



Sunshine Hills Elementary School PAC Meeting Monday, June 7, 2010

In Attendance:

Mike MacDougall (President)
John Napier (Vice President)
Anna Matheson (Secretary)
Mark Hope (Treasurer)
Heather Partridge (Emerg Prep)
Cynthia Haydar (DPAC Rep)

Steve Smith
Shelina Jamani
Heather Neidig
Traci Northcott
Garry Gordon (Principal)
Dave Hope (Vice Principal)

1. Approval of Agenda

Where to hold PAC meetings added to when under **8**. Tentative PAC meeting dates for 2010-2011 School Year

Motion: Cynthia

Second: Traci

2. Adoption of Minutes (May 2010)

Minutes approved

Motion: Steve

Second: Cynthia

3. Administration Report (Garry)

- Kindergarten enrollment is at 36 students which is less than capacity of 44
- Wait list for Grade 1 French – 7 students
- Might have another division for English stream
- Organization of classes will remain in flux for awhile
- New students are added to filing system on pink and blue cards, so easy to distinguish gender



Steve: question about split classes – sometimes children repeat the same curriculum eg. books read and projects required to be completed when placed in a split class with the same teacher the following year.

Garry: will have different objectives, though use the same material

Garry: luncheon that the parents put on was exceptional and beautifully done, staff very appreciative: a thank you to

Angela Akehurst

Aileen Maas

Leanne Kler

Wendy MacDougall

Suzanne Carter

Kathy Sipsas

George Candusso

Colleen Reny

Eva Vida

Carmen Liesch

Shelina Bryan

Dave: coordinating fundraising efforts with PAC. Stay tuned for announcements of parent contacts that will be coordinating.

Garry: comes without Sevec funding – using Auberge Program for french trips.

4. Family Fun Night (Heather N)

Heather:

- Tamara thought too noisy venue for choir and also band thought so too.
- Two divisions, primary and secondary, Division 23 and 5 won the jar contest.
- Anna coordinated volunteers.
- The large baskets might be able to split baskets into two or three for next year.
- Grade 7's – had good games, Garry talks to students to see how much effort students put into stations
- Nice to have Grade 7's spread out more over the school ground
- Boxes for stations smashed up and not returned
- About six families came to pick up tickets and tickets not there had been picked up by other families
- In general family fun night went well
- Revenue was \$7,305, net profit was \$6,332

Garry:

- Grade 7 parents donated a lot of material
- Whipped cream clean up well this year



Heather received a gift of appreciation from the PAC for running family fun night – flowers and wine

Thank you letter to be sent to donors.

Action: Garry to send pdf'd thank you letter to Heather and Mike

5. PAC Executive Elections

All nominees for positions acclaimed

President: Mike MacDougall
Vice President: Anna Matheson
Treasurer: Mark Hope
Secretary: Vacant
DPAC: Cynthia Haydar
Executive at Large: Steve Smith

6. PAC Standing & Ad-hoc Positions – current candidates

Emergency Preparation and Safety: Heather Partridge
Parent Education: Jill Reid
Canadian Parents for French: Vacant
Absentee Phoning Coordinator – Traci Northcott
Social Committee: Shelina Jamani
Spirit Wear: Suzanne Carter

Heather: can oversee fundraising in the beginning of the year – photos etc.

7. Constitution Changes

Mike : proposal to accept the constitution
Motion: Mike Second: Steve

The vote is unanimous, and the constitution is passed

Garry will get a copy and DPAC will get a copy of the constitution.



8. Tentative PAC meeting dates for 2010-2011 School Year

The Napiers have offered to host the windup party for PAC – either June 21 (Monday) or June 22 (Tuesday), Garry was going to check if new principal could come.

August 30st (executive meeting) – this meeting can be used to discuss the welcoming day executive meeting

Open house in on Sept 15, 2010

First PAC meeting on Sept 22, since Monday, Sept 27 is a non-instructional day.

Subsequent PAC meeting dates:

Oct 25, 2010

Nov 29, 2010

Jan 24, 2011

Mar 7, 2011

Apr 18, 2011

June 6, 2011 (AGM)

May 26, 2011 is the family fun night.

Anna: Hold the first PAC meeting in a pub – no one seemed keen on this

Social activity for open house (Sept 15) at beginning of school year

- Arrange for Tim Horton's community cruiser? Maybe get this – will only come for 2 hours
- Get community cruiser at 9:00 put pastries out
- Get PAC exec members out at the first meeting
- Let parents know ahead of time about the parent fundraising donation

Tabled Reports/Updates

1. Treasurer's Report

Refer to Appendix 1 for results from asking for Teacher input in regards to spending PAC fundraised donations.



Send survey monkey out to parents to get input of fundraising goals – include costs of projects if able to.

Heather spoke to someone who installs playground equipment.

Municipality money up to \$35,000 funding for playground

Could raise more money by having auctions, catering

Rick Hanson grant available for special needs playground.

2. DPAC Report (Cynthia)

Refer to Appendix 2 for report.

- New assistant district superintendant
- Politicians drove the process of amalgamating school districts

3. CPF (Canadian Parents for French)

- Elections are tonight
- Camp bon semaine needs 10 children to sign up
- A notice, which already went out regarding bon semaine (9am -3pm camp), needs to be sent out again.

Steve: how many kids going to Seaquam vs going to Burnsvew

Garry: about 2/3 of students going to Burnsvew. Some students going to Panorama Ridge



Appendix 1 Teacher's input for spending fundraised money

Set of dishes/cutlery
Dictionaries
2 basketball shooting hoops near portable
Annual budget for playground equipment purchase and replenishment(eg. tetherballs, soccer, b balls
projectors
smartboards
Desk/chairs (for primary too)
Bus for field trips
large roll of styrofoam for printmaking
Complete set of 6 (instead of 3-4) for GB books
Listening centre (kindergarten)
Personal classroom - RM 205, more besherele as mine keep disappearing.
More french (large, good) dictionaries
New book shelves for library (for English Fiction)
Kin ball set
New paintbrushes
A specialist teacher to come in to teach (4+ sessions) - music lesson, tennis lessons, art
Grade level subsidies for specific phys ed activities eg. grade 4 curling, Grade 5 canoeing, etc.
Large clock timer
Large size chess/checkers for checkerboard outside office
Mounted projector for the library
New chairs



Appendix 2

Appendix 2 DPAC Report

DPAC REPORT APRIL 2010

Superintendent's Report – Proposed budget for 2010 –2011 posted on district website. The budget is currently \$4 million short which is the equivalent of 33 full-time jobs. As wages account for a large percentage of the budget, clerical cuts will be made at secondary schools, cutting back on custodial duties and looking at teacher-librarians in elementary schools. The district will increase the pupil-teacher ratio while maintaining the averages as outlined in Bill 33 of the School Act. Also, there will be an increase in rental fees of school facilities to user groups.

Parents Volunteering at School (in non-teaching capacity) Presentation by Colin Pawson, CUPE and Joe Strain, Director of HR – Parents wanting to do beautification projects on school grounds should go to the principal first. Some projects may require teacher sponsors. The Facilities department must be contacted to ensure projects follow regulations of the district, the municipality and the province. Donated materials must meet district qualifications and requirements whether they are plants, building supplies, ground cover, etc. Since maintenance staff is now half its size, the district will be posting signage on school grounds with phone numbers to call if damage done to the building. Parents and families are encouraged to use the school grounds on the weekends and evenings to discourage inappropriate behaviour.

BCCPAC Spring Conference – I attended the workshops in downtown Vancouver. Minister of Education Margaret MacDiarmid spoke and answered questions from the delegates. She spoke of school academies, the need for “hands on” experience for students and neighbourhood learning centres. She mentioned that there is no plan to eliminate or disband school boards but there is duplication of systems like payroll and procurement, which could free up resources to put back into the system. I attended a workshop entitled “Positive Resolution of Parent Concerns” by Keven Elder, the President of the BCSSA (Superintendents). He spoke of the importance of having real relationships and connections to staff, especially administrators. He also presented “A Look to the Future of Education” where he discussed the need to create a love of learning and what is needed to create optimal learning in the 21st century. Rob Inrig presented “Understanding Yourself – Understanding Your Child”. He stressed the need to use the “language” your child speaks and see the situation from their viewpoint. He also suggested that parents have “inoculation experiences” to pre-script their answers to kids’ hard questions (sex, drugs, etc.) Rob also led the workshop “Building Personal Strengths – Victim No More”. In his opinion, verbal bullying must be a priority at schools. We must ensure our children are not labelling others and don't allow a victim identity to take hold. As parents, we must model and teach forgiveness and help shape the culture we want our children to grow up in. His final thought was
RULES WITHOUT RELATIONSHIPS = REBELLION
RELATIONSHIPS WITHOUT RULES = RISK