PAC Meeting Jan 8, 2015

Chair: Naomi

15 parents attending + Darren Mitzel (new principal)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Dec 4, 2014 minutes. Motion: Sharon. 2nd Caroline. Approved.
3. Principal’s Report –Darren Mitzel (iPad set-up: livpacjan8.weebly.com)
   1. K REGISTRATION. We are considered a “full school.” Have 50 kids registered and only taking 44. Will have lottery for spots. It is possible that some children registered here will enroll in immersion or other choice programs. In-catchment siblings have priority.
   2. 2014-2015 SCHOOL PLAN
      1. Has been passed.
   3. LUNCH PROGRAM
      1. On the list to lose lunch program.

Current Cost: $55,600

Parent Contribution: $23, 800

Grant: $4279

Amount required from parents: $27, 500

* + 1. For the month of January –50 students have not turned in envelopes. Therefore no payment has been received. Makeesha will email information.
    2. Meeting on January 28th
  1. NEWSLETTER
     1. Prefer weekly e-news. Would like kids to subscribe, too. Similar to Livingstone PAC e-news.
     2. Plan to schedule to send every Sunday night.
     3. Discussion about establishing class lists and encouraging more electronic communication.
     4. Q: can principal use emails collected on forms from the beginning of year? Yes, but PAC cannot.
  2. TWITTER
     1. New school account: @DLivingstone39
     2. Leadership Council / Student Council students encouraged to tweet.
  3. MORE
     1. All about Me
        1. Photos of Darren’s kids. Philosophy of wanting a place as though it is for his kids.
        2. “My Vision” Inquiry Based Learning.
     2. Livingstone Brainstorm board

1. GUEST SPEAKER, Daniel Henry--GREEN EARTH ORGANICS
   1. 16 years delivering organic food to people’s homes
   2. When son started school, partnered with school to fundraise.
   3. Two Options:
      1. Deliver to set spot at the school. $10 per family participating to school, then 10% ongoing. Starting with Simon Fraser Elem this month.
      2. Deliver to homes. $10 per family participating, then 5% ongoing. Need two-hour delivery time. This neighborhood is on Mondays.
      3. Could do a combination of two options.
   4. What do you need from us?
      1. One person contact. School will need to help with promotion.
   5. Supporting local businesses
      1. Tries to buy local when possible
      2. Franchised from Vancouver to 5 cities
   6. Motion: Moving forward as pilot program overseen by Naomi and Makeesha. Motion Nicole. Makeesha 2nd. Motion approved.
2. Treasurer’s Report –Dana Wainwright (Nicole Oliver) ATTACHED
   1. PAC Account

HIGHLIGHT: Christmas Gift Basket Sale. $1281. Thanks to all for getting gift baskets together, selling tickets, et al.

* 1. Gaming Account.

Teacher luncheon. Over budget by $58.28. Motion to approve addl funding for shortfall: Sharon. 2nd Makeesha. Approved.

1. Communications Report – Makeesha Fisher
   1. Thanks to Andrew and Anna for help on Communications Committee
   2. From recent meeting
      1. Survey our families to make sure we’re meeting information needs moving forward
      2. Redesign website to be primarily static information, possibly create wiki
      3. Discuss with Darren how to best coordinate school and PAC communications
   3. In the past, PAC took over communication because of a need; interested in new ideas, open to increased communication paths from school vs. PAC and would like to coordinate to have cohesive communication plan
   4. With primary communication coming from school, PAC could focus on connecting parents and families rather than informational pushes for school
   5. Would like systems that can continue: to build streamlined, clear communication methods
2. PAC Subcommittee
   1. Nicole: April is Multicultural Night.
      1. Raffles needs for next meeting
         1. Discuss licensing for 50/50 and baskets
         2. Organizer/coordinator needed: Keep track of donated items and values. Send letter from school for donations. Collected items to be kept here at school. Thank contributors afterwards. Jodi agrees to volunteer.
3. Meeting Adjourned.