Carmi Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2010

Attendance: See attached

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

2. **Minutes adopted** from October meeting, motion: Tanya, Second: Noriko, passed

3. **Trustee Report – Larry Little**
   - Recently attended a meeting in October with other trustees called **21st century Learning/Individualized Learning Seminar** (see attached handout). Canada is only ranked 5th worldwide, and BC is 3rd among provinces. Government has acknowledged society has changed, and we need to change the way school works. It focuses on focus on new forms of schooling, personalize learning for all kids in the province, parents will play a key role. Our school district is already doing a lot of these things.

4. **Principal's report – Sharon Sola**
   - assessment processes are going on - **report cards** are being done. There will be a slight change - parents will be notified by letter. They are trying to be very succinct – will state what the children can do, what further development is required, what teachers plan to do to meet goals, as well as what parents can do at home. They are planning to send things home ahead of the learning in the classroom so parents can augment learning as it happens rather than hearing about it after. At the end of the report, there will be a paragraph with some comments specific to your child.
   - BCeSIS continues to present challenges - Working on it as needed.
   - Each student and class will be contributing to the **holiday concert**. Teachers will be incorporating practise time by division as classroom activities permit. We may have guest performers: harp and flute.
   - Looking into tubing as a winter activity. $450 to rent the park for our kids, and we would also need bussing. The **tube park** can accommodate 110 students comfortably, but they have had groups that are larger. Discussed who should stay back - the 4s and 5s are already going to skiing, but they wouldn't want to miss out.
   - **Scholastic Book Fair** coming up Nov 30 – Dec 2.
   - Sharon applied for a **grant** (Roberta as the parent contact). It is for $3,500 to help towards art project to beautify the school with some type of student art. Clay tiles on the fence, or a mural on the wall. Could we get the art gallery involved and take part in an exhibit to make connections in the arts community? Janine will contact someone they know from the art gallery.
   - Sharon will be presenting at a conference in January on using inquiry as a process for school improvement.
   - **Christmas craft day** coming up parents are welcome to come and help.

5. **Treasurer's Report – Noriko Elder**
   - See attached. The report doesn't include the most current bank balances.
   - The **gaming grant** is in and it is double what we had last year!
   - revenue – **hot lunch** – have scaled down the hot lunch, pizza and hotdogs
   - Purchase of the **cameras** and **bussing for cross country** run also aren't on that statement
   - We need **signing authorities** for cheques – Roberta will sign on. Noriko has letters written, but the bank needs to see in the minutes who is being removed and who is being added, the people being removed and added must go to the bank.
   - **Hot lunch** falls on some days that they are cross-country skiing, so we may want to go to Thursday for those weeks. There are three weeks that would be affected.
   - **Budgets** circulated for gaming and community accounts (attached) as well as the school's "wish list" (circulated by email prior to the meeting). They are on the list in order of preference. The first five are already included in the budget that Janine presented.
   - The **one-on-one reading program** is great and we have some good, dedicated volunteers. They have been coached and will come in Tues, Wed, Thurs, to read with kids who aren't designated, but need extra practise. They read 20-30 mintues for 13 – 14 weeks. Typically these programs have celebrations after each session, eg. pizza lunch, and a book gift. It is happening in the multipurpose room between K's and 4/5s.
   - There is some room in the budget from the swimming that might go towards **tubing**. The tube park can also add hotdogs, hot chocolate, marshmallows for an extra fee. Decided to send Grades 1-5 - Ks might be too scared. So Sharon will go ahead to arrange the tubing.
   - The two items at the bottom of the list - the risers and park benches may need to wait. If we have anyone with connections to the Foundry, perhaps we could get donations.
   - Q. Did we include a fund for each classroom to spend on incidental classroom items? That should have been included on the "wish list" as a separate item, not included in with the field trip subsidy that is allocated in the budget for each division.
   - Cameras and pumpkins already paid for, accelerated reader is a must, skiing is a must. We need to vote on the rest. We can vote on everything but the park benches and risers (we don't have money) and we also need to consider the $100 per division for classroom stuff.

6. **Old Business**
   - **Hoodies and T-shirt sales** going well, people will buy what's on hand. Marlene (who supplies the shirts) wants a minimum order of 24. There are some orders placed already and some were to be personalized. We don't think we will lose money on them, and if we advertise, we might make some money. Sharon can connect with Marlene about sizes that are appropriate. Target grade 3,4 size. Grey.
   - Hot lunch discussed above.

7. **New Business**
   - **Elections:**
   - Chair, Treasurer, secretary, all available. The following people let their names stand:
     - Janine Walker Treasurer,
     - Roberta Dyck Chair,
     - Tanya Bews Secretary

     They were accepted by acclamation. Noriko will continue with hot lunch.
   - **Signing authority** will be done after the minutes are circulated. Roberta Dyck will be added as a signing authority, Noriko Elder and Janine Walker will remain on, Melanie Boucher will be removed from the signing authority.
   - Looking forward to the **Christmas bake sale**, we can also have a silent auction. We will put it in the newsletter and in the minutes. Please bring new items, if anyone has a business they could donate. Sharon will talk to Zia's, Walkers will also contribute. 6pm concert, there is an afternoon concert at 1:00 or 1:15.

8. **Meeting adjourned** 7:08 pm
   Next Meeting: Discussed alternating between morning and evening meetings to catch different people. At the last morning meeting we got a mix of new parents, so we'll try another morning meeting to see how the turn out is. **Next Meeting: January 20th, 2011 8:45 am**.

Attachments:

Attendance
"21st Century Learning/Individualized Learning Seminar" Handout (2 pages)
Treasurer's Report
Budget (2 pages)

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Name	Number of Kids	Grades	Email address
Noriko Elder	2	4	
Tanya Bews	2	K and 2	
Larry Little	trustee		
Roberta Dyck	2	K and 2	crdyck@telus.net
Sharon Sola	principal		