



Meeting December 4th 2013

Minutes

Call to order 7.05pm

Chair report (Catherine Stride and Terrie Hendrickson)

Welcome to everyone and an introduction to the current members of the PAC. Catherine and Terrie are next year's co-chairs and are chairing this meeting.

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A huge thank you to Lisa Forrest – outgoing PAC chair. Lisa Kramer highlighted some of Lisa's achievements and the changes which she has brought about. Every year the PAC has got better and better and Lisa has been tireless in her efforts. Presentation of flowers from the PAC to Lisa Forrest.

Presentation of flowers and expression of thanks by Arlene Martin and Spencer Kelly to outgoing executive members Lisa Forrest, Lisa Kramer and Sarah Gorham.

BCCPAC Fall Conference

Terrie Hendrickson attended. Kelowna. Nov 15th- 17th 2013.

Conference held twice a year. Found the experience extremely beneficial. Left feeling very energised. Excited about the direction we are going in. Discussion around the curriculum from the Minister of Education. Details of the curriculum, the changes and a feedback form can be found at <http://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>.

Brooksbank PAC lucky to have 8 executive members and this number will increase in 2014. Some other PACs are not as fortunate.

Jingle Mingle

Jingle Shop- This year to decrease congestion we are introducing a system of 15 minute timed tickets and the wrapping will take place in the library. Grades 5, 6 and 7 will do their own wrapping.

Volunteers – Time slots are being filled. Each class assigned a task. Some Sutherland, Grade 8 students are coming to assist.

Dinners – deadline past. Approximately 226 orders.

Cake Walk – About halfway there with the required number of cakes (80). Save- On foods will give us a 40% discount if we need to buy anymore. Suggested that smaller cakes would also work – such as making two rounds out of one cake mix.

Bake Sale – Still need more bakers. Signs are up to remind people. Last year we didn't have enough. Will have separate table for gluten free etc. This year there will be better labelling of items. Bakers are reminded to clearly name their containers and a description of the baked goods is helpful.

Crafts –Good to go. Volunteers OK. There will be 3 stations.

Activities – Good to go. Spinning Wheel, Candy Cane Tree, Santa's Chimney and Foosball Game (new this year).

Creative Music – Called to confirm attendance. This year to be placed in prominent spot with less through-traffic.

A parent has made a donation of \$40 to help families who might not otherwise be able to afford to come to the Jingle Mingle. This money is allocated to those families by Arlene Martin.

Vice-Chair Report

Cake Walk – as above

Christmas Bureau. <http://www.ilovefamilyservices.com/christmas-bureau>

Still in need of gifts for adults and teens. Gift cards are a simple and easy suggestion.

Treasurer Report

Regular account \$11,478

Gaming account \$7,026

Giants Read to succeed programme. Forms are now available to apply for tickets. Giants game Friday January 24th at 7.30pm.

DPAC (District PAC) Report – Chandra Junck

Catherine Stride, Terrie Hendrickson, Chandra Junck and Dione Gillett in attendance.

- Registrar/Treasurer just wanted to remind PACs to register their DPAC reps as well as submit their registration fee receipts for reimbursement. Brooksbank PAC has already done this.
- BCCPAC Fall Conference attendees provided brief summaries of the workshops they attended. All reports will be on the NVPAC blog if you are interested. To be found at www.northvanpac.org
- May 23rd 2014 is the Spring Conference will be held in Richmond.
- The remainder of the meeting was a workshop, regarding the findings of the NVPAC Spring 2013 Survey Report. Four key areas received the poorest survey results and the workshop brainstormed this using the Appreciative Inquiry Methodology: appreciate what is, imagine what might be, determine what should be, create what will be.
Attendees were divided into groups. Reports presented and will be posted in the meeting minutes. Four areas of focus were
 - Increasing opportunity for extra-curricular activities.
 - How to make PACs more inviting to newcomers.
 - How to increase the parent involvement in Secondary Schools.
 - How to better parent-teacher communication .

Principal's Report

Introduction and thanks to Mrs Jeeneice Chand – teacher who sadly is to leave shortly as she was covering a position.

Ski and board program – 72 students registered. Decided on second bus so that no-one who was interested had to miss out. PAC to fund this. 60% of intermediate students participating.

Education Program Standing Committee – 75-90 minute presentation on collaboration time at Brooksbank. Very well received. Positive feedback. Would like to share with parents but due to its length unsure how this could be done at this time.

Question: What happened about the ping pong tables for the playground?

Would still like to purchase but the cost is restrictive.

Vice-Principal's report

Grade 7 Basketball. Season has come to an end. Great participation and enthusiasm.

Volleyball to start in February.

Teacher's Report – Jane Beleski LAC Programme (Learning Assistance Centre)

- Introduction to Nancy Munro – new teacher at the school.
- Bev McKeen – colleague.
- Kindergarten students are selected in January to begin early intervention with any highlighted issues.
- Also it can be through teacher recommendation.
- Some students just need a little boost with learning.
- LAC has great relationships with parents and this is imperative in the success of the program.
- LAC teachers are trained in the Norton Gillingham/Phonetic approach.
- Children are put in groups with similar reading skills.
- Exciting to see how the children improve over time.
- In grade 2/3 issues become more evident as reading becomes more a part of the curriculum.
- There often tends to be a family history of learning challenges.
- The LAC traditionally concentrates on reading as this is needed in all aspects of schooling. There are however a handful of students who receive assistance in Math.
- In North Vancouver, differentiated learning is encouraged. The LAC tries to provide support in all areas of the curriculum.

Teacher's Report – Nancy Munro

Just a reminder that cold season is upon us. Please remind students to wash hands more frequently.

Discussion: surrounding encouraging children to wash hands before eating. This is not easy in those classrooms/areas where sinks aren't available. Teachers will try to encourage children to do this.

Round Table

Lice – unsure as to why letters aren't sent to the whole school when an outbreak is happening.

Arlene Martin – likely that at any one time someone has lice in the school. This is just the case in elementary schools everywhere.

Discussion surrounding checking for lice and suggested treatments.

Foodie Kids –can announcement be made on these hot lunch days that the containers need to be given back in for recycling.

Yes, an announcement can be made.

Adjourn 8.15pm

Next meeting January 8th 2014 at 7.00pm