

November 13th 2012 General PAC Meeting

Meeting called to order: 7:03pm

Introductions: Attendance-Patricia Colley, Linda Bontron, Wendy Chatten, Barb Evans, Tracy Nielsen, Sherri Lock, Kimberly Shaw, Colleen Wiebe

Old Business:

1. PRRD contacted? Mr. Bourcet will follow up
2. Paul Hann Residency-The concert was excellent! Lots of great feedback-parents enjoyed joining in!
3. Fall Fundraiser-Deilmans-sales were \$11, 283.60. We will know final numbers next meeting. Poinsettia fundraiser due on Friday the 16th.
4. Halloween, events- the Parade was great! The grade 4's performed 'Thriller' by Michael Jackson and they did a fantastic job!

New Business:

1. Letter from Ministry of Transportation-We have been given permission to try silhouette signs along the frontage road or highway to encourage drivers to slow down. There was discussion about how much the signs would cost, how heavy they would be, who would put up and remove. The crossing guards are not interested in the extra work to put up and remove them. Mr. Bourcet is going to talk to Mr. Wiebe about design and approach KMac signs about cost. We will discuss the feasibility of these signs at the next meeting.
2. Christmas Dance-Dec. 13 at 6:30-8:30pm. Barb is the ad hoc committee organizer- Se will ask Janet Moody about borrowing decorations again. We are interested in a silent auction again-Patricia will approach businesses for donations. If there is anyone willing to donate items, contact her at skycourt@yahoo.ca. We will do a potluck of snacks, food and coffee and tea. If you are interested in helping, please contact Barb at barbit1@hotmail.com. Sherri will organize the food portion of the night. Kimberly will design a send out to the parents asking for donations, and volunteers.
3. BCCPAC Conference-Barb Evans went to the conference and reported back at the meeting.
 - a. It was a large turn out this year!
 - b. The key note address was about how project based learning is become a huge focus for the Ministry.

- c. Parents have a right to look at the schools policies and procedures and can challenge any rulings. The appeals procedure is difficult and is in the process of being adjusted.
 - d. Barb thought that it could have easily been a two day conference so that she could go to more sessions. She was grateful to go!!
 - e. She said that she came away with a fuller understanding of advocacy and gained a lot of information pertaining to student issues. She is now a very strong advocate for our PAC!
4. Executive Positions: Chairperson-Andrea Hicks, Vice Chairperson-Patricia Colley, Treasurer-Nadine Stirling, and DPAC Rep-Barb Evans. Motion to accept all appointments by Linda Bontron, 2nd by Barb Evans. Passed. The signing authority for the Charlie Lake Elementary School PAC is now transferred to Andrea Hicks, Patricia Colley and Nadine Stirling. Lana Dore will no longer have signing authority once the others have done the paperwork at the bank. Thanks to all the new executive for volunteering their time!
5. Secret Santa Gift Shop-December 17th and 18th. We are looking for volunteers. If interested contact Tina Braun at tanj@xplornet.com. Kimberly will announce this event on the parent send out.
6. Reading Incentive- is open to all grades. All children who record their times will receive a book. October's rewards will be given Thursday 13th. Any donations would be welcome. Contact Clover McBrearty with any suggestions or donations.
7. Bulletin Board-Discussion on what PAC wants to communicate with parents. There was a suggestion to do a fundraising 'thermometer' as a visual incentive for the playground equipment goal. Next meeting we will discuss the playground plan and monies involved. Wendy has purchased a few items that will be helpful in display and there was a brainstorm on what should go on the bulletin board.
8. Treasurer's report- Cheq. account-\$35,161.01 Saving account-\$5,966.51
9. Mr. Bourcet's report-
 - a. Laker Days are happening again! Dec. 20 is the next one. Intermediates choose between skiing, bowling, and swimming. Primaries will probably go to the theatre.
 - b. Home reading-need to purchase more books...these become ruined as they go home with students and get a lot of 'mileage', therefore need to be replaced every year/couple of years. Will PAC donate monies? Teachers will assess how many and which ones to purchase and will get back to PAC about support.
 - c. Parent Reading Support Group-Mr. Bourcet and Tracy Sawchek are organizing this. Parents will learn strategies on how to help students to

become better readers. With these skills they will volunteer in the school to assist students during reading times. Having parents trained will be a huge asset not to mention they can help their own children at home. Training sessions will be one hour long on Dec. 17th and 19th. Mr. B will send out a letter of application to parents to sign up.

- d. The Ministry conducted a workshop for administration on the 'Erase' program, which is about bullying. Mr. Bourcet is going to take some of the information and discuss with the students about bystander behaviour, the difference between conflict and bullying and how to become less susceptible to bullying, which is a continuation of Sue Stark's message.
- e. The Ministry has looked at our school-sent in an engineer to assess our building. There are drainage issues among other things that he discovered which has begun discussion on renovations or replacement of our school. This may happen within 2-3 years. To rebuild would be about 10-15 million. Mr. Bourcet will keep us updated. We may have to move our kitchen in a couple of years!

10. Message for sign-Secret Santa Gift Shop and Dance.

Adjourn meeting-8:23pm