

PAC meeting minutes - April 5, 2017

Welcome - Pat Link

Ruthie is away/Allison at home with sick kid. Chandra will take meeting minutes.

Administrator Report presented by Spencer Kelly and Blair Martin (no notes taken for S. Kelly as he will provide copy of his report)

- Orientation for Track and Field was held for grade 4s only as other grades did not feel they needed orientation. Grade 6s leading the different orientation stations.
- Ridgeway organizes our zone.
- 3 to 4 weeks for practices
- parent volunteers can contact Blair
- Track Qualifying @ Handsworth and Swansguard

- Robyn Seymour requests for more track and field information to come out for parents so they can plan around practices/support their children.
- 1 parent volunteer for each event
- Kids are encouraged to pay attention to the schedule and address conflicts as they arise.

Regarding speeding drivers near the school especially along Hendry: call RCMP and request community policing unit to put up "speed signs". Blair will contact our RCMP liaison officer.

Spencer replies to Theresa Duvall's question regarding school composition (numbers of students registered for next year) and says there is a meeting in 2 weeks and should have numbers then.

- Kindergarten orientation in May.

Treasurer Report presented by Pat Link on behalf of Ruth Bach (get copy from Pat)

- Re: Edible Garden Julie Tymchuk wants to know if the teachers/school can alternate the grades every year so every kid will get a chance to go/participate.

- Teacher budgets to be spent mid-May

- Rose Vlaar wants to know if we have a Loutet Farm contact (Christina Schnetzler?) to take away the back compost bins? Because they should be dismantled.

Purdy's Easter Sales - Erika Smortchevsky

- \$600 in sales, \$150 of which goes to the PAC

Reading Awareness Week - Catherine Stride

- April 10 -14
- No Scholastic book sale this year
- First time school is holding a RAW week. Proceeds of used book sales will go to the library to purchase any needed resources.

- Monday and Tuesday will be the book sale (still accepting used books). Books will be sold for \$1, \$2 and \$5
- On Tuesday there will be a comic book swap. Kids can bring in their used comic books and swap for another used comic.
- All leftover books will be donated.
- Thursday Intermediate students can dress up as their favourite character and Primary students can wear their pyjamas.
- Volunteers needed to help run the book sale; before school, lunchtime and after school.
- Teachers running in-class activities.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Pat Link

- Wednesday April 19
- Approximately 40 people; teachers and admin and staff
- Parents donate food items
- held in library during lunch time recess and lunch
- sign up volunteer sheet is passed around. Need volunteers for food, set up and clean up, and playground supervision.

Parent's Night Out - Pat Link

- Friday, May 26
- not a fundraiser, a social event for parents
- should we do it?
- Because it doesn't involve fundraising, easy to organize.
- doesn't get a huge/diverse crowd.
- Laurina Anderson suggests a sports event, such as group tickets sales to a big sporting activity.
- Theresa Duvall says the message should be that every year the PAC hosts one parent's night out event, some people will come, if the event is easy to organize it, do it.
- It is decided to hold the event. Pat will contact Seymour's Pub to reserve the evening.

Plant Sale - Michelle Mullie

- prices have gone up, we won't make very much unless we raise our prices but then parents will probably just buy their plants elsewhere
- lots of confusion with the supplier (DeVry)
- quality has gone down in the past few years
- Discussion around whether to look at another supplier or should we skip a year? Decided to skip a year and look into another supplier for next year.

DPAC - Theresa Duvall

- meeting was held several months ago (end of february)
- A presentation on Safe and Caring Schools
- Great presentation, we should have them come in and present to parents
- 'Bullying and Violence prevention sheet' passed around. How to share this info with parents?

Playground/Outdoor Equipment - Susan Aldred

- update on ongoing research regarding expanding playground equipment/play areas
- We cannot have more swings put in unless we modify existing playground space.
- Do we have space for saucer swings behind school? Are they too expensive? Will enough children get to play on them?

- Other ideas include creating an obstacle course area.
- East side of the school to have the bramble area cleared. Keep it as a woody area, maybe put down some big logs or boulders for kids to climb on?
- Outdoor Learning Centre (picnic area near Sunshine preschool): can we cover it with tenting or gazebo like structure? Getting really wet and huge puddles.

Emergency Bin/Supplies - Laurina Anderson

- All 17 divisions will have their Grab and Go backpacks by next week. Include a crowbar.
- Comfort kits are kept in the Emergency Bin (located outside the school in the parking lot)
- Regarding the ER Bin: There are shelves and we are getting hooks so the items can be stored on the shelves and strapped into place. Looked at what other schools are doing.
- We have lots of the supplies, going to take time to organize them.
- Laurina says she needs funds/organization to make it happen.
- She feels the ER bin is under supplied and wants funds. Laurina then shows pictures of the boxes and boxes of supplies that are currently stored in the Emergency Bin.
- The PAC and the School Principals would like the school money to be spent first. Spencer Kelly will check to see how much of the school money is left to be spent.
- Pat Link states that in order to release funds from the PAC account Laurina will need to submit a detailed list of what items are going to be purchased and how much they will cost. Laurina says a list of what is needed is in the District's emergency binder. She says she needs \$2500 - 3000.
- It is concluded that the District list does not include prices and Pat restates that a proposed budget needs to be presented at a PAC meeting and would be voted on.
- Laurina says she put a proposed budget in the PAC mailbox. She does not have a copy with her. Someone goes and gets the budget from the mailbox. Pat Link and Chandra Junck (Vice Chair) assess the budget, which is broken down into three stages:

1. 2017 Approximately \$600, Immediate replace/restore items on the checklist from 2016
2. 2017-18 \$600-800 needed for items (list included)
3. 2018-19 \$400 + for replacing expired items

- The "budget" is not itemized but rather "estimates" for three different stages the overall request is for \$1800 +
- Upon review, Pat Link and Chandra Junck offer to release \$1500 to cover off the first two stages of the proposed "budget" and request a more detailed budget for the remaining amount of \$400 +
- Laurina declines the \$1800 and requests the full amount \$3000. In order to receive the amount she is requesting, she is advised to put forward a formal and detailed budget, which would be presented and voted on at an upcoming PAC meeting.
- Laurina says she does not want to put together a detailed list of how much the items will cost.
- Tania Loeken volunteers to itemize the list in an excel sheet and price out the items for Laurina.
- Tania requests Laurina send her the District's suggested list so she can price the items out.
- Laurina says she will send the list to Tania.
- It is agreed that if the list is sent to Tania so she can price it, the budget will be presented at the May PAC meeting.

Round Table

- Michelle Mullie proposes Fun Day become Sports Day and “teams” be made up of 1 student per grade (1 kindergartener, 1 grade one, 1 grade 2....all the way to grade 7)
- Stations would be competitive and competitors would be matched by grade level.
- Ribbons for top 3 teams would be given out.
- Focus would be on competitive and cooperative team spirit. The intermediates on the team would provide guidance and leadership to the primary team members.
- Spencer Kelly says he and Michelle Mullie could talk about it further.