

PAC Meeting – May 10, 2017

- Call to order 6:06 pm
- Motion to approve agenda - approved
- Principal's report – Stephanie Smith
 - Huge thanks to all parents from all teachers for Teacher Appreciation week
 - Thank you for the agendas for 2017/2018 school year – paid for by PAC
 - Grade 5 ice cream sundae party coming up
 - Middle school fun day at JDF – June 27
 - PAC will provide freezies as is tradition
 - Middle school students participated in a voluntary survey based out of University of Calgary
 - Questions included:
 - Have you ever participated in binge drinking?
 - Have you ever done drugs like marijuana?
 - Have you ever ridden in a car with a driver who was under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
 - 30% of kids answered yes to this
 - Will give kids strategies to cope with and learn how to say no if they're in a situation like this
 - Have you ever been bullied?
 - 50% of kids answered yes to this
 - Seems very high, but sometimes conflict can be misconstrued as bullying
 - Looking to provide strategies to help
 - Have you ever bullied someone else?
 - 14% of kids answered yes to this
 - Do you love your school?
 - 80% answered yes to this
 - Do you feel connected to an adult at the school?
 - 75% answered yes to this
 - Melissa M. to talk to her colleagues to see if resources available at ICBC to help with driving under influence concerns
 - SEVEC huge success
 - Feedback is that kids from Quebec aren't integrating with other kids when they're here
 - Looking to better integrate them next year
 - Thanks to book fair organizers and volunteers – it was a great success
 - The school will have 730 kids next year. This year we're at 620 kids
 - No portables planned right now
 - Jessica to work on putting together welcome package for new parents to help with the transition to kindergarten/new school

- Hiring 15 teachers to accommodate new class size rules and influx of kindergarteners
 - 10 of those 15 teachers will likely be new to the school
 - BBQ June 27 for middle school and beach day for the elementary students all on same day
 - PAC to assist with food for BBQ
 - Cadence Acapella group visited the school – kids really enjoyed it
 - Stephanie and Sandra received a grant to bring performers to the school next year. There is enough funding for 2 performers next year
 - Gord does blues guitar
 - Circus performance
 - Roop Loops Journey of Sound
- President’s report – Sheryl Williamson
 - Spring fair is moving along
 - Can always use more volunteers
 - PAC laptop is working well
 - Gaming grant – Brian is looking into it with Kirsten
 - Staples will be the group we use for school supplies
 - Sandra and Kelly are preparing class supply lists
 - Staples will come to school to help with online orders and you can pay them directly on those days if you don’t want to do online
 - Working with them on if we can pick and choose our supplies with more discretion this coming year
 - 2nd day of school will have a pickup for parent if they’ve missed August pickup directly at Staples
 - Teachers are in wrap-up of their final use of their budgets for this year from PAC
 - All field trips are planned now
- Treasurer’s report – Brian Robson
 - September end of month balance was \$50,559.76. April end of month balance was \$50,247.14
 - We have maintained our balance based on all our fundraising
 - June 30th deadline for gaming grant
- Fundraising report – Jocelyn Edmunds
 - Mom’s pantry happened
 - We did make some money
 - We will not do it again
 - Online ordering was too difficult to figure out for most people
 - Art Cards
 - Huge success
 - Some technical issues and a lot of work, but well loved by everyone
 - Might need to start earlier next year to be in time for Mother’s day
- Emergency preparedness – Lauren Wakefield
 - Water barrels in the wood shop have been approved – need 6 for next years’ numbers
 - Just need to clean up the shop before the barrels go in

- We will need to get privacy screen or a barrier so that people can't puncture the water barrels through the openings of the wood shop area
 - Emergency food options – allergies are a huge factor
 - Can we buy dehydrated chicken to accommodate allergies?
 - Recommend that we ask families who have children with severe allergies to provide their own non-perishables for the emergency bin
 - SPEAC petitioned district for funding so that a baseline emergency plan could be formed
 - At district level there needs to be someone who can advise schools on best practices for emergency prep
 - Military resources may have access to tarps/ground cover they would otherwise not be using that they might be able to donate to us
 - Would like to use these to help with makeshift shelters during emergency
 - Water is top priority
 - Backpacks in each classroom also need to be checked
 - Leadership students to help with that
- Poppin' 4 Peeps and emergency lunch updates – Darlana Painter
 - Popcorn going well still – great rotation of parents helping out
 - End of May we'll tally up all that we made and can decide in June where we will donate
 - Need ideas for national charities
 - Maybe flood relief in Quebec/Eastern Provinces
 - Kara will be coordinating popcorn next year
 - Emergency lunches going fine too
 - Averaging 8 sandwiches per day
- New business
 - Spring fair
 - Email Royal Bay and Belmont to ask for kids who need leadership experience
 - Another spring fair meeting on May 19th at 9 am
 - SPEAC year end wrap-up is June 14th
 - If you are interested in attending, please contact Sheryl
 - Nominations for PAC positions will be accepted until May 31
 - If you are interested in an executive position please contact Sharon Haggstrom