

## General PAC Meeting- Sept 17, 2012

Called to order: 7:05 pm

Introductions: Thanks to all those who came!

### 2012/13 Year Outlook

1. Meet and Greet event
2. Kitchen Construction
3. Fall Fundraiser
4. Secret Santa Gift Shop
5. Dance residency with Angie Pomeroy
6. Christmas Dance
7. Self Esteem Workshop
8. Science Fair Awards
9. Spring Fundraiser
10. Author Residency
11. Paul Hann Residency
12. Art Fair
13. Fun Day
14. Bursary Allocation
15. Hot Lunch Programs
16. Extra Eyes
17. Reading Incentives
18. Bowling Teams
19. Robot Residency-new this year
20. Teacher year end sponsorship
21. Leadership sponsorship
22. Kindergarten orientation day
23. Milk Program
24. PBIS day-ice cream for the students
25. Teacher Christmas/year end lunch

### Old Business:

1. **Meet and Greet**-Approx. 260 people came for the dinner-Excellent turn out and the left over chili will be used for the hot lunch program. Thank you to all the ladies who cooked and served and cleaned to make this a great event!
2. **Kitchen update**-no construction occurred over the summer and likely will start up again in Nov.
3. **Bursary Allocation**-Kelsey Johnson is the recipient and she sent us a letter of thanks!
4. **Fun Day feedback**-it went well; however, there were parents who were disappointed that there was no hot dog lunch like the year before. We are hoping that the kitchen is done this year on time so that we can provide the lunch as before. Also there was discussion on having the fun day to have more track and field type activities (long jump and running for example) with ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and participant ribbons for all others. Comments were that the school does not have large enough fields and also it would take a lot of effort

and time to make the grounds ready for such an endeavor. Mr. Bourcet said it could be done with plenty of volunteers and time. It was agreed upon that the topic would be brought up again after Christmas to see if there is still interest in moving forward with the idea.

#### New Business:

- 1. Fall Fundraiser ideas-** Lyndsey has already ordered the Dielman's catalogues and they will be here soon. Because we confirmed our participation last spring we will receive more bonuses from this program. The catalogues and orders will have to be back by Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and the orders should be in by the end of November which will prevent last minute deliveries like last year. Especially if there are any backorders. Lindsay also proposed a poinsettia fundraiser she heard about. If we go forward with this, we will save on freight charges as we will be combining our orders with two other participants. Many of the parents have seen these poinsettias last year and confirm that they are big and beautiful. Some parents were concerned that people will be 'fundraised out' and there will a flood of these in the community. After discussing that it is always a choice whether to participate or not and even a little bit of money is better than none, Kim motioned to move forward with the program. Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion was Passed. Lyndsey will organize the program and it was decided after discussion that parents will have to pick up the plants at the school as it will be too difficult to send them home with the students. This will be indicated on the order forms so that there are no surprises. There was also concern by parents that it is important to let people know what the fundraising is for. This year all fundraising will go toward new playground equipment. This will be communicated on the order forms for all the fundraising that will happen this year.
- 2. Thanksgiving or Halloween ideas-**Discussion on a dance or other fun activities similar to last year that Mrs. Boyd organized. Mr. Bourcet will ask if the leadership club is interested in organizing something. Also, he is willing to help the students set up a Haunted House in the room where music takes place. There was a volunteer willing to help set up the wires etc that would be needed. There was also discussion about having the primaries allowed to go to a dance. This has not been allowed in the past due to parental concerns and the administration does not feel that it will be welcomed. It was suggested that if there was an activity organized for Halloween, that maybe a space could be set aside for dancing or as one of the stations. More details of these events will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 3. Hot Lunch/Booster Juice-**The hot lunch forms will be going out this week. There was much discussion about the Booster Juice program. Some concerns about the selection not being as nutritious as others and that the size of the juice is too big. There is a **lot** of waste every time as students aren't able to finish their drinks, which has led to garbage and spillage issues, besides it being a waste of food. Booster Juice

has let us know that there is no smaller size available for us to order. There were suggestions of just having the food portion offered, but many love that the option of fruit servings in the juice and that so many students love this option for lunch. There was much discussion, with many parents saying that they weren't even aware of the issue and that because it is their money to spend that it should be kept on as a choice. It was decided in the end, that Linda will add the question onto the Survey to get more feedback on the program and that the waste issue will be brought to the parent's attention in a newsletter. Hopefully many of them will discuss this with their children and there will be less waste. Also, Linda will approach the teachers to see if they will allow the students to have time after lunch to finish their drink. The consensus was that most students will be able to finish their drink if given more time. This issue will be discussed again before Christmas to see if any solutions have resolved the problem.

4. **Treasurer's report**-The Audit was finished for 2010/2011 year and no issues were brought forth. Lana will ask if the same person will do the audit for the previous 2011-2012 year. Chequing Account-\$ 28,873.20, Gaming Account-\$ 2,502.87. All the equipment for the kitchen has been purchased. There was some discussion about the grant that the PRRD approved for us. We have not received the money and Patricia will follow up on the communication with PRRD that we have commenced construction. We should be getting grant money (approx \$7,000) from the government soon based on enrollment.
5. **PBIS Day**-Mr. Bourcet was not aware that money had been set aside for ice cream for this event like last year. The day went well, however. This money will stay in our account for future use.
6. **Parent Surveys**-It is time to send out surveys to everyone again. These have proven to be very helpful in organizing events in the past. Linda will pose the hot lunch questions and Andrea will send them out. Every family will receive one and for all that are returned, each family will be entered into a draw for family related activities and gift cards. We are hoping to have them back before the next meeting so that the name can be drawn then.
7. **Teacher's job action**-Most everything is back to normal-the teachers will be doing report cards etc. However, many may not be willing to volunteer for extra-curricular activities, like sports teams etc. Many teachers at Charlie Lake however are generous with their time.
8. **Christmas Dance**-no one came forward at this time to volunteer to organize the dance, however, there is still time to form a subcommittee. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact any PAC executive to get the ball rolling.
9. **Executive positions to be filled**-Chairperson, Treasurer, DPAC rep- without the first two, PAC cannot function. Duties of each position were discussed. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact any of the PAC executive for more information.
10. **Mr. Bourcet's report**-there is 35 more students this year than last year. He reminds us that specific teachers or students are not to be discussed at PAC meetings, that

the issues can be discussed more generally and that the administration is always available to privately discuss specifics with the parties involved. There is more focus this year and in upcoming years on project based learning in education and if we are interested we can get more details on the Ministry of Education government website.

Door prizes: Congratulations to the winners and thanks for attending everyone!

Adjourn meeting: 8:39 pm