

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

April 24, 2013

9:15 AM

In attendance

Mike Keller

Amy Burden

Sandra Baumeister

Jeff McCallum

Ruth Kaune

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 AM.

Motion was made, seconded, to accept agenda.

Motion was made and passed to accept minutes of the February 27, 2013 meeting.

Principal's Report

Track season is up and running and a regional track meet for Gr. 4 – 7 students is scheduled for May 8/13, at ND Secondary. It is weather permitting and may be rescheduled to May 10/13 if it rains on the 8th. Parents are welcome to attend. Gray is the organizing school this year and is looking for first aid volunteers. May 16th will be a secondary meet for qualifying students, for all of Delta. Gray typically has more spots than kids, so parents are encouraged to talk about it with kids and encourage participation.

School growth plan was revisited this year. Staff want to continue with reading and include all language arts. School Planning Committee will be invited to hear what staff is proposing and then provide feedback.

Tracy Gordon is organizing the Grade 7 breakfast, for May 31/13, and is looking for a PAC contribution of \$5.00 per youth, which will be reimbursed through receipts submitted. As in previous years, PAC will go ahead with this contribution.

Discussion held on the use of picnic benches and vandalism versus practical use of them. Mr. McCallum will look into the possibility of having them moved.

Brazilian dancing group was at the school last week, showing cultural dances and martial art movements from various areas of Brazil. The group is able to come in and take over a school's PE schedule for two weeks. Mr. McCallum is exploring this idea for next school year.

It has been two years since Al Pichler was at Gray. Mr. McCallum will try to make contact with him in the hopes of have a Christmas production done by him for the next school year.

School District has a new Technology Integration Plan where 20 grants of \$7, 500.00 will be made available. Teachers wrote up a plan on the last Pro-D day to apply for this grant. Teachers and staff would like to change their request for document cameras in the classrooms, to iPad Minis and projectors for each class. Reviewed numbers needed. Total cost of this project will be forwarded to Lucie for her review and disbursement amounts will be determined and voted on at the May PAC meeting.

DPAC Report

Courtney sent out notes from her last DPAC meeting. No questions were raised.

Treasurer Report

Lucie forwarded a suggestion to increase the bursary amount of \$250 per student, currently awarded by Gray and through Sands Secondary, to one female and one male Gray student who have graduated with a B average in all academic courses, and who makes a commitment to school, extra-curricular activities, and community service. Attending PAC members voted by proxy of all members to increase this amount to \$500 per student, for this year only.

Hot Lunch

A & W hot lunch will be held on May 1/13. There is a possibility of having one more at the end of May, and then a final hot lunch will be provided on Sports Day in June.

Emergency Preparedness Report

The first week of May is the Emergency Preparedness Week. During that week a disaster drill will be held and will require early release of some students. Information will be going out to homes in the upcoming weeks. Mike will meet with Mr. McCallum and Ms. George to discuss details of the drill. Mike is still looking for a mega-phone. Amy will look into procuring a mega-phone. The School Board has resources (movies, literature) available to increase disaster awareness for kids prior to the event and Mr. McCallum will consider if this is appropriate.

Mike noted that Gray Elementary is still on the waiting list to receive a Clothing Donation Bin.

Fundraising/Special Events Report

Pucks (frozen cookies) fundraiser will not be held due to problems with the supplier. Carnival night will be held on May 31, 2013. Ruth will send out notices looking for donations, volunteers. Staff Appreciation lunch will be on June 12. Mr. McCallum noted that Parent Appreciation Tea will be held in May.

New Business

Discussed how often the PAC newsletter needs to go out, as sometimes there is little information to pass on. Some event information cannot be determined too far in advance, so therefore it was suggested that we continue on a monthly basis and then assess further, going forward.

Pictures for the playground brochure will be taken after school today. Sandra will bring waiver for parents to sign if they want their kids in the picture.

AGM will be held on May 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Open positions are Secretary (2-year term), Hot Lunch Coordinator (1-year term), three positions for the School Planning Council (1-year term).

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.