

## Shannon Lake Elementary General PAC Meeting

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 – SLE Library

### **Rebecca Ashley called meeting to order at: 6:35**

**Attendees:** Rebecca Ashley, Kaleena van den Born, Sarena Smith, Lorelei Dournovo, Shannon Bantli, Rochelle Neels, Andrea Pal, Vuong Tran, Leah Johnston

Adopt minutes from last meeting: Rochelle Neels and Shannon Bantli

### **Principals Report:** (Mr. MacLeod)

A. Child Safety – reviewed letter sent home with parents from school. Should this situation ever occur at SLE procedures are to let parents know same day. The particular case at Rose Valley was a little different as the occurrence went unreported to the school/authorities for a length of time.

- Today teachers discussed safety with their students in an age appropriate way.

B. Budget Survey – this was a district email sent by the school district and not our school directly. Our school administrators were not aware of this email until after it had been sent out. These emails have since been signed off by Hugh Gloster and not Mr. MacLeod.

C. ELFF – recent event had a small turn out with only 20 out of 35 RSVP's attending

- possibly because of online registration.

- We currently have space for 16 more kindergarteners.

D. Feedback on parent teacher interviews was positive

E. Harmony day was a huge success.

F. Parents as Partners is May 9<sup>th</sup> @6:30. – Raising children with Anxiety

- Hosted by Mr. Bruce / Presenter is Mrs. MacDonald

- 5 families have RSVP'd which is ok. Ideally we'd like to have 10-12. A smaller group ok as it will allow for more discussion time and one on one discussion.

G. Basketball tournament at Mount Boucherie was a success. Our girls were undefeated.

Congratulations to Mr. Bruce for the stellar coaching and to the girls for playing so well.

H. IPADS have arrived – apps are now maintained at the school level so if anyone has any suggestions for great low cost educational apps submit your suggestions to Mr. McLeod or Mr. Bruce for consideration.

### **Treasurer's Report** – Skip – Amy not present

**Hot Lunch:** Andrea says all is good – hot lunch running very well – thanks to the many volunteers.

- there have been some issues with running out of product at the window for those who have not pre-ordered. They usually order 10-12 extra and sometimes this is enough and other times it is not.

- we are trying to order less extras as if we end up with the extras we get stuck with the costs. Trying to encourage online pre orders and not window purchasing.

- volunteer spots for March have been filled.

Dream Lift Day – Papa John's is the official sponsor.

- we are running this strictly as a fundraiser for DreamLift Day. There will be no profit for the school.

- options were to order a large cookie which can be cut and split amongst a few orders or individual cookies (no cutting). We decided to go with the full cookie option due to simplicity and mess control.

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### **COPAC – Lorelei Dournovo**

“Sexual Health Education”

- Starts in grade 4
- discussion regarding condom machines to be put in middle and high schools.
- possibility of offering conversation guidance for parents by the family life program teachers/leaders.

Safety Awareness – [www.personalprotectionsystems.ca](http://www.personalprotectionsystems.ca)

- professional online creeper who goes online to contact students posing as a similar aged child similar to how sexual offenders may operate. After “creeping” on students comes to the school and makes a presentation showing the students how unsafe online can be.

Letters Advocating for Public Education

- COPAC is writing letters for Pacs to sent to MLA’s regarding the decrease in public education money and increase in private education money. We can use their form letter or write our own. Example/ form letter will be available soon.

BCCPAC has AGM at the end of April/beginning of May

- we are included in this as COPAC paid our membership
- do we want to send someone down to represent us or vote by proxy? No decision yet... will discuss at next pac meeting.

We will receive a package of resolutions for us to decide on our votes at the end of March.

Do we have any resolutions we would like to add?

- we should suggest COPAC meetings are rotated between schools representing both Kelowna and West side schools more equally.

Parent / Child event – April 19/15 10am -11:30 in Shannon Lake Regional Park

- Sensory Spring Surprises

### **Events and Upcoming Fundraising Activities:**

Book Sale: 2<sup>nd</sup> portable on May 7-8

- sale items due May 1<sup>st</sup>
- parent ambassador email to go out to remind parents before spring break

Big Brothers Drive: Usually immediately after Spring Break

- donations are by the bag we get a set dollar amount per bag. We will find out more specifics from Christine
- we will be collecting clothing and small kitchen wares.

Family Photo Day – April 18-19

- unsure of current booking status.

Outdoor classroom

- inquiries for donations of supplies/labor should be directed to Mr. McLeod and Mr. Bruce in

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the office.

- We have enough pallets and coffee grounds. Still looking for other supplies
- concern about eggshells – apparently they attract rats.. yuck! Mr. MacLeod Will investigate this further and decide if we want to use them as no one wants rats in our school.
- We are waiting to hear back regarding a financial grant we applied for and are also working on another grant for trees.
- who pays for watering? – This is very little concern as we will be planting plants that are comfortable in our natural climate. At first while establishing vegetation we will need to do some watering but then it will just be drip lines.
- Volunteers can only do non-machine type work. If power tools/ machinery are needed they will need to be done by CUPE workers.

### Fun Fair – June 5<sup>th</sup> – Looking for Committee to organize.

- Wristbands for admission
- games
- bouncy castles – get info from Joni – they book up well in advance to must deal with this sooner than later
- possible extra cost activities? – Decided no as this can cause issues with some kids being allowed to participate and others not. We don't want children to feel left out.
- Ice cream – hire ice cream truck or do ourselves? – Decided to do ourselves as there was more profit doing it ourselves. Possible deep freeze outside near gr1 class rooms.
- face painting/hairspray – need more volunteers for this to work
- cake walk – kids love it. Huge success
- petting zoo? Maybe... investigate costs etc
- westside warrior visits?
- mascot? (Mr. MacLeod and Mr. Bruce looking into getting a costume for one of our grade 6 kids to wear.)

Committee meeting before spring break – maybe March 13<sup>th</sup> in the library @ 8:30am

- parent ambassador invitation to go out

Free Hot Lunch Winner – Mr Tran

Next General PAC – April 7<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm**