

General PAC Meeting-Oct. 9, 2012

Called to Order-7:04pm

Attendance:-Andrea Hicks, Linda Bontron, Kimberly Shaw, Mary Rutherford, Barb Evans, Mr. Bourcet

Old Business:

1. Executive Positions to be filled-any feedback? Andrea has someone from the surveys that may be willing to be the Treasurer. She will phone her tomorrow.
2. Survey collated? Andrea has collated them and there are names for the hot lunch programs, sports, library helpers. The following is the feedback from the parents:
 - a. Hot Lunch feedback: Out of 56, 3 wanted to remove the hotdogs from the program. Subway-want a choice of no processed meats, and no tomatoes, more days & gluten free options. Linda looking into the gluten free options. The tomatoes can be removed by the child. For Booster Juice, parents would like the juice to stay on the menu. Linda will phone the parents that commented on the hot lunch program to let them know of our plans.
 - b. Another parent is asking if there will be a teacher to teach keyboarding-Mr. B is looking into it-we have some teachers on staff that could do this-probably not this year, but next.
 - c. One parent suggested having a class prepare a hot lunch in a rotational basis? When the kitchen is complete this is a definite possibility.
 - d. There was a comment about the short amount of time for the kids to eat. On inside days, this is not a problem as kids are in the class for the whole lunch break. The amount of supervising staff is the difficulty of letting the kids stay inside on outdoor days. A suggestion would be to have a 'lunch hall or room' that the kids could stay-issues being the mess, which room, who to supervise. Maybe Extra Eyes...Mr. Bourcet will think on it more and we can discuss it again next meeting. Reversed lunch might help. We have tried this in the past, with negative feedback from the students. We could try this again for longer than a week to see if the students can adjust to the change.
 - e. One parent wondered if there could be child at play sign on the frontage road and highway to make people more aware. The ministry would have to be contacted...most at the meeting were not interested to follow up at this time. There was a suggestion to put saw horses along the frontage road to discourage people parking. The concern is who would put them out and remove them daily in the winter because of ploughing.
 - f. There were comments on communicating with the parents more often.
3. PRRD contacted about kitchen reno's-have not contacted-Mr. Bourcet will look into it for us.

4. Booster Juice dilemma...Any feedback? Mr Bourcet talked to the teachers and none of them are supportive of letting the students finish them during class because of the stickiness issue when it spills etc. We have agreed to send a letter home to the parents to educate them about the waste and hope that they will talk to their children about this. Other waste issues were also discussed like litter less lunches. A suggestion is to do a quarterly newsletter with information and to keep the parents informed on events and various issues that come up. Linda and Andrea will collaborate and this will be published for the beginning of November.

New Business:

1. Fall Fundraiser-has been distributed and is due Oct 16
2. DPAC minutes are available for perusal
3. BCCPAC conference application/payment-Linda will look into the details and is interested...Barb is also interested.
4. Halloween ideas-any volunteers? Mr. Bourcet is interested in setting up a Haunted House, but due to the portable being used, there is only one day to set it up and it is not long enough. However, if it is possible, he will do this. There are no plans to have any other event at this time. Usually the teachers do something in the classrooms and there is usually a costume walk with the primaries. If anyone is interested in planning something, let Mr. Bourcet know.
5. Christmas dance volunteers? There is a list of potential volunteers from the surveys. Barb Evans will head up the subcommittee. It is scheduled for Dec. 6th.
6. Code of ethic to be signed by all
7. Reading incentive has started and as usual there are great prizes!
8. Upcoming residencies: Paul Hann-Oct. 22-26th -Growing up is the theme. Concert is on the 26th at 1:15 pm. Grade 3-6 are performing. All parents are welcome to the concert!
9. Treasurer report-We received the gaming grant money! Balances are as follows: Chequing-\$27, 567.69. Gaming \$2502.87 + 6600 for grant=\$9102.87. The Bursary money has been sent.
10. Mr. Bourcet report-
 - a. Mr. Bourcet would like to set up a parent educational session led by Tracey Sawchek (a reading recovery teacher) to help train parents for at school volunteering and also for helping their children read at home. PAC is very interested in supporting this!!
 - b. Inside/Outside Days has been discussed as some teachers are concerned with students being in the classroom during the inside days and also early in the morning. There is little room in the hallways for the students to loiter. Mr.Bourcet believes that the school is the student's school and that an appropriate solution needs to be agreed upon. One thing is that the teachers could train their students about appropriate behaviours in the room.
11. Any messages for outdoor sign-next PAC meeting announcement

12. Hot Lunch program start-things are going well so far-Hot Dog Day saw the new stove being used.
13. Discussion about how the bulletin board is being utilized. We are assured that the whole space is for PAC and that all other announcements are to be posted on the opposite wall. It was suggested that we utilize the board for communication with the parents as has been done in the past. Things to be posted are; upcoming events, executive member list, volunteer sheets, FSA info, and PAC brochures. Suggestion to purchase brochure holders and make it look more professional. Wendy will be glad to look into this.
14. It was suggested by Lana, the Treasurer that PAC purchases a small printer because it is difficult to print from the PAC laptop at home because of programming differences. Linda makes a motion to purchase a mini printer for up to \$100. Andrea 2nd. The motion passed.
15. Survey draw-Kyla McLeod-Kimberly will let the family know. Congratulations! And thank you to all those who completed the surveys!!

Draw prize- Barb Evans won the door prize. Congratulations!

Adjourn meeting: 8:19pm