

Minutes of PAC Meeting

February 28, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Sandra Baumeister
Terri Burton
Amanda Berera
Zena Ray

Amy Burden
Andrea Mori
Deborah Pettigrew
Patrick Klassen

Jennifer Hastings
Sonja Gustavson
Valerie Manson

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Fundraising, Special Events Coordinator

Staff have reworded the Enhancing Student Learning goal to “Our goal is for all students to self-regulate and think critically as they take ownership of their learning and contribute to their community.” Zena is working with a graphic designer to develop posters for students and parents for Enhancing Student Learning. The spiral on inquiry framework is a replacement of the previous School Planning Council.

Kindergarten registration day was very busy with 62 registrations and parents were lined up at the school early.

Book fair just finished on Monday.

Motion was made by Deborah and seconded by Sandra to accept agenda as presented. Passed.

Motion was made by Andrea and seconded by Sandra to accept minutes of previous meeting. Passed.

Fundraising Report

Carnival preparation was review which included talk of the silent auction which replaces classroom baskets. Sands students will help with the carnival. Angel events are booked for carnival equipment.

Purdy’s orders are due on Monday, March 5, 2018. There will be a grand price of an Easter basket.

Next Saturday, March 10th, Sungod Skate Club will have an ice show. Money from tickets purchased by Gray parents will be donated back to the PAC.

Teacher Appreciation lunch will be discussed at the April PAC meeting.

Sports Day team needs more parent volunteers. Greg Kaune will be asked to run the barbecue. If we get enough volunteers, we will run two concession stations.

Question was raised about whether there was a motion for fieldtrip fund disbursements to the teachers. There was no motion made since the beginning of the school year.

Discussion was held regarding the Hardship Fund and providing teachers with enough funding. Also discussed opportunities through Tapestry and ski trips to support kids from low income families.

Terri asked about finding out what teachers really need for money for classroom supplies. They currently get \$150.00 per classroom. Zena and Patrick will gather feedback from teachers.

Motion: Motion was made by Amy and seconded by Deborah for the PAC to provide \$15.00 per student to each teacher for their fieldtrip costs. Passed.

DPAC Coordinator

Kristen was unable to attend, no report provided.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Deborah ordered products (including some water packs and comfort packs) for new classes/divisions.

Deborah has itemized what is in each bin and will laminate and label bins. Deborah asked about a missing megaphone and it is believed to be stored in Patrick's office.

Deborah confirmed that each class has a backpack with student tags and first aid kit.

Deborah needs an updated map of the city/neighbourhood for our emergency bin.

Discussion was held about nut-free products in the emergency bin. Deborah will research how much product is needed to provide products for three days.

do it next year. The school needs for all classes to participate in order for the gym scheduling to work out. This year, in May, there will be an outside company coming in to the school to run a four-session tennis program.

Treasurer

Lucie was unable to attend; no report was made.

New Business

Terri sent a question along regarding leftover hot lunches, can they be donated to vulnerable children in the school. Zena explained that Pearl McLeod is currently looking after those kids at

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New Business

Discussed playground grand opening ceremony.

Andrea noted that the Facebook group set up for Gray parents has been changed to a closed group. Administrators are Terri, Andrea and Amanda and it will be used to promote PAC events and will have a disclaimer that the Facebook group is run by PAC members and is not an official school group.

Upcoming roles that will need to be filled for the next school year are Fundraising Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator, Hot Lunch Coordinator, Treasurer, and Chair.

Sands' principal has offered to come to a PAC meeting as has the vice-principal. They will be invited to attend the May 2018 meeting.

Amy brought up the Code Yellow last week at Sands and the number of upset parents. It was suggested that parents educate themselves about what a Code Yellow is. To clarify:

Code Yellow: when there is something going on outside of the school. Students are contained in the classroom and the exterior is locked.

Code Red: imminent danger to students inside the school.

Deborah asked about having Al Pichler do another musical. Zena explained that he has limited availability at this time and we are on his priority list. Teachers have discussed how it affects their classrooms. When it comes up, teachers will decide if they want to do it at that time and if space is available.

Valerie announced that there will be a Pow Wow on the March 9th weekend at Earl Marcott.

Amanda asked about an information night with Saleema Nunes who is a sexual educator. This would include class teaching time during the day. The cost is \$1, 350.00 and would need to be a PAC cost. Gray has a history of low turnout to evening lecture events. Discussed why turnout is low and how to reach parents.

Motion: Motion was made by Sandra and seconded by Amy to set aside \$1, 350.00 (plus GST) for a one-day course by Saleema Nunes for the Spring of 2019. Passed.

Jennifer noted that Kindergarten orientation will be May 30, 2018 and requested a PAC member to attend and promote PAC events.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.