



**Shannon lake Elementary
General PAC Meeting
SLE Library
Monday December 2, 2013**

Attendees

Marianne To, Katherin Beselt, Andrea Pal, Jamie Pal, Sherri Dodd, Shannon Thurstan, Cody Woodward, Nicole Mauro, Cherie Hauca, Alida Privett, Jessie Bruce.

- 1). Meeting called to order @ 6:03pm in the SLE library.
- 2). Principals report presented by Mrs. Alida Privett

December 2, 2013. Principal's Report to SLE PAC

It's been quite a week at SLE, with news of change in the air. Wednesday night I was appointed the new principal of Mar Jok Elementary School as of March 15, 2014 – right at the beginning of Spring Break. Our Director, Rick Oliver came to SLE on Thursday morning to tell our staff and to announce that Barrie MacLeod, the current principal of Hudson Road Elementary will be the new principal here. Mr. Bruce will stay at SLE. J There is much more to day and time to say goodbyes later – for now there is both grief and excitement as we all move forward.

Since we met last 8 SLE parents attended the SD 23 Planning and Facilities Meeting held at MBSS to give our final input re: the proposed catchment areas and registration priorities. I attended the School Board meeting held last Wednesday night when the attached recommendations were passed by the board of trustees. The initial registration period was also set as Feb 3- March 7, 2014.

School Planning Council will meet tomorrow to discuss these changes and to look at our school plan in a new light. We will have a new school here too, and an exciting future ahead. Rebecca Ashley and family have come through the Cook Islands and are now in Australia.

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We have been awarded an ETTA grant again this year and look forward to a water colour artist working with our grade 3 students in February. The Curling was an outstanding success and all staff /students would like to have a school wide event next year – with the possibility of extending the learning to the ice! The Christmas Cards Project has been well-received by staff and students as well...a tradition in the making. Three Student Teachers are with us on and off this week and begin their extended practicums with us in January.

Report Cards will be shared with students and then sent home at 2:30 pm on Friday. Such a pleasure it's been to read them. A note re: extended winter family holidays – the nature of our curriculum and



instructional strategies means that the learning cannot be sent along in a suitcase! Teachers typically recommend reading and writing journals that focus on the learning inherent in the holiday.

Holiday Giving: The Giving Tree will go up this week – needed for the homeless: socks, toques, scarves, gloves, mitts, \$5 gift certificates for Tim Horton's /*McDonald's*, *toothpaste*/ toothbrushes, men/women's toiletries (deodorant, etc.) instant soup packages, hot chocolate packages, granola bars.... Great alternative to gifts for teachers J.

Four SLE families have been identified for support during this season. Me to We will have a sale of Baking and Bracelets to help support, and their names have been submitted for Xmas Hampers. No individuals have come forward this year to donate. PAC?

Christmas Concerts: Monday 16 K and 1, Tuesday 17 Gr 2 and 3, Thursday 19 Gr 4, 5 and 6.

ELFF will be held on January 29 from 5-7 pm and we'd love to have some PAC involvement with these families of 3 and 4 year olds in our community. Involves helping plan, coming for supper and an activity afterwards. Time is spent with parent stressing some of the basics of early learning at home that builds the readiness for success at school. J

We have the district's Instructional Leadership Team coming back in in January to work with our intermediate teachers for 6 half days. This was highly successful job-embedded professional development for our teachers last year.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all the happiest holiday with your family – coming very soon! There will be time ahead to say what needs to be said, but you are the most amazing people to work with – I am so grateful for you and for the gift of your children.

Respectfully submitted,

Alida G Privett
Principal

3). President Nicole Mauro's reporting that SLE PAC executive is still needing to fill a few positions. Vice President and secretary is still needed.

4). Treasurer report was sent in as

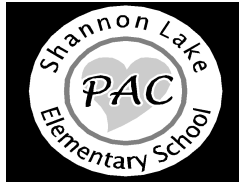
Playground fund \$2561.37
General account \$19379.60
Gaming account \$17.90

5). Event planning

A- Movie night was successful made a total profit of \$116.69
B- Photo session profit was \$210.00

6). The Art Card fundraiser did well selling 3851 cards.

Should PAC look at doing one in the spring, with a variety spring theme?



An idea of a new fundraiser was brought forward of doing a pub/silent auction at one of the local venues.

- 7). Parent Ambassadors enquired about permission to send out reminders ect of up and coming PAC meetings. Yes they can send out email reminders.
- 8). Nothing to report for hot lunch.
- 9). On the January's agenda will be more thought and discussion to donating moneys to the new Mar Jok elementary PAC.
- 10). Could we do a poster to thank Walmart for the donations they have given our SLE PAC.
- 11). PAC has decided to donate \$200.00 per family for hampers needed this holiday season.
- 12). Winner of the FREE hot lunch for a month is.....Cody Woodward!
- 13). Meeting adjourned @ 7:10pm Next General PAC Meeting will be January 6th, 2013.