



**Shannon Lake Elementary
General PAC Meeting
Monday Nov 4, 2013.**

Attendees

Marianne To, Kristine Vodarek, Rebecca Ashley, Nicole Mauro, Sherri Dodd, Christen Wilson, Sara Gramiak, Jessie Bruce, Alida Privett, Mandy Kadziolka, Debbie Krenbiel, Andrea Pal, Cherie Hauca, Shannon Thurstan.

- 1). SLE general meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.
- 2). Thank you everybody for attending. Please spread the word to all parents, to come join us for a meeting.
- 3). Principals report presented by Mrs. Alida Privett and Mr. Jesse Bruce.

Principal's Report to SLE PAC – November 4, 2013

Today our student population grew to 512.

Thank you

First of all, a huge thank you to PAC for a wonderful Halloween Dance! Thank you as well from our students and teachers for the new classroom rugs which have added so much to our classrooms.

The future

Just a note that the RVE PAC is acting to support the upcoming MJE PAC with 'starter funds'. I'll let our chair address that with you.

Please note the upcoming dates of November 20 when the District Staff will present their proposal for Westside catchment areas, and November 27 when the Board of Trustees meets to vote on this proposal. I will be at both meetings.

Our School Planning Council met for a district level orientation on October 28th. We will convene as soon as Katherin Beselt is well. Rebecca Leaf will be on a world tour and Kristine Vodarek (Sara Gramiak) will fill in during her absence. Goals for next year will include a community building focus as well as an academic goal.

Our future playground news: The district will support and maintain an enhanced playground structure (like an Adventure Playground) to a maximum value of \$57,000 in today's dollars to buy new and install. This is because the district absorbs all liability and maintenance costs. Other PACs have applied to purchase and install something 'bigger and better' and have been refused based on this policy and enhancement agreement. As to when, the timeline is up to us and the district will give us a 'two year warning' when the structure is no longer considered safe. We can replace it before then, in conversation with the school district.

The present

Our 'Me to We' trip to Vancouver was a great success –special thanks to Mrs. McCombie for sponsoring the group and sleeping on a gym floor with them!!

Volleyball intramurals are well underway thanks to Mrs. Apps, Mrs. Newman, Ms Blake and many parents who are cheering and driving!

Our Grade 6 Thetis Island Poinsettia Fundraiser has gone out – please support our students by purchasing these very high quality Christmas gifts.

Teacher staff has expressed concern with the religious symbolism/undertones of PAC's latest fundraiser. They are also asking for clarification of how much of the \$19 goes to the PAC as they felt this was unclear in the advertising they were provided with.

Teaching and Learning

Please visit the Ministry of Education's website to preview the new draft curriculum work being done – very exciting and work we are very much in line with at Shannon Lake Elementary. The language being used is reflecting the changes we are seeing in 21st Century learning and the attributes our District has set as criteria for the kind of learners we will graduate. In that vein, the language is shifting from 'reporting' to 'communicating student learning'....so let me inform you that we will be communicating your student's learning to/with you on December 6 when Term 1 progress reports will be sent home.

Teachers are collaborating across classrooms and subject areas, and supporting one another to improve instruction. Our CMOS (Collaborative Model of Support) Team is working to support students in the classroom and in targeted intervention beyond the classroom when necessary. Already primary students have received support for 5-6 weeks and no longer require the extra time – excellent results.

Operating two lunchtimes and two recesses is working well, but we are continually stretched for adequate supervision.

Students have been outstanding at cooperating with changing expectations as we shift play areas, etc to accommodate everyone fairly over the course of a week. We have introduced a new bell that rings at 11:20 to remind everyone to get ready for outside, and to bring our kindies in from the playground. It is working well. Students are still missing the forest, but are moving forward. Thanks for remembering that we do not encourage toys at school – they are lost, stolen, broken or even thrown over the fence into that forest!

Curling is in place and booked for November 18 – thank you so much for this wonderful suggestion and we'll look forward to growing this program next year after our initial experience.



November 27 Open Forum in the evening for parents as part of the SoME 4 Change Summit – conversations to define digital citizenship in our school district for the future. That day and the following two days teams of students and teaching staff will be attending.

Pro-D Day was wonderful for staff – we are working on a Pro-D board which will be collated and shared with you closer to the end of the year so you can see the breadth and depth of new learning our teachers are involved in. Just a personal note: I attended a National Neuroplasticity conference that day in Vancouver. The #1 thing we can ALL do for our brains is exercise ...

Respectfully submitted,

Alida G Privett

- 4). President Nicole Mauro reports that there are still positions open for the 2013/14 school year a Vice President is still needed, and a Treasurer.
Andrea Pal and possibly Amy Ward will take over the hot lunch program; Christen Wilson will take over secretary.

There is a board near the front office for posters and such to display please take expired ones down.

- 5). **Treasurers report;** Nicole Gosselin was not present but sent the updated account totals as;

Gaming account = \$17.90
Checking account = \$16,188.04
Playground = \$25,514.37

6). **Event Planning**

A: Family photo session turned out wonderful with amazing photos, would encourage more families to take part in the future.

Sales = \$540
Expenses (paid to Lori Shaw) = \$360
Total Profit = \$180

B: Halloween dance was very successful

Sales = \$2818.37
Expenses = \$1778.37
Total Profit = \$1039.90

C): Movie Night in the gym is still in planning. To be held November 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 in the SLE Gym admission will be free. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and pyjamas. We are looking at bringing in fresh popped popcorn from encore at a reduced price.

- 7). The Art Card fundraiser has gone to the printers and looks beautiful.
There was quite a bit of interest in making a variety pack. They are expected back for previewing on Nov 12.
- 8). Parent Ambassadors have nothing to report.
- 9). Hot lunch is looking into how to best recycle the pizza boxes for hot lunch.
- 10). Rose Valley elementary will be donating some of their PAC funds to the new Mar Jok school so they would have a starter fund. SLE PAC should think about if we could and how much we could also contribute. Will discuss further in Jan/Feb, 2014.
- 11) The Book Fair will be held Nov 20 need help with the setup, during, and take down. Please see Mrs. Bello in library if you can.
- 12). Winner of the FREE hot lunch for a month is.....Cherie Hauca!!!
- 13). Meeting was adjourned @ 7:15pm