

**Gray Elementary PAC Meeting**  
*September 26, 2012*

**In attendance**

Lucie Seba	Jeff McCallum	Sabine Cook
Sandra Baumeister	Claire George	Mike Keller
Amy Burden	Ruth Kaune	Paula Hutton
Kim Perry	Darren Cook	Courtney Marsh
Patricia Thurston	Colin Warde	Kelly Carter
Alison Valcamp		

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Motion was made and passed to accept agenda as presented.

Motion was made and passed to accept minutes of the May 23, 2012 meeting with the following change:

A Learning Improvement Fund has been set up with minimum dollars going into the system for needed supports for students.

**To:** A Learning Improvement Fund has been set up with dollars going into the system for needed supports for students.

**Principal's Report**

Enrolment for the school year is 447 students in 19 Divisions, one of which is a split class.

A new part-time position (.1 of FTE) was created in the school. The purpose of the Coordinator of Inquiry is to come up with a question and work toward an answer that will build consistency with staff on communication, measurements, etc. A grant of \$3,000 has been received to cover costs associated with this position.

Question: Can a consistent understanding of levels of reading achievement be built through collaborative inquiry of 'at risk' students.

Outcome: Eliminate 'at risk' students through identification and planning.

Learning Improvement Fund has been received which allows for .24 of a position in additional staffing to improve student learning. At present, staff will work with Grade 6 students in math and with Grade 4 students, giving them opportunities beyond what is available in the classroom.

Grade 6 and 7 students will receive music instruction which the School District has made mandatory in all schools. There will be general instruction for Grade 6 students and instrumental instruction for Grade 7 students. School District has hired an instructor that will work in all schools. Cost of instruments will be borne by parents/guardians. In families where the cost of an instrument creates a financial burden, assistance will be available. Some PAC's may be fundraising to purchase equipment to reduce rental costs for families. Students will receive 90 minutes of instruction per week.

Talking Tables Program is being introduced into Kindergarten classrooms where ESL students will receive conversation instruction.

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Another pilot program being introduced in the Leveled Literacy Intervention Program for Grade 1 students to help further develop reading skills. This program may help to get assessments done sooner for students that may not meet goals.

Student teachers from UBC start tomorrow for weekly observations. Students will come back later in the year for a two-week practicum. These students are trained in social, emotional literacy.

Mr. McCallum is working on setting up a Twitter feed.

Students Photos will be taken on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and not the 4<sup>th</sup> as printed on magnets.

Additional staff parking was made at the beginning of the year.

The old, wooden playground was vandalized in June 2012. Maintenance found some rotting of the wood but there is currently no plan to remove or replace.

**DPAC Report**

Courtney encouraged parents to attend monthly DPAC meetings as they are very interesting and informative. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Delta School District is progressive.

**Treasurer Report**

Lucie distributed report ending Aug. 31/2012. Numbers reviewed.

**Hot Lunch Report**

We are still in need of a Hot Lunch Coordinator. A letter of interest was left in the PAC drawer in the office. Foodsafe is required by coordinator when making food. Amy will make contact on Monday.

**Emergency Preparedness Report**

Mike explained the emergency bin and contents for new parents attending meeting. Supplies are current. Mike has a wish list for items wanted and/or needed as a result of last terms earthquake drill. Mike noted that one pop-up tent is missing.

Action item: Parents are requested to bring wish list items before the next event (drill) so we can vote on budgeting for items.

**Fundraising/Special Events Report**

Entertainment and Value books are current out. A pizza party will be held for each primary and intermediate class that sells the most.

Family barbecue went well and was profitable.

Alison presented fundraising ideas which included Zumba classes, Purdy's chocolate sales, and holiday gift baskets. Information will be given and coordinated with Ruth.

Family photos are set for Nov. 3, 4.

Action item: Any parents having other fundraising ideas can email information to rkaune@dccnet.com.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

PAC/parents received a letter of thanks from Mrs. Robson, who retired last term.

Action Item: parents wanting input into items that will be voted onto a wish list, when considering disbursement of PAC funds, are asked to submit their ideas over the next month. PAC will attempt to set budget by the end of November.

Making Friends List letters will go out next week.

Minutes of meetings will be put onto website.

PAC will be looking for grade coordinators (that will be identified, go-to persons) that will relay information between PAC and parents.

Questions was asked if the PAC could, or should, have a facebook page. Need to contact Jesse Miller to discuss safety and set-up.

Mr. McCallum will look into PAC using email addresses provided by parents. Parents will probably have to volunteer their contact information for PAC purposes.

Next Meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM in the staff lunchroom.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.