

PAC Executive Meeting Thursday January 15, 2009

In Attendance: Phyllis Watts, Micheline Kamber, Ross Powell, Tammy Van Hinte, Claudette Sawyer Angers, Heather Marcotte, Sandy Lew, Wanda Pierson, Renee Loboazar, Frances Hastings, Stephen Meighan.

Regrets: Carole Chan, Tony Wong, Sue Todd

Heather Marcotte opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Wanda Pierson moved to approve the November 20, 2008 executive meeting minutes.

Sandy Lew seconded.

Motion passed.

PAC Chair position: Lisa Bjornson has resigned as PAC Chair. The PAC Vice Chair, Heather Marcotte will be acting in the role of Chair until the next election.

Hip Hop: Pat Ratcliffe is interested in bringing Hip Hop to the school. Pat will speak to Mike Snow about it.

Financial Training for PACs: Heather Marcotte, Sandy Lew, and Carole Chan will be attending a Financial training course for PACs.

Principal's Report: Claudette Sawyer Angers thanked Heather Marcotte for stepping into the PAC Chair role.

Claudette thanked everyone for helping out and working together to manage the snow. The Superintendent of the District made the decision to keep the schools open the first morning back after the Christmas holidays.

There was some confusion about the SFU bus not running. The daycare was closed so the bus was not running, but the residents who take the bus were not informed. This has been cleared up for future situations.

Claudette has had several photographers come by to see if we are interested in a new photographer. PAC executive members decided to stay with LifeTouch for one more year before considering other options.

Claudette asked for feedback on the staggered report card process. Parents in the meeting did not notice any difference with this process.

Library Upgrade: New computers have been ordered. The south wall shelving and the Smart Board will be installed this summer. Other computers for the school should be here in February. Four new printers will be coming, but the arrival date is undetermined.

Outdoor Classroom: Claudette showed us the tables that the teachers felt would work best for the outdoor classroom. The price would be \$10 734 to seat 24 students. The price would be \$13 414 to seat an intermediate class.

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PAC executive members expressed that they would like to ensure that there is room for a full intermediate class. Claudette will confirm the pricing.

Pat Ratcliffe moved that we allocate \$14 000.00 to the tables for the outdoor classroom.

Wanda Pierson seconded.

Motion passed.

Field Trips: Field trips have been important to the school. The price to take a bus to Fort Langley is \$400.00. In the past the school gave some money to the teachers for field trips, but can no longer do this. Claudette asked if the PAC would fund each student \$3.00 which would total to \$1260.00. This would be in addition to the current 200.00 per classroom that is already assigned to field trips in the budget.

Ross Powell moved that PAC allocate an additional \$1260.00 to field trips.

Pat Ratcliffe seconded.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Lew went over the financial reports for November and December.

Family Open Gym Night: The attendance has been really good. February 26th will be the last open gym night. The plan is to run the Open Gym from Thursday after Thanksgiving to the end of February each year.

Emergency Preparedness: Ross explained that the Student ID is now in the office rather than the classrooms because students are not always in their classrooms. We would like to do a drill in the spring. The kids would be given their ID to wear around their necks and then they would assemble in their family groupings. Leaders will be identified by green vests. We need to purchase more food and emergency blankets. We have all the other equipment needed.

February 18th will be the St John's First Aid for the grade 5 students.

ShopFunds: Lisa will no longer be involved with the ShopFunds. Renee Lobozer will continue to do the Shopfunds program. Pat Ratcliffe will also help.

Fun Foods: Francis Hastings stated that tomorrow is Fun Food Day. There were 97 responses to the Fun Food survey. The average rating was 3 which is right in the middle. It became apparent that many parents were not aware of the new Healthy Food Guidelines.

Francis also put out a survey to all the school PACs to see what they are doing with their Fun Foods. There were 13 responses.

The next PAC meeting is February 19th, 2009.

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm.