

**PAC Meeting - General
June 14, 2012 – 7:00pm**

In Attendance: Jennifer Woudstra, Nota Spencer, Doug Thorpe-Dorward, Ross Powell, Rosa Delgado, Tony Wong

Principal: Karen Floyd

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

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- **Mail, announcements:** None

Reports:

PAC Chair Report: *Jennifer Woudstra*

- Opening Day Coffee – Karen will start coffee in the morning; Jenn will bring coffee, tea bags, granola bars, juice, prior to Summer break and then milk, sugar, cream on the day. The whole school plus Kindergarten parents are on the same day. Table set up – sign up for volunteers, playground picture with bucket for money.
- Parent Handbook - Discussion on updating book – place on website –Karen will communicate with Tony about editing procedure.
- Supplies – NEW COMPANY has been hired to service Sperling's needs - Creative Teaching Supplies – instructions and information in report card. Will be able to complete order online. The Kindergarten parents will pay teacher as usual
- There will be a Spring Fair next year (end of year May or June 2013)

Principal Report: *Karen Floyd*

- SchoolCash online will be started for September 2012. Parents will be able to open an account to pay for school supplies, school fees, donations to PAC, and various items throughout the year. A package with instructions on how to registered was handed out.
- Grade 7 graduation event that will take place in the school gym on Friday, June 22nd.
- 2014 is the 100th Birthday for Sperling Elementary
- Thank you to the parents for the Teacher Appreciation. It was very much enjoyed.
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Treasurer Report *Nota Spencer and Rosa Delgado*

- On Tuesday June 12th, Nota received further guidance on Sperling's PAC organization of their three accounts from District Linda Kerr. Excel spreadsheets are good, need to remove GIC from the Gaming account as it is not following ministry guidelines, The School Donation Account needs to have their own spreadsheet and not just a line at the bottom on the Fundraising Account Excel spreadsheet.
- Budget and financial statements discussed in detail.

Special Projects:

- Playground: Flipping structure 180 degrees; min. size around hopefully to save 16 feet N to S and E to W.
- Will be built in July. – Staking the perimeter at this time.

- Final total for the three structures \$46,000.00 – Fundraising next year will be necessary.
- There may be a grass pit for a volleyball court.

Guest Speaker

- **Dance Presentation** – Joanne Fetchko – September 10, 2012 week. Geared towards keeping the boys engaged. Start with Rules; orderly in the gym, warm up, stretching; given instruction and reasons for warm up; for example, develop muscles. Try to incorporate current music, which are appropriate with lyrics and content; variety of songs with a strong beat; Friday performance – rehearsal and performance. Request a certain colour worn on performance day. Probably will look like 7 dances with 3 divisions in each group. Schedule with the staff – every class has a practice each day. Showed various videos of different grades and level.
- **\$250.00** deposit by June 30, 2012– non refundable. (\$1600.00 for the week.)

Website – Tony –

Patti Parsons and I will get together in the next months to hand over the website duties. I'm looking at options for hosting the website (it's currently using my company web space) as the web hosting subscriptions these days are much more restrictive in terms of features than in the past. I guess the days of all the freebies are over and bandwidth actually costs these companies money. This is what we have

- webspace for the webpage and any files (PAC minutes are posted as PDF files)
- about 1/2 dozen mailing lists
- database for collecting info such as submissions to the student directory
- discussion forum (rarely used though)

All the above used to cost \$76/year, now costs double at \$144/yr. There are options but not all in one package. There are also easier ways to update the website in a browser instead of using a dedicated program. This makes succession to future webmasters easier. I'm still shopping around.

Fundraising

- Popcorn Machine purchase – made money; where would we store machine?– pop in gym – distracting from the PE class – The mess – kids were great with the bags except on ‘inside rainy day’ outsourcing popcorn. Tony had negotiated a price of \$10/batch for the Dolphin Theatre to pop the popcorn in their theatre popper. They would pop the day before as they don't open until 3PM and put into an open bag so the popcorn can breathe and not get soggy. I think they use oil only for popping. Any topping is added afterwards. The contact is Nathan Ferguson, Manager Dolphin Theatre. Cell [778-316-7956](tel:778-316-7956). Dolphin Theatre would sell for \$10.00 bag. School friendly at Kernells – on smart food list. Consider this on special movie days.
- Legacy Project – bronze, silver, gold levels – Nota to research options for the school. Bench; website to recognize sponsors. plaque, bricks. – tax receipt benefits. Alumni.
- Thermometre on the PAC bulletin board to gauge the fundraising success throughout the year – NEED a parent volunteer
- Movie Night – book Friday or a Thursday before a ProD. Entrance by donation; concession stand, sell pizza, Family Pizza Night – open doors ½ hour prior to movie. Only Sperling Families (they may bring friends – but must be responsible for them) This is not a babysitting service – Parents must stay with their children.
- Magician - Friday or the Thursday before a ProD – Karen will pass on information for booking purposes.

- Silent Auction – Samantha Johnson – Possible date - Friday Feb. 8th . Drafted a letter to send out to parents. Locally and businesses over the summer – newsletter - Classroom Theme Basket – supplies; coffee; wine; sports; concert tickets; 2 waves –ending one earlier than the other 7pm and then at 8pm? All new items; Committee will be needed to go over the baskets. in the gym or a pub; or Lochdale hall \$250.00 rent. Serving it Right necessary and must purchase a license. Potluck; cheese and crackers; dips; non hot items; liability concerns with drinking.
- Fun Fair – Ideas from other Fun Fairs' - globe balls; firetruck; police car; each classroom had an activity; bouncy castles; ponies; games – run by grade 7 students (some sports day like activities and some purchased) Concession – variety of items important – have items for Parents and children ; Check with previous organizing committee- Agnes about organizing ideas – call other schools for success stories
- Darby- Parent Photo night – Oct 24 and 25th 2012

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Next PAC meeting dates:

Need a budget planning meeting late August/early September.