

Shannon Lake Elementary PAC Meeting September 30, 2014

Rebecca Ashely (President), Sara Cousins (Secretary), Aimee Ward (Treasurer), Andrea Pal (hot lunch), Kaleena VandenBorn (hot lunch)
Barrie MacLeod (Principal), Jessie Bruce (VP)

Well attended by parents, lots of new families. Parents in attendance in addition to Executive members: Mel Secretan, Billie Smith, Amber Erickson, Lidija Danyluk, Wendy Sutherland, Michelle Martineau, Shannon Bantli, Jolene Crozier, Innes Wunderlich, Jennifer Fraser, Sarena Smith, Rebecca Derosiers, Lorelei Dournovo, Maike Koch, Erin Goward, Miele Knus, Amber Piche, Sue Morgan.

Call to order: 6:31 pm

Minutes from May 2014 meeting adopted by Aimee Ward.
Seconded by Andrea Pal.

Principal's Report

Refer to Principal's Report (will be posted on SLE website)

Revised Dates:

Parent - Teacher - November 5/6
Report cards - December 17
No school - October 10
Photo Day - October 14
Halloween Dance - October 29

New goals needed from School Planning Council/ new members. (Several parents offered to be on the SPC at the end of the meeting. To be confirmed at November meeting.)

Criminal record check now valid for 3 years. Once completed, form will be sent to you, please bring in to the school. School District pays the cost. Need one specific for the SD.

Outstanding questions from Executive Meeting:

Yes, fish now okay to bring to school (this year). (Mrs. Buchanan is fish sensitive but it is okay to bring it.)

402 students in the school, space for 3 more.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts:

Regular \$34,188

Savings (playground) \$25,699.77

Gaming \$17.90

Issue: Playground Contribution for 2014

Discussion:

Last 2 years we gave \$10,000 to playground; in prior years PAC contributed \$5,000 year to playground.

We have enough to do \$10,000 this year if we vote to do so.

Motion: PAC to provide \$10,000 toward playground account this month.

Discussion:

Consider all of the requests for this year to date before we decide on an amount.

Other choices:

- sound system \$10,000
- iPads \$5,000 (laptop program working well, want to use iPads for primary, more laptops for intermediate, smart boards are in each classroom, newer ones from portables will replace older ones in classrooms, which are then being sold back to SD)
- music \$2,000 (gave \$3,000 in June, thank you card provided from Mrs. Skillbeck and students)
- sports uniforms/ spirit wear/ change in logo \$3,500 (not first priority)
- each classroom \$150 (\$2,500) (teacher discretionary funding for classroom items)

Total \$23,000 (plus playground)

We usually raise \$8,000-\$10,000 per year. New families, new ideas for fundraising.

Aimee suggests leaving \$5,000 in our account.

If we move funds into playground account, could vote to de-allocate later if required.

Often provide funds part way through year - ribbons, grade 6 trip for sports etc.

Year-end is in July.

New playground approx. \$50,000 (beyond what government provides), depending on what is chosen

Once replacement required by SD, two years to do it.

Inspected each year. A few things fixed last year.

Was built in 1994. Nearing end of life.

Rules/ available government funding change from year to year. At one point, schools were allowed to have them donated.

Option: Put \$5,000 in now and then more later.

Vote put to floor: PAC to provide \$5000 to playground account now and review providing additional funding after Christmas.

Decision - approved - \$5000 to be provided now for playground and review providing additional funding after Christmas - no opposition

Issue: Additional funds to be provided to school this month

Motion: PAC to provided \$5000 now for iPads

Discussion:

Funding is enough for 24-26, a class set (minis or iPad 3s). Mr. MacLeod points out his children have had no functionality issues with using the minis, much more expensive for regular size. We have 16 already - are they fully used? (Yes.) Can we buy 16 more, rather than full set? Raz kids is getting a new app this year. Air squirrel - links iPad and smart board, interactive. Mr. MacLeod has funding set aside for apps from school budget (usually \$2-5 per app for what is needed. Will use cases/protectors. Moving toward learning commons model in library.

Should prioritize wish list at a later date (no time on agenda tonight) - Mr. MacLeod response - none are urgent. Okay to take time for a full discussion. Okay to go ahead with that decision.

Okay to vote now on iPads? Agreement.

Vote put to floor: PAC to provide \$5000 to SLE this month for the purchase of iPad minis.

Decision - approved - \$5000 to school now for iPads - all in favour.

Motion: PAC to provide \$2500 gift for classrooms

Discussion - what is it for? Teacher discretion. They usually spend \$800 or more of their own money. Other schools Mr. MacLeod has been with, give more (eg. \$300-\$500). Could start with the \$150 and reconsider later in the year. Could do $250 \times 17 = \$4250$ or $150 \times 17 = \$2550$. \$300 per teacher \$5100. Could do an amount now and reconsider an extra amount later, depending on fundraising.

Vote put to the floor: PAC to provide \$250 per classroom this month, for a total of \$4250.

Decision - approved - Provide \$250 to each classroom teacher (\$4250) this month and revisit after Christmas to consider an additional amount - all in favour, except one - would like to give more, can hold until second term.

Discussion - Gym sound system - maybe needs a bigger discussion, bigger group, big purchase. Will revisit this potential purchase at a later date.

Aimee noted that we will also receive \$20 per student from the SD as a PAC grant - will come in soon - approximately \$8100. We applied for it. Has to be used equally for all students. In past PAC has provided this funding to the school to subsidize field trips. Amount based on students as per 1701 report (reporting date has been moved from September 30 to October 17).

Vote put to the floor: PAC to provide the SD PAC grant of \$20 per student to the school for field trip subsidies.

Decision - approved - PAC to provide the SD PAC grant of \$20 per student to the school for field trip subsidies. All in favour, none opposed.

Issue: Parent Ambassador

Discussion: Karla is running it. Biggest job - setting up - call each parent, get their permission to use their email. Some teachers share more information that is class specific. Generally just forwarding information prepared by PAC each month. Mr. MacLeod pointed out more parents than usual have ticked not to share information. Teacher will clarify through notice with tick boxes - is it okay to get information from PAC, other parents in class?

8 classes still need ambassadors.

Volunteers at meeting:
Lidija Danyluk for Mrs. Macombie
Loralei Dournovo for Mrs. Marsich
Jolene Crozier for Mr. Sader

Note: A text was received from Jana Potts that she could be parent ambassador for Mrs. Wipf, if needed.

Can we do a notice from PAC with upcoming dates? Yes, to be provided October 1.

Issue: Kiss & Ride

Discussion:
Much less busy, less students now
"Drive through drop-off". 2 parents in front, 2 in back, in mornings - 8:10-8:35.
If interested, sign up on volunteer sheet.

Spots available: Monday (2), Tuesday (2), Friday (3)

Issue: Welcome Back Party

Discussion:
There will be ice cream, cotton candy, bouncy castles, chili, pizza, face paint, crazy hair, FREE (except food) - Mr. MacLeod sent home a syner-voice. 330-6. October 3. Need help with BBQ. Will include in notice for October 1. Cash only. (Note: we could get "square" - transfer funds with smart phone)

Decision/ Action:
Include date, information in PAC notice home for October 1. Volunteers to please sign-up on sheet.

Issue: Halloween Dance Oct. 29

Discussion: Need volunteers - to coordinate.

DJ secured (Flyin' Hawaiian). Need someone to do decorations, sell pizza, chips, glow-sticks.

Note: kindie pumpkin carving just before dance. Teachers have been notified so can plan.

Decision/ Action:
Include date, information in PAC notice home for October 1. Volunteers to please sign-up on sheet.

Issue: Scholastic Book Fair - November 3 week

Discussion: Need volunteers. Monday set up, Tuesday-Thursday kids go through, Friday take-down

Decision/ Action:
Volunteers to please sign-up on sheet.

Issue: Family Photo Day October 18/19 9 am- 1 pm

Discussion: one of parents is pro photo. sitting fee \$30. Sign-up. At her farm. Nice setting. Fundraiser.

Decision/ Action:
Include date, information in PAC notice home for October 1.

Issue: Hot Lunch

Discussion:

Need volunteers.

Is a good money maker, biggest fundraiser. 1 hour per month would be helpful. Andrea is seeking good deals from vendors. Pizza by the slice - maybe have a separate team. Another good profit (\$1 per slice sold is profit).

Everyone needs to re-register! Only 70 families registered so far this year.

4 Fridays per month regular, pizza by the slice. Regular includes drinks, chips etc. Can order online, Paypal only. Other schools do that too. Can link Paypal to your debit as well.

Could do cookies, cupcakes etc. - not allowed - healthy, no regular hotdogs either. New guidelines strict. Aimee will bring a copy to the next meeting.

Fresh fruit/ veggie program - signed up for - once per month, same day as milk, free

Milk program for kindies to grade 2 - need to ensure parents are aware and ok with milk (allergies? vegan?)

Volunteer - separate into bins per class, once per month. - Sue Morgan volunteered to take on the milk/veggies program

Nut allergies - always ensure safe - nut-free school. Discuss with Andrea if of concern. Cannot guarantee, mind you but it is clearly laid out to vendors.

Cody won hot lunch from the meeting draw.

Thank you to those who baked for the student leadership conference.

Decision/ Action:

Ensure parents are aware need to re-register, use Paypal. Information to be sent home via Parent Ambassador notice.

Issue: Holiday Art Cards

Discussion:

UPS is one option, Manchester is another. Aimee waiting for quotes.

Are the teachers on board? (Yes for the teachers who were here last year, need to provide information to the new ones. Mr. MacLeod pointed out common fundraiser at many schools.)

Big fundraiser for SLE. Each child draws a picture. Make into cards. Need to be drawn and sent out of school by October 31. Samples come to parents, order, print.

Need someone to coordinate.

Volunteers needed in each classroom to help get drawn.

Decision/ Action:

If anyone willing to take this on, please sign up for on sheet. Offer assistance to your child's teacher.

Issue: Executive Positions Available

Discussion:

3 positions available - VP, Parent Ambassador Coordinator, and Fundraising Coordinator

vote next month meeting, also School Planning Council.

If we don't get a fundraising coordinator, VP will need to coordinate.

Want people to be involved - if only a few people doing it, less inclusive and hard work too.

Parent Ambassador Coordinator(s)- One person coordinates message to go out, one person networking with parents (last year - parent ambassador).

Funding Coordinator - vet options, can we make money, is it feasible, do another year, etc. run projects do take on.

Co-PAC rep also needed - District 23 - need one rep each school, brainstorm, info sharing between PACs, often a guest speaker, new research, bring back to our PAC - 1st

Monday of each month. First one - October 7, in Kelowna. Lorelei Dournovo volunteered to be the Co-PAC rep for SLE.

School Planning Council -4 or 5 meetings in the year, plan for the school, goals for students and teachers, how to achieve, present to the trustees. Review data, how portrayed, media relations. Need 3 people.

Decision/ Action:

Volunteers to please consider and vote/ confirmation to be made at next meeting.

Next meeting: November 4.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.