

Shannon Lake Elementary PAC Meeting November 5, 2014

Rebecca Ashely (President), Aimee Ward (Treasurer), Sara Cousins (Secretary), Andrea Pal (hot lunch), Kaleena VandenBorn (hot lunch), Rochelle Neels
Jolean Crozier, Kerri Joyce, Sarena Smith, Shannon Bantli, Sue Morgan, Mieke Krus, Amber Piche, Leah & Stephen Johnston, Erin Goward, Michelle Tamashiro

Call to order: 6:32

Last Meeting Minutes:
Aimee Ward adopted
Rochelle Neels seconded

Principal's Report

refer to online report

Important Dates:
Remembrance Day Assembly November 10
Epipen/ Kindie Vision Screening Nov 13

December 16 - Primary concert
December 17 - report cards
December 18 - intermediate concert

Open Ballot - to participate on School Planning Council - will be in office for two weeks. 3 people have volunteered to date but Mr. MacLeod is required to provide an opportunity to anyone else as well. We need 3 members. People who volunteered so far need to put their names in.

School Goals to be developed - consider student engagement, literacy, math

Questions:

Why not sing Oh Canada daily? (from a parent via Rebecca)

Answer: It is not required now (it was). It is used at every school administrator - run assembly, however.

Do we have less cones for Kiss & Ride etc. available this year? Does not seem to be enough.

Answer - Mr. MacLeod and Mr. Bruce thought traffic was going well but can put out more.

Is there a plan for the portables?

Answer - They will not be removed this year; it is a district-level decision. Long-term plan not yet clear, there is potential for further housing development in this area and would need capacity again. They will stay at Rose Valley for now as well. Erin noted there is some questionable activity around the portables on the weekends (Ron Gothic is zone coordinator - Barrie will request potential for additional sweep on weekend.)

Treasurer Report:

Account information shared.

We need to decide whether to give the school back \$15 x 403 students for field trips plus 72 students for Thetis Island trip, as per previous years.

Issue: Gaming Grant

Discussion: Mar Jok applied but did not receive funding due to it being based on previous year's enrolment (and prior year activities provided). Mar Jok has requested that we share our gaming grant based on the fact that 120 of our students went there. If we give that amount, brings us below the \$20 per 403 that we have currently. PAC is recommending we provide the difference between the 509 we had enrolled last year and our current enrolment of 403.

Recommended option: \$2120 = 106 students x \$20 - Motion on the floor

Questions:

What are other schools doing?

Answer - Mar Jok also asked Rose Valley and Hudson as well. Protocol is to vote. Rose Valley wrote a cheque but not sure of what amount. Hudson PAC will vote.

Motion:

To provide Mar Jok with \$2120 toward their gaming grant request, based on the difference between our enrolment last year and current student numbers.

Passed, no opposition.

Motion:

To provide \$8565 to school for field trips and grade 6 trip (gaming grant plus \$500)

Passed, no opposition.

Issue: Parent Ambassadors

Discussion: Karla is looking for increased participation next year. We have approximately 50% of the parents at this time. If you are talking to other parents, please encourage them to come in and sign up. Form went home with every child plus a round of calling (get list from Karla). School district is moving toward another technology where you can self-select your email in.

Questions

For next year - can parents that already opted in, continue?

Answer - No. Act applies each year.

Jolean is getting mails from teachers, question why filter through us too?

Answer - some teachers don't email, some send more, some less.

Issue: Hot Lunch

Discussion: Doing well - proceeds \$1500 from October and it was a short month. 308 signed up, 270 ordered for November. Every second Tuesday pizza. Considering offering something else on the alternate Tuesdays - Booster juice/ popcorn (November and December). Rochelle and Jolean offered to assist on Tuesdays. Good to have Tuesday people as back-up for Fridays. Lots of people are helping out. Many people expressing happiness not to make lunch and the variety of menus. No more concerns about Paypal. Much easier to manage. More time to look at other menus etc. Looking at set up option to order Jan-March and pay all at once or three times. You can cancel up to 10 days in advance. Donated granola bars and juice boxes to grade 6 for their

immunizations. If anyone has connections, appreciated. For example, looking for healthier hot dog! Kaleena can order from SYSCO - eg. frozen cookies.

Questions:

Is A&W a healthier/ better option?

Answer - point raised by parent that antibiotics are illegal in Canada for all meat. More - It is legal to use antibiotics (for all types of meat) during production; it is not legal to sell meat, eggs or milk that contain antibiotic residue. It is also legal to add growth hormones to beef cattle and 90% of cattle receive these extra hormones when they are young. The cattle industry claims the growth stimulants are more efficient and make for a lighter environmental impact. There has not been conclusive evidence that growth hormone residue affects humans; however, the Canadian government is currently studying the affects of antibiotic resistance as a result of the use of antibiotics in meat and milk production. "Sustainable" production is another issue.

A few links that discuss this issue:

http://www.weightwatchers.com/util/art/index_art.aspx?tabnum=1&art_id=111911;

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/labeti/natall/instmpanie.shtml>,

<http://www.eatrightontario.ca/en/Articles/Farming-Food-production/Hormones-and-antibiotics-in-food-production.aspx#.VF-m6kumbwl>,

<http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/welfare/farm-animal-welfare/farm-animals/truth-about-antibiotic-free.html>, <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/ranchers-have-a-beef-with-new-a-w-hamburger-campaign-1.2426659>,

<http://www.saiplatform.org/uploads/Modules/Library/sai-platform-principles-for-sustainable-beef-farming-final.pdf>

Issue: Fundraising

Discussion:

Hallowe'en Dance-

Mr. MacLeod pleased with participation, behaviour, nice atmosphere.

Hallowe'en Dance made \$500 and donated 168lbs of food to Food Bank.

Event checklist needed - Garbage bins, someone on back door etc. Not leave an event with one person - too much.

Christmas Fundraising-

Discussion: Did not do art cards this year. Parents liked it - was a lot of work and could not organize for this year in time.

Amber - has a tea company - good for gifts. She will send information.

Decision/Action:

Amber will provide information on her tea company fundraising option.

Welcome Back Party -

Loss of \$150. Not really a loss; planned on breaking even. Good turn out, nice event. Ice cream truck made \$700 (we received \$60 of it) - was last minute. At other events we have organized more food ourselves (and therefore kept the profit).

Family Photo Fundraiser -

Made \$390. Was fully booked. Book again for spring if she is available - April. CDs available for pick up at the school Thursday, November 20.

SLE Used Book Sale-

Discussion:

Parents donate. then have a sale for \$0.50-\$1.00. proceeds to support literacy program. CDs? DVDs? toys? what time of year? spring? February? same time as Big Brothers - spring break - clothing/ soft goods. start collecting soon? Support expressed for this idea - good gifts if could do before Christmas.

Other-

Andrea suggested Grainstorm baking mixes as an option - 30% of proceeds go back to the school. Healthy, mainly organic. 24 servings each - 3 bags \$19. Add yogurt, eggs, oil or butter.

Decision/Action:

Event checklist to be developed - event volunteers to have it to follow.

Check with Lori if she is available to offer a spring family photo session.

Discuss options for SLE Used Book Sale

Issue: Scholastic Book Fair

Discussion: need volunteers for Wednesday from 12-2 especially, Thursday as well from 8-10 (one more) and 12-2. Has worked fairly well with the on-line sign-up.

Issue: Movie Night

Discussion: late November? We could do another movie night here or Encore Theatre is an option - 300 people/ theatre. Can they do a package? Book the theatre earlier, choose movie for K-6. Even if we only made a small amount of money, fun night out? Could do it on a Pro-D-day too. For example, \$12 for birthday - movie, drink, popcorn (based on 10 kids), likely better deal. Minimum amount of kids for deal? Mr. Bruce and Mr. MacLeod think it is a good option to look at the Encore Theatre - might be able to negotiate a deal for \$10 and PAC gets \$5. Is outdoor movies an option? Late in spring? Has to be dark. Less chaotic. Perhaps expensive. We might be able to get the right kind of projector. Like idea of "grass roots", neighbourhood coming together. Movies in the gym is lacking in structure, in between school and not, can be challenging for students to behave appropriately. That said, Mr. MacLeod would support another movie night in the gym if PAC wanted to host one.

Decision/ Action:

Look into outdoor movie options - spring and Encore Theatre options. Andrea will look into it.

Issue: Vacant PAC Positions

Discussion: VP is open - two people interested have agreed to share the position. Is there anyone else interested?

Motion: Kaleen Vanderborn and Rochelle Neels to be voted in as co-vice president for 2014-15

Passed with no opposition.

Issue: Music Program donation

Discussion:

PAC agreed in May to provide \$5000 and have provided \$3000 to date. Mr. MacLeod shared that there is a new ukulele program for grade 6.

Motion:

\$2000 to school for music instruments, to complete May 2014 decision.

Passed, no opposition

Issue: New PAC tables

Discussion:

Require 5 new tables for PAC (\$300) because several have broken recently. Full tables, no fold.

Motion: Purchase 5 new tables for \$300.

Passed, no opposition

Issue: Library donation

Discussion:

PAC commonly makes a donation to the library but has not done so for some time (Aimee - confirm length of time?)

Motion: Donate \$500 to library for now and revisit in January, with potential donation from SLE Used Book Sale.

Passed, no opposition.

Update: COPAC (District PAC):

Lauralei attended - voted in new president last night. BCCPAC memberships due November 30. Allows you to vote at spring AGM. COPAC pays for that membership and travel/ accommodation to AGM.

They offer a \$2000 school garden grant. - Lauralei will look into.

Pilot program - Pearson Road - health promoting school - facilitator will set families up with support for mental, physical well-being - provide transportation for appointments if needed. New to this district. Mr. MacLeod can assist families with getting appointments etc.

Issue: Parent Education workshops - information on COPAC site

Parent education - Lauralei has the information. Andrea attended one and it was very good. Rebecca noted can bring in speaker if interested, Mr. Bruce happy to assist.

Draw for hot lunch:

Winner - Amber Piche.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:37 pm