

## Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

September 28, 2016

7:00 PM

### In attendance

Sandra Baumeister  
Terri Burton  
Lucie Seba  
Sonja Gustavson  
Andrea Mori  
Sarah Wheeler

Cori Vetra  
Courtney Marsh  
Paula Hutton  
Amanda Berera  
Mike Keller  
Zena Ray

Mark Burton  
Kristin Unger  
Jennifer Hastings  
Ruby Jaswal  
Deborah Pettigrew  
Nicole Braid

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Sandra to accept minutes of previous meeting.

### Principal's Report

A recap was given on family barbecue. It was felt the barbecue was well attended due to meet and greet with teachers. Concern was that all attendees wanted to buy tickets at the same time due to structured starting time. Parents and teachers responded well to meet and greet. Overall feeling was that it was a great opportunity for teachers to connect with parents.

Report cards have been redesigned and the biggest change is that there will be no grades given for first- and second-term report cards. The third term will have letter grades. Teachers are not required to provide grade grid for intermediate but they will be available if a parent makes a request. Discussed assessment of students throughout the year. Zena presented and reviewed new design which applies to Delta school district only. Question was asked about how new assessment method will affect post-secondary entrance. Within three years, reporting for Grades 10 – 12 will have caught up with reporting order. After a lengthy discussion, Paula suggested that more education for parents may be needed.

A student in Ms. Matheson's class is working on a 'buddy bench'. Unspent funds from Grade 7 fundraising last year will be donated to cover cost of the bench.

Friday is Terry Fox run and will also be 'orange day' in recognition of Aboriginal youth's experience in residential schools.

Courtney asked for clarification about school supplies and how they become communal in the classrooms. Zena explained that each teacher handles it in a different way.

Mark asked for clarification on how class placements are decided and when. Zena explained that it is an extremely thoughtful process for creating class lists.

Kristin asked about opportunities for kids in split classes to interact with their peer group, especially when they are in classes away from the other grade classes. It was explained that field trips are done by class, not by grade and that the kids interact with their classmates all throughout that day and that is an opportunity to form relationships.

Sonja asked how new students are orientated at the start of the school year and commented on some new, young students experiencing disorientation in the morning.

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## **PAC REPORTS**

### **DPAC Report**

Courtney encouraged parents to attend DPAC meetings. Kristin stated she was interested in attending the next meeting and taking on the DPAC role when it is available. She will speak with Courtney about the role.

### **Hot Lunch Report**

Tasty Tuesday is expected to start in approximately three weeks.

### **Emergency Preparedness Report**

Mike is in his final year as coordinator. He gave background on the position and how he works with Zena and Nicole about needs and also monitor supplies of the emergency bin out back.

Mike noted that emergency bars are not nut-free. Mike will make sure that information is passed on for the next newsletter so that parents are informed and that they may supplies nut-free alternatives. Cori suggested that the PAC supply a couple of boxes of nut-free bars each year.

The Great Shake-up is on October 20, 2016 and will result in an early emergency release of students.

### **Fundraising Report**

Barbecue went really well. Paula thanked all volunteers. Terri noted that parent helpers and teachers should be gifted with a free meal to thank them for their time. PAC table had a poster board with lots of information on it. A lot of parents expressed interest in becoming involved.

Spring Carnival – Paula wanted to talk about distribution of labour for Sports Day and Carnival.

Mike nominated Terri Burton to become Fundraising/Special Events Coordinator. Terri Burton was voted in by acclamation of members present. Term for this position will be two years.

Entertainment Book fundraiser is going well.

Halloween Dance was proposed for Friday, October 28, 2016, from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Fundraising would be through selling concession items.

Other upcoming events will be a Movie Night (November 18), Christmas Market (December 3), Zumba (date not set) and Bingo Night (date not set).

### **Treasurer Report**

Lucie noted that gaming grant funds are expected to be received in the next couple of days. Discussing funds need for playground and Lucie stated she would look at the bank account with the gaming money in and then let Sandra know if there would be money available for the full design.

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Motion was made by Sandra, seconded by Mike, to provide each classroom with \$150.00 to be used at the discretion of the teacher. Passed

### **New Business**

Next meeting will be a morning meeting, at 9:15 AM, on October 26, 2016.

Kristin Unger expressed a strong interest to take over the role of DPAC Coordinator. Courtney nominated Kristin Unger to become DPAC Coordinator. Kristin Unger was voted in by acclamation of members present. Term for this position will be two years.

A discussion was held about the direction of the PAC newsletter. Suggestions from past meetings was to have a page added to the principal's monthly newsletter. Kristin Unger expressed an interest in taking on the role of Newsletter Editor. Kristin Unger was voted in by acclamation of members present. The term for this position will be two years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.