

General PAC Meeting October 10th,2011

Present: Patricia Colley, Geilan Carnell, Linda Bontron, Lyndsey Davis, Kimberly Shaw, Tracy Nielsen, Joni Wolf, Shauna Watson, Wendy Chatten, Andrea Hicks, Sandra Hoffmann, Mr. B

Start: 7:06

Introductions

Old Business:

1. Sign Installation

New sign... next time we will use it to announce PAC meeting. Mr B is in charge. Have to figure out a good system for the letters... for storage and tools for installing. Will get a logo up on it... Kimberly is doing some work first to resize it. It will happen soon. PAC can direct Michael what to put up on sign.

2. Kitchen Manager?

Linda has been doing it and is fine with it but she is doing a lot already so if someone else would step up to the plate then that would be great. Clover will make up a list of duties for it and post it on the bulletin board and either Sandra or Andrea will post on website. Clean up every once in a while... sheet if someone sees something lacking. Periodic Clean-ups: Fall, Christmas, Spring break, end of year. Some people checking on a weekly basis.

3. Fall fundraiser update (brochures,dates etc.)

Started... a box went to every classroom. Only 3 teachers said they would hand them out. Students told what they were... some were given out by parent volunteers... others in box for students to pick up. Two kids can go on the same points. Teachers don't have to do fundraising type activity with job action. Potential opportunity for fundraising: Safe driver by donation around Christmas time. Logistics could be significant... insurance and liability. Also, finding people who would be willing to do the driving could be a challenge.

4. Christmas dance discussion – Ad Hoc committee?

Survey volunteers? Not many names of volunteers for that. Angie Pomeroy comes and teaches dances and by the end of the week we have a dance that is led by Angie. A lot of fun. Set for Dec. 8th, Thursday. We have lots of nice decorations from last year. Need a committee to organize the food and decorations... maybe also those from last year would be willing to help again: Rochelle, Shannon Brash, and Sherry Lock. Veronica Page and Jan Moody have the decorations from last year. Last year the trees

were donated from Dunvegan. Andrea has designing plans already including house colours. Budget already has food for this in it.

5. Accounts audit update

Not done yet. Lana will try to find someone to do the audit... she has some potential volunteers.

6. Milk program? Punch cards update.

Punch cards are an easier way so not tracking money. Milk can be had any day. Mr. B is starting it soon. Kids can keep the card as it will have their name on it.

7. Twitter update?

Up and running. Caroline Thomas is doing it. We need to give her the little info bites. PAC meeting tonight, sports updates.

8. Kitchen update.

Finally finished being designed. Engineering paper in Mr. B's hand. Something always gets in the way so may be on hold. Aboriginal education center also going as a construction project in the district. The hold-up is Ivan at the district level. Coolers must stay in the same spot or it would need to be reengineered... everything else can be moved, such as the stove, as desired. The door was moved over a foot and a half in the new design. Could go up to a 6ft window with the header that was put in. Don't know how the stairs will work. Mezzanine floor goes over cooler... overlap. It means losing the equipment room. 80 pound per square foot for upper mezzanine tolerance... could handle a bunch of gym equipment.

New Business:

1. Treasurers report

Lana : Chequing \$48,485.73 and gaming \$1922.01

Bowling team: \$1125 was requested.

2. Survey winner announcement

Carla Askoty won.

We need to get check boxes back on the survey for volunteer potential... and we need to make sure we are using our volunteers from the lists this creates.

3. Reading incentives started?

Started Oct. 1st. Forms are in the hallway and on the website.

4. Wind shelter discussion put to rest.

Kimberly put forward the motion: we are no longer going to pursue the wind shelter...

Shannon seconded. Unanimously passed. People now allowed inside so they don't freeze. Officially put to rest.

5. Pictures for paper?

They are willing to put things in the paper... The Northerner. It's a great opportunity that we should make the most of.

6. **Mr.Bourcet/Mrs.Boyd report.**

Paul Hann is here on the 24th ... 2 weeks earlier than originally scheduled. Working on history of the Alaska Highway songs. Gym is a mess so not sure about a performance. Workers in gym... may be out of gym by end of October but don't know. Not having it in the evening as no teachers will show. With job action, not getting report cards... interim week. Some teachers may talk to parents if they come in. School planning council... Kimberly staying on, Patricia will have to be on it. Primary small... 18 kids - which is good. Intermediates... 30... but some attrition. K has to be 22 or less... and 18 or less on average for a district. Mr. B needs something signed that PAC has looked at document from the School Planning Council. Terry Fox run... cut short... may have been a bear nearby. A dad reported that he had been seeing it back in a field so turned around. Spinny things injury... kids launching off and hit boards that were too close so spinny things had been closed off. Boards have now been pushed back so spinny things now open again. Need more playground equipment... bigger, newer, better. Provincially... \$50,000 given across province but we haven't seen any of it. Magazine money going towards that.... potential for a couple years down the road.

7. **Secret Santa Gift Shop- Ad Hoc committee**

Tina usually does it. She is looking for helpers. There are catalogues to choose stuff from and last year also went to backcountry and got stuff... and Avon (Jennie). Stuff set-up on tables. Early December, first week... will confirm date later. Geilan will help.

8. **Any other discussion?**

Soc-hop... concerns raised that kids have made it "date"-like. Some parents see it as going with a "friend" but influence from older siblings pushing the date thing. Hot lunch omissions... can confirm order sheets afterwards if needed. If somebody doesn't get their ordered lunch they can go down to the kitchen and tell them. Lunch monitor expectations are laid out ahead of time... will help them and encourage them to eat a bit. Parking lot issues... that snow wasn't being removed last year. There was sometimes no pathway to the staff parking lot. They could be putting the snow on the playground. Maintenance comes in and does snow removal but sometimes they do only the staff parking lot. It's important to keep it clear otherwise it won't be used. Need to also have a shovelled pathway to the portable behind.

9. **Ginger on behalf of DPAC**

DPAC acts as an advocate for parents that need help and didn't get it. It wasn't running because people weren't interested. Stands for district PAC... it is the next level up from PAC... one rep (not the PAC president) from each PAC attends. The school PAC rep brings relevant notes... what's working - what we have problems with. Last DPAC

meeting: found out that we were all doing the same fundraiser... we help each other out. It has funding and political clout. Reps go to Vancouver and represent our district at provincial level... vote on resolutions. BCCPAC does pay for your flight. SIPAC... super intendant PAC... info session only, useful but no vote so no influence. Rene Middleton is the president of DPAC. But last two years there has been no interest in DPAC. DPAC helps parents... gives parents the resources they need, helps them to get resolution. DPAC people should theoretically get training also there is a lot of information online. They can tell you the proper channels... connect you with the superintendent and school trustees. SIPAC: Last Tuesday of every month from 12 to 1. Any number can go but need to be on the list, need to email and let them know you are coming and if you have an issue make sure it is on the agenda. You get a free lunch with Larry Espe. DPAC set up to be the hour beforehand to get more people to attend: Oct 25th AGM 11-12. Need more people to come... so during the day because no one shows up in the evening. Rene's name will stand as DPAC pres... has 10 yrs experience. School trustees are important... the superintendent has to answer to them. They are our elected representatives. We need a DPAC rep... it is very important... to relay issues and gain info for the school.

Draw: box of chocolates
Andrea won.

Adjourn meeting 9:10pm