

PAC Meeting
November 24th 2011 – 6:30pm

Executive in Attendance: Afton Holmes, Nota Spencer, Jennifer Woudstra, Tony Wong, Rosa Delgado, Patti Parsons, Harinder Parmar, Leanne Johnson, Ross Powell.

Meeting called to order at 6:44 pm

Many other parents joined the meeting at 7:00pm for the general meeting.

- **Mail, announcements:** None
- **Review Minutes,** Jennifer Woudstra put forward motion to accept submitted meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Afton Holmes. All in favour.

Reports:

PAC Chair Report: *Afton Holmes and Jennifer Woudstra*

- December 2nd, Skating Party at 8Rinks. Will distribute notices.
- Thank You to Shop funds - \$1k raised this round!! Jocelyn advised the next Shop Funds order will likely be in February.
- Current Openings within the PAC
 - Parent Handbook – Leanne to speak with Sandy and get template to Karen.
 - CPF – Patti would like a partner.
- PAC Newsletter. Discussion of the particulars with Allysa Goad.
- Sport Boxes, Daisy Lung will organize. Will look at adding activity boxes (for rainy days) for each division as a special project. Susan Vorell volunteered to help with this.
- Anti-Bullying Stuart Nemtin, flyer. Is Karen interested? – Not a big issue for Sperling right now. However could be addressed as educational topic.
- Fund raising proposals, do we want to look at other fund raising methods for next year? Such as magazine sales or possibly a family photo fundraiser for next year (Lisa Hall will bring more details for the February PAC meeting).

Treasurers Report: *Rosa Delgado and Nota Spencer*

- Budget and financial statements discussed in detail.
- Leanne put forward motion to accept budget. Motion seconded by Afton Holmes. All in favour; motion passed.
- Plan – Child we sponsor: PAC will pay annually rather than direct draw annually. Also thought students could take over fundraising for this program which will promote awareness and get student body involved. Work with student council to see if they are interested. Rosa will investigate and report back to us.
- Discussion: Parameters for the Fieldtrip fund in the Gaming Acct - PAC to come up with a procedure for teachers to access these funds (budget states \$200 per teacher). Lot amount to be given to Suzie to allocate, who also runs reporting for this.
- Discussion: The consumable account from the Fundraising Acct. (budget states \$75.00 per teacher). How do we want this money transferred to the school to cover the costs from individual teachers? Lot amount to be given to Suzie to allocate, who also runs reporting for this.

Principal's Report: *Karen Floyd*

- Parking – Hycrest Lane, School board is looking into it, including a fence opening/pathway.
- Sidewalk on Hycrest is a go and will be installed ASAP. From back lane to Sperling.
- Parents are being ticketed for parking incorrectly.
- Discussion: Add crosswalk on Adair and speedbumps?
- No Winter Concert this year. Sing along with students on the 16th around 1:00pm. Parents welcome.
- Report cards next week – very basic information. Essentially an attendance record. Note teachers are still assessing their students and will contact parents on an as needed basis.
- Also there will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the library from Monday, December 5 to Thursday, December 8 with both English and French books for sale. The Fair will be open from 12:15-1:00 and from 3:00-3:45 each day. If you are able to volunteer to help with this event, please email Mme Hunger at Sabrina.Hunger@sd41.bc.ca.

Canadian Parents for French Report: *Patti Parsons*

- Provincial conference attended. Volunteers from all over province and Yukon attended. CPF events could potentially be done for Sperling. Burnaby district lacking volunteers, so they are regrouping. Provide February French performance.
- Patty applied to CPF for 50% grant for theatre program.

DPAC: *Harinder Parmar*

- DPAC meetings fall on the week following our PAC meeting. Will email updates because of length between meetings.

Webmaster: *Tony Wong*

- Student Directory - PAC held a contest for the division with the highest participation rate in the school student directory. Division 9 was the winning class that will receive a pizza lunch.

Misc Reports:

- Discussion: Lunchtime volunteering – can parents volunteer? School follows district policy, so Karen will investigate further and report back (check policy). Karen confirmed that the children are playing outside most days, weather dependant.
- PAC Fundraising Drive raised approximately \$3,500.00 this year. PAC had also asked for parents input about our next Special Project. PAC executive to review and report back on top picks and feasibility.

Items tabled until next meeting:

- Activity Boxes
- Special Project

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

** PAC Executive met additionally on December 7th to discuss the potential various projects that were brought forward by parents (Executive in Attendance: Afton Holmes, Nota Spencer, Rosa Delgado, Patti Parsons, Tony Wong, Ross Powell, Leanne Johnson & Jennifer Woudstra (by phone)).

Suggestions were tabulated, but before the parents vote on their preferences PAC will pull together information about each so an informed decision can be made. Some of the top picks were:

- Additional playground
- School sign
- Electronics plan (gym audio system, smart boards, projectors, ipads, etc for classrooms)
- Teacher's wish list strongly favoured a laminator for the school.

Also Nota Spencer put forward motion to fund Classroom Activity Boxes (\$75/classroom). Patti Parsons seconded the motion. All in favour. Will notify Susan Vorell to begin to assemble the boxes.

Also to streamline the meeting process, going forward we will rotate PAC executive and general meetings. **

Next PAC meeting dates:

December – none

Thursday January 12th, 2012 - General

Thursday February 16th, 2012 - Executive

Thursday March 29th, 2012 - General

Thursday April 26th, 2012 – AGM, General

May – none

Thursday June 14th – 2012-2013 planning meeting, Executive