

Shannon Lake Elementary PAC Meeting December 2, 2014

Rebecca Ashely (President), Sara Cousins (Secretary), Kaleena VandenBorn (VP, hot lunch), Rochelle Neels (VP)

Kerri Joyce, Sarena Smith, Kristin Reese, Jennifer Fraser, Amber Piche, Michelle Martineau

Call to order: 6:34

Last Meeting Minutes:

Kaleena Vanderborn adopted

Sarena Smith seconded

Principal's Report

refer to online report

Amber Piche, Rebecca Ashley and Sara Cousins have been confirmed to sit on the School Planning Council

Toys at school

Petition from students received to allow them again. Kids feel better about being at school, make friends/ share toys, be more comfortable outside. 40 kids signed it. Mr. MacLeod is in favour of allowing them again, we can give it consideration, consider idea that parents should not call school to locate any lost toys. Discuss at a larger meeting in January.

Question/ comments – electronics? Something to consider re: cost if lost. Amber is in favour of it. Has been successful, kids having lots of fun, cooperating. Was taken away and it was too bad.

Adding a lego club. Expanding clubs.

Parents as Partners

Some schools have parent evenings and they have had them here. Parents as Partners is an opportunity to join staff in building, sometimes with kids, sometimes not, babysitting made available. For example, a Math night – someone to come in and teach at home math practice, Digital Citizenship – prepare for safe use etc. Feedback needed on this concept. Start with a few this year, including Digital Citizenship/ Digital Literacy with RCMP Liaison Officer.

Discussion:

The session last year on child anxiety was well attended.

Question – can it be opened up to parents beyond SLE? At North Glenmore they have opened it up. Central Zone Parent Network now exists (3 schools, they each host one per year). Can bring in experts that would come for a bigger crowd. Mr. Bruce suggests try this year at SLE and then consider approaching Mar Jok and Rose Valley for working together the following year.

Technology/ Pedagogical Change

Use technology to assist our kids to engage in their learning. PAC donated \$5000 for iPads. Will be purchased after Christmas. Will be using tech in classroom. Started using for math already. Ownership and project based learning for kids. Empower kids to use technology, develop their own content, iBooks etc. Potential goal for SPC – engagement of kids

Giving Tree project – gifts for children, Mrs. McCombie will be organizing with the Me to We group.

Bring a wrapped toy.

Important Dates:

December 16 - Primary concert 6:30 (doors open at 6) dress rehearsal will be at 12:30 and parents can attend

December 17 - report cards

December 18 - intermediate concert 6:30 (doors open at 6) dress rehearsal will be at 12:30 and parents can attend

Concession – Andrea – have it in resource classroom? Get a coffee, tea, rice krispie snack etc.

Treasurer Report:

Account information shared.

Issue: Parent Ambassadors

Discussion: reminder to cc. teacher

Issue: Hot Lunch

Discussion: any salads missing chicken will get a credit

Issue: CoPAC

Lauralei will have an update next month – we at meeting last night

Issue: Cookie Fundraiser

Sold over \$8000 in a week – approximately \$3000 for the school.

The goods will arrive December 15, packaged by class. Anyone able to assist with distribution please contact Kaleena. Approximately double of what made on art cards.

Question/ comment - Ingredients – not apparent. Company will provide upon request – we can send out with it or offer it.

People liked the variety of non-food items. They have a second catalogue similar to Regal.

Local company might be an option – one of the parents has a connection. Still palm oil, however Was a concern with palm oil – environmental issue

Late start of school year – late for teachers and students. Needs to be organized early and have someone follow it through

Issue: Other Fundraising/ Cards

Booked artist to come in spring – art grant applied for, art night, framed etc. – gala in gym.

Get the artist to come in and make the cards next year – early in the fall. Not need to do as fundraiser. Less work for PAC. Revisit in new year.

Get a list from Mr. Bruce – can be requested to have only oldest kids take home fundraising packages etc.

Issue: SLE Used Book Sale

Discussion: box almost full, will be emptied and books stored in multipurpose room for now, then can re-fill box. Empty one per day. Kids books only.

Issue: Handwashing

Can we have more announcements about handwashing? Yes. Mr. MacLeod will request teachers discuss in all classes.

Issue: Tea Fundraiser

Fundraiser with tea – Moteas. Amber brought some samples. Liquid Lightening swim team created own teas and labels etc. – raised \$800 with 100 kids. Kids sold them. Mrs. Wipf will be doing it as a business unit in the spring – Thetis Island trip. Market research, artwork etc. \$8.25 cost to SLE - \$12 cost (same as at store). Fair trade. Organic. Mrs. Wipf will be doing it as loose tea. Very fast, simple turn-around.

Discussion/ questions - Could it work as a Mother's Day time? Don't want to conflict with Mrs. Wipf. Better in winter. Valentine's Day? Easier as a school-wide fundraiser to stick with Moteas.

Can we do the way that Liquid Lightening did it? Yes. Online www.mytea.ca - custom blending. They split into groups, brainstormed ideas, came up with a tea for each team level. Amber helped ensure variety etc. Kids tasted the teas, came up with descriptions, names. Branding as well – in case of Liquid Lightening.

Issue: Other Fundraising/ Events

Movie Theatre – February?

Mar Jok PAC president met with Rebecca. Shared some ideas, built rapport. Discussed potential for some community events – raise funding for community charity, rather than schools.

SLE green shirts – kindergarten kids have them. Will be available on line for rest of school in January. Proceeds will be used to keep giving shirts to kindies (\$12.50 cost, \$4.00 proceed)

Draw for hot lunch:
Winner - Rochelle

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 pm