

# **Shannon Lake Elementary PAC Meeting**

## **May 5, 2015**

Rebecca Ashley (President), Rochelle Neels (VP), Aimee Ward (Treasurer), Sara Cousins (Secretary), Andrea Pal (hot lunch), Mr. Bruce, Mr. MacLeod, Kerri Joyce, Jolean Crozier, Sarena Smith, Michelle Martineau, Rebecca Desrosiers, Krista Reese

Call to order: 6:31 pm

### **Minutes**

Adopted: Rochelle Neels

Seconded: Aimee Ward

### **Principal's Report**

Refer to report.

Trophy – Cross Country Challenge won by SLE this year (usually Rose Valley!) Mr. MacLeod is proud of the work done by Mr. Manders and Mrs. Dyck for Track and Field for Grades 4-6.

### **Wed. May 20 – Art Gala 5:30-7:30**

Poster to follow – silent auction (Mr. MacLeod will get gaming license), choir will be singing, jazz quartet from Mt. Boucherie will be playing. Display children's art from art lessons over last few weeks. Art will be free of charge for parents to take home – may be option for custom framing for cost. School team will matte the watercolour art work. Entry by donation? Each child will display one piece of art.

Want to do each few years, good opportunity for art education.

Volunteers to matte (Karla and PAC are working on matting this week) and hang in gym (after lunch May 19). School will purchase some lighting.

Discussion: people missing information despite PA emails. Ensure put things into kids planners via teachers.

Mr. MacLeod will send a synervoice and send out notices.

We received \$1600 in grants.

### **Request – funds to support art lessons – \$2800**

Discussion: we can pay the total amount and any donations come back to the PAC or

we can pay half. Attendance will be by donation (for example we made \$600 at Halloween Dance for donation at door). Appreciate balance of art, gardens etc. – inclusive.

Rebecca - Mr. Macleod wants to spend his budget on salaries toward student supports and appreciates being able to come to PAC for special items.

**Motion: \$2800 donation from PAC requested for school-wide art lessons**

**Approved - Unanimous.**

**Dates:**

**Jump Rope for Heart – Tuesday, May 12, morning**

**Apple Bowl – Thursday, May 21 – in Kelowna – near Parkinson Recreation Centre, starts at 8:45 – all day**

**June 29 – school closes**

Gym Sound System - \$15,652 – quote – new audio video cabinet, sound system, amp, speakers, wireless mikes and headsets, mount projector, wiring, screen and training to use.

Screen and Projector - \$9000 – school to provide.

Request is for Sound System from PAC and screen and projector from school funding.

**Request – funds for Gym Sound System - \$15,652**

Discussion: sound system will last for a long time, used for many things, used by all the kids, like replacing a dishwasher, it's time.

**Motion: \$15,652 donation from PAC requested toward Gym Sound System**

**Approved - Unanimous.**

Mr. MacLeod – thank you! Will be a 100-foot screen, wireless connection.

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$47,880 in chequing account

\$35,870 in playground account

Fun Fair last year brought in approximately \$4000. Don't have a good estimate for this year yet. Still a bit more to come in for hot lunch, \$2000 to pay out for Guardians of the Earth/ outdoor classroom

Already put \$10,000 into playground account this year.

Hot lunch mainly covers fund-raising. Assuming we continue same process, will keep making enough funds (estimated \$15,000 per year)

We originally talked about providing \$10,000 for sound system and half for art lessons (\$1500).

See further discussion under each funding request/ motion.

### **Issue: Hot Lunch**

Discussion: Free pizza day today – with juice and Oreo cookie. McHappy Day tomorrow. Have teachers been okay with how it has been going this year? Communication could have been better to parents – via office.

Cupcakes for CUPE – was fantastic event (context of comment – showing appreciation for teachers, staff)

Requesting feedback – eg. is twice per week too much? Are we interrupting by delivering lunch a little early? We can tweak as required – eg. adjusted this year to two different-coloured smoothies for ease of distribution in classrooms. We can provide additional assistance as required. Mr. MacLeod will share message that good relationship with PAC – when we ask for support, we get it. Teachers generally understand is helping the school and are okay with the process.

Parents as Partners – Mr. Bruce will do some survey of parents to follow-up.

Comments – would be nice to have during evening too – some parents work; however, during day teachers can participate and parents into classrooms. Could do the workshop part in the evening at least.

**Motion – PAC funding to be spent to renew electronic hot lunch system \$367.50 - approved**

Next month – vote on funding for ribbons for Apple Bowl once have amount (approximately \$400)

### **Issue: Book Drive May 7 and 8**

Discussion: Classrooms run through on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Morning only on May 8<sup>th</sup> (8-9). Bins for \$0.25, \$0.50 etc. Chapter books \$0.50, board books \$0.25, without sticker \$0.25. Need cash desk/table, full-size chairs. Put a poster on a board outside portable, put another poster in back of school. Need a float – Aimee will do. Mrs. Noble will look at books left if any suitable for library and all proceeds from the sale go to library.

### **Issue: Family Photo Day – April 18/19**

Discussion: Perhaps do twice in fall, rather than fall and spring. Was very full in fall and only 8 families in spring. Do it before and after Thanksgiving.

### **Issue: Fun Fair – June 5<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7 pm**

Discussion: May need to update/fix/re-do some of the games – Rebecca will take a look. Passed around a sign-up for volunteers. Balloon animals – Westside Days? Farmer's Market – see website.

Face painting – organized – 2 students from Mt. Boucherie will volunteer. A new parent volunteered as well who does it for birthday parties, as a business. Keep the designs quick, have at least 3 stations to keep the line down.

### **Issue: Parent Appreciation June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Meet and greet in library, morning, drive through – provide muffins to parents dropping off children.

### **Issue: Teacher Appreciation June 12<sup>th</sup>**

PAC working on options for main meal. Parents to bring salads etc.

### **Issue: Volunteers Needed for Outdoor Classroom/ Garden Project**

Will be included in PA newsletter – watering etc. needed

### **Other**

Grade 6 graduation/ transition –  
Parents and teachers organize a celebration. Low-key.

Petition for neighborhood sidewalk – Aimee and Rochelle will bring it around.  
Mr. Bruce noted that this approach helped at North Glenmore to get sidewalks, traffic control. Mr. Bruce would participate in consultation. Kids who go to CNB also use the route.

Playground - healthy amount in bank – son now in grade 6 – been talking about it for some years. Can we put in more? Original amounts were \$5000 per year, put in \$10,000 last two years. We could put in more (or take it out if needed). No set rule. School District will give 2 years notice and at this point, might provide \$50K towards a

playground (changes every year). Might cost \$120,000 total. We cannot increase the footprint of the playground without a year-long consultation process (with SD). Do we have to wait until they tell us needs to be replaced to get the grant? Mr. MacLeod can find out. Surface will make a difference in cost – eg. rubber for example.

Portables – no space to store them at SD right now so not moving soon. We requested to be first to get moved.

Picnic tables - \$1500 to install, Mr. MacLeod looking into prices. Shade structure as well. If we don't have a date soon for portable move, look at putting shaded space near 6 trees for garden project.

**Next PAC meeting: Tuesday, June 9**

Wanted to have meeting after the Fun Fair. PAC elections will be that night. Invited to join Executive if interested or get involved in some other way.

Hot lunch winner: Sarena Smith

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40