# March 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chair: Naomi Taussig. 12 parents attending.

# Welcome & Introductions

# Approval of February 5, 2015 Minutes

# Lifetouch Photography presentation

* Informational presentation from Lifetouch rep about photo needs for school.
* Described mandate for schools to keep photos of all students. Also produce id cards for library check out.
* Desire to find balance for parental needs as well.
* Commitment to build schools in developing country. Employees and members of school community where photographs take place can apply to go.
* Canadian Centre for Child Protection partnership. All parents get id cards w current picture as part of proofs package.
* Partner with teen help organization “Need Help Now”
* Also give gift certificates to families at school unable to afford photos
* Parents comments:

Like option for sibling photos in spring.

Like online options.

Photos are sometimes too posed looking.

Pricing? Competitive. Only company that comes in with $9 start rate.

Free Class photo.

* Already scheduled for multicultural night, April 16. Has been organized by school the last two years. This year will come back to PAC. Mr. Mitzel will arrange change through school. Makeesha will coordinate.
* Individual Spring Photos? Do we want to book them? May 4 is the date for the group photos, and if wanted, spring photos as well.

# Treasurer’s Report – Nicole Oliver

* See submitted Treasurers report.
* General Account:
* Game account: $2651.89, but deductions pending to bring down to $600.
* Applying for class D raffle and 50/50 license. Proceeds will go into gaming account. All prizes must have receipts or cash value. More info for next meeting.
* Applying for gaming grant for next year. Fiscal year ends March 31.
* Forecast to go into next year with similar funds as this one.
* Nicole still looking for suggestions for policy for teacher requests, school allocations.

# Communications Report - Makeesha Fisher

* No report

# Principals Report – Darren Mitzel

* Pink Project done. Awesome. 5000 kids.
* Looking for stronger partnership areas with Tupper.
* New code of conduct passed around for parent review.
  + Key phrases: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe.
  + Developed in coordination with teachers
  + Using assemblies to roll out
  + Multicultural night: staff feels that multiculturalness of night is losing its appeal. Fashion show out. Choir will participate. May be time to evaluate purpose of night.
  + Variety show will be separate event.
  + 50 Kindergarten kids enrolled for next year. 336 as school total. School is full. Will be quite a few split classes. Music room and resource room will stay for next year.
    - ? what can we do as parents to help protect these resources for our kids going forward.
  + iPad Cart arrived.
  + Going forward would like to put clear parameters on what school funds vs what PAC funds.
  + ? from parent: can we add these to newsletter as purchased. Answer: have someone working on blog post. Nicole provided details and amounts to send out to parents.
  + Canadian National soccer player: Carrie Sirwetnik. Doing leadership activities at recess with girls. Grades 4-7.
  + Choral festival: parent comments = Livingstone was the best.
  + Mad Science: staff have questions about what we are getting from program. From Nicole: Teachers who donate rooms can have free session for class, but not using this benefit. Parents want this to run. Selling out every time, but hard to find the space. Melissa Carr is parent representative to contact.
  + Sports teams for next year. Community School Team has run out of funds. Mr Mitzel has contacts for basketball, soccer and track and field. For parents to coach, need sponsor teacher. Mr Mitzel coaches one team/term. Tries to encourage teachers to participate by making commitment minimal. Also opportunities with partnerships with Tupper students to work with kids here.
  + Criminal Record Check: free for non-profit, $25 for fingerprinting.

1. Multicultural Night

* Lots of prizes. But no grand prize yet.

# PAC subcommittee updates (as needed)

* + - Recycling--- Need new volunteer to coordinate for next year.
    - Gardening---Cara and family organized building of new beds for native plants. Planting herbs for beneficial insects, bees.

Bat box in the works. Looking for two things for garden: cardboard and pick-up truck to pick up some higher quality soil.

# Green Earth Organics update - Makeesha/Naomi

* Slow to uptake. Needs more promotion.

# New Business

# Next Meeting: April 2, 2015 - 7:00pm