

PAC Minutes November 19, 2015

Welcome (5-10 minutes)

Possible visit from Tupper Basketball Team Reps

Motion to approve minutes from October 15th meeting - (3 minutes)

Motion moved: Hans Seconded: Maggie

Motion Passed.

Committee reports - (15 minutes)

Recycling

Caroline and Hans

We did it – 10,000 items!

Business and neighbours all pitched in

Still thinking of reward idea of hot chocolate and cookie at recess

The next drive will be after the holidays

The 5 Point, Fish Counter, Artigiano and Don't Argue and Bean Around the World are all donating

Businesses continue to be donating – pick up needs to happen on holidays – please contact Hans or Caroline if you can do the pick up.

Scholastic Book Fair

Joanne – c

The Fair is coming in Dec 8 – unknown time

Will need some people to help set up

Cara and Stephanie offered

After school with help from library monitors

Dec 9th - 11th 8:30-9:00, 12:15 – 1:00, 3:00 – 3:45 in the library.

The outer door will remain closed – for security and lessening to number of items that go into pockets/ bags.

Letter being sent to Mr Mitzel to go into newsletter and volunteer sign up.

PRIZES!! To be drawn on the last day

\$60 from Scholastic for promoting the fair, will have a competition to “guess the number of pages” and winners will have \$10 to spend at the fair.

If we NET \$3000, we get 60% in product, but only 25% if we get it in cash – we need to ascertain what we need to do with it.

Gift Cards

\$800+ made (41 plus families)

Fun Lunch

Still a success but the volunteer numbers are dwindling. Need to have people come out.

Next round (February – April) coming out soon

Need to make it clear that there are no cancellations, no refunds and no changes

Cheese Pizza will be added this year.

Looking for an alternative to Booster Juice because of the packaging – will look into Happy Planet and the local Juice joint for possible alternative.

Direct Drive

Envelopes went home on Friday November 13th – one per family was the aim

Already \$1200

Could class reps please send the image of the cards to the classes – as a reminder.

We've already made over \$9000 since September!!!

Treasurer's Report

Helena

Please see the running sheet documents for ins and outs.

All things are going well at this end – please communicate by email if you need cheques etc.

Expenditures

Motion to approve expenses for Fund Drive postcards

Andrew proposes a new motion to approve \$250 for an annual office PAC expense.

Moved: Maggie, Seconded: Stephanie

Request from Ms Lau to upgrade the primary reading books to the tune of \$3000

- They are out of date, falling apart and there are not enough of them for the 5 classes.

Question: What does \$3000 get? Will all the classes then get a levelled set?

Cara – yes, and they will be updated.

Question: if we do this every year, then the intermediates should be able to get the same again.

- we can put it to the teachers what they need
- the PAC will fundraise for what the teachers need – do the intermediate teachers want this?
- a literary committee and have books sent to and from the library to intermediates to have a roving library.

PAC would like Ms Lau to come and formally to present to the group on the request and the reading sets

Andrew: the PAC wants to commit funds in an equal way and will ensure that the next large amount will not go to the same groups

The group wanted it noted:

There is an interest from the PAC to invest in the students' needs but there are some concerns about the large sum, whether we are being asked for the whole amount and to what extent this is subsidizing the budget for books allocated by the school board

Motion tabled: To be returned to when we have had a presentation from Ms. Lau

Div.1 and 2 have requested the PAC to fund the Flour Babies – Andrew and Cara made the executive decision to ask them to use their classroom funds.

Div.1 and 2 have also asked about the Teen Safety Presentation – Cara did some research about the general reception of this \$800 program and found a public funded program “TCO2” offered by the Children of the Street society.

Andrew suggested that we table all of these requests so we can get a better picture of larger requests and other programming options.

She has put it to Ms. Cassie and said they would bring the request to the PAC

Principal's Report

Darren Mitzel

Presented the Teacher Cart to the PAC – they allow teachers to teach in the moment

Cart will be housed in the library then the second cart will go on the main floor, and then later a cart for every floor.

Designed to change the way teaching happens – no more talk and teach

Showed us the new cart and Ipads with holding containers. All will be housed in the library. All classes

The system seems to be working well and managing large numbers of devices.

Play First Lunch

Many parents have raised concerns about how kids are eating and being treated during the lunchtime

Kids being berated, rushed and restricted from socializing.

Some discussion about the lunchroom

- noise is an issue
- Kids are being made to eat quickly
- Kids feeling stressed
- Punishment and Reward systems – people feel like this is not appropriate
- Darren points out that the Gym is needed at 12:25

Winter concert

Have the Tupper auditorium booked for the December 16th

Monica needs time to practice and where to put the kids after their performance

Put in Calendar – non-instructional days.

Friday March 4th

Friday April 15th

These are New Curriculum Implementation Days agreed by the BCTF and the provincial Government – these have been mandated by the VSB and were not in the original annual calendar.

Co-Chair Report

Parent Education

Co-chairs are Building a list for topics that parents are interested in learning more about. Please offer these via email or in the halls.

Upcoming events

Pancake Breakfast – December 18th (last day of School before the winter break)

Movie night – November 26th

PAC advocacy groups – resourcing sharing, lobbying and advocating for schools and public education.

Last PAC meeting – traditionally a social meeting. Group voted to meet at the 5 Point on Thursday December 10th at 7pm