for elementary-aged kids.

Hot Lunch Update

This school year, there has been one hot lunch to fundraise for the Grade 6 ski trip. Some more Grade 6 fundraising will happen throughout the year. First school hot lunch will be in November and registration will open this weekend. Tasty Tuesday will start on November 8, 2016.

Emergency Preparedness

Zena noted that the early release on October 20, 2016 went extremely well and there were record numbers of students released early to guardians this year.

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Fundraising/Special Events

Entertainment fundraiser is coming to an end. So far the number of books sold has matched the amount sold last year and some late orders are still trickling in. Zena stated she appreciated the early turn-in dates this year. Terri noted that there was some confusion over the two different types of credit card payments and how the books are distributed. Hoping to wrap up the first week of November.

Halloween Dance is this Friday. There will be a concession of pizza and games. Terri is currently sourcing clean Halloween music. Terri will ask Barb to send out a reminder and information on concession items available and costs. Parents are asked to stay with their kids during the event.

Movie Night is coming up in November and will most likely fall on Nov. 18, 2016. The movie has not yet been chosen. Terri asked if we could do entrance by donation, not a mandatory one, for a food bank item. Terri would like for students to vote on three movies and the majority will be shown. Parents are asked to stay with their kids during the event.

Christmas Market takes place on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016. There will be 42 tables and half are already booked. Terri will hand-pick local crafters.

M & M Meats on 84th and 112th has decided to do a new program with Gray Elementary. Shoppers mention Gray at checkout and at the end of the month, 10% of all proceeds come back to Gray PAC. They will also give us discounts on items purchased for school events. They offered to barbecue for us for a fee or lend us their barbecues for free.

Gift card fundraising is available if someone is willing to take it on. Terri and Ruth described how the fundraiser works. Terri offered to pick up the cards in Vancouver if someone will do the administration portion.

Treasurer Report

No report provided. Wish list items will be voted on during November PAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.