

**Sperling PAC Executive Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 16, 2008**  
**6:30-8:30pm**

**In Attendance:** Lisa Bjornson, Dena Domijan, Sandy Lew, Carole Chan, Ross Powell, Micheline Kamber, Heather Marcotte, Phyllis Watts, Wanda Pierson, Tim Miller, Tammy Van Hinte

**Regrets:** Claudette Angers, Frances Hastings, Mary Jo Hunt, Tony Wong

**Playground Upgrade/Outdoor Classroom:** Tim Millar, Facility Services Manager for the Board of Education informed PAC that although it is fine to have an outdoor seating area, the Board does not recognize such an area as a formal outdoor classroom. Outdoor equipment does experience vandalism and there has been a lot of vandalism with concrete tables. The concrete has been broken around the bolts of the table and graffiti is difficult to remove from the concrete due to its porous nature. Therefore, it is best to stay away from concrete. Plastic coated tables are better as they are more durable against vandalism. They can be repaired when damaged. It is also best to position tables far enough from one another that children cannot jump from table to table. The tables could be put in this spring.

**The Playground resurfacing:** Soft fall playgrounds work well. Soft fall is a manufactured wood material. It is 12 inches deep and fire resistant. Tim has a budget to do some playground upgrades in the 2009-2010 budget. Tim will apply to see if we are approved for this upgrade. The product cost is approximately 4500.00. Montecito School has this playground resurfacing if we would like to see the product. Rubber playgrounds are not a good choice because they can burn and the rubber can come up when exposed to the elements. Tim will let us know shortly if we are approved for the soft fall upgrade.

**September meeting minutes:** There is a correction from last the minutes. The minutes stated "Wanda moved that we decrease Library Automation supplies from \$350 to \$70.00. Heather Marcotte seconded." The minutes should have read "Wanda moved that we decrease Library Automation supplies from \$350 to \$125.00." Heather Marcotte seconded.

**Phyllis Watts motioned to accept the September 18, 2008 minutes.**

**Wanda Pierson seconded.**

**Motion passed.**

**Volunteer Status:** Class reps are needed for 5 classes. A notice will go home to inform the parents of these classrooms in an attempt to locate parent reps.

**Parent donation program:** Phyllis Watts is organizing the parent donation program this year. Notice will go home on October 20. Phyllis will need volunteers to help count the money on October 30.

**Fruit and Veggie Program:** Micheline Kamber stated the program has been a success especially with the younger children. We need a fridge because some of the fruit and veggies must not be left out for more than 3 hours. Dena will phone the school board on Monday to inquire about purchasing a fridge.

**PAC Website:** Tony and Claudette met with Ken Kiewitz and Kevin Kaardal. There is no longer a link on the School Board website. Their discussion with the Assistant Superintendent was about removing the clickable link between the SD website and the PAC website. This has been done and the link is gone. Unfortunately, the PAC website does come up now in Google if you search "sperling" and "pac". Not much we can do.

**French Presentations:** We are \$200.00 under budget. This money could be used on some workshops that Micheline has located. We would need an additional \$35.53 for the workshops.

**Wanda Pierson moved that PAC pay 35.53 for workshops.**

**Heather Marcotte seconded.**

**Motion passed.**

**Principal's Report:** Claudette could not make it to tonight's meeting so Dena presented the report.

Open Gym: On November 13<sup>th</sup> soup and stories will occur so Open Gym may be impacted. This year the open gym has not been well attended. Options for promoting the open gym were discussed. We leave the gym at 6:30pm so the Open Gym may be scheduled for that evening. Need to speak to Mrs. Kanjer for exact timeline.

Fun foods: There has been some concern over the quantity of waste containers. The supplier will take the containers back, wash and re-use them, so this should help with this problem.

Camp Timberline: On Oct 1-3, the grade 6 students attended Camp Timberline. A good time was had by all. The kids had an opportunity to do art, archery, horseback riding, swimming, and many more activities.

Assembly of Learning: On Friday Oct 31 there will be a Halloween assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

Library Renovations: The Computers are being ordered and smart Board is being followed up on at this time.

Sports: Cross country finished. The awards are outside the gym. Volleyball is happening now.

**Financials:** Sandy and Carole reviewed the budget. The expenses this month were \$65.00 for our DPAC membership and \$15.39 for refreshments for the last PAC meeting.

Wanda Pierson pointed out that in the past Bettina would pay many of the annual fees up front in October. Sandy and Carole will connect with Bettina on this process.

We received two NSF cheques this month. This is very uncommon. One of the cheques was for shopfunds. Lisa will follow up with Renee to confirm that the money has now been received for the giftcards. The money has not yet been deposited into the account. Also there is a 25.00 NSF charge that is applicable. The other cheque was for funfoods and it has not been addressed yet as Carole and Sandy were just informed.

**Open Discussion:** Micheline cleared off bulletin board. Should minutes be posted? Newsletters could also be posted. Maybe the last two copies. Who will maintain the bulletin board? Wanda offered to post the minutes and newsletter. Another volunteer will be needed to maintain the board.

Lisa Bjornson stated we get a lot of junk mail. How do we maintain this mail? Lisa could use some assistance clearing out the mailbox. Tammy Van Hinte offered to help with the mail. Many of these items are for fundraising opportunities, until we have more volunteers to follow-up on these opportunities, we'll continue only with our currently scheduled fundraisers. All other items will be recycled unless they are "incremental" funding without the necessity of volunteers.

Lisa is trying to arrange for a speaker. Lochdale school would like to share a speaker. Lisa had a meeting with Lochdale, but the meeting was cancelled. It needs to be rescheduled.