<u>YOUR</u> Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Update

Well, the school year has gotten off to a great start. The PAC has sponsored the **open house** and the **pumpkin carving** – both were well attended and lots of fun. Thank you to all the volunteers who made these events so successful! Our school is a community and we are grateful for all the volunteers involved in our activities. Through the school year, the PAC is involved in fundraising and organizing several school events. The kids are the ones who benefit, so get involved! When you order fun lunch or bake for a bake sale, you are helping PAC fund great events for your kids!

The PAC has also recently funded the purchase of two cameras to be used in classrooms. The Accelerated Reader program is another PAC initiative that many of our students are benefitting from.

There have been two **PAC meetings** so far this year. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday November 18th, from 6-7pm**. We intend to keep the meeting to one hour so that parents can get home to put kids to bed. There will be **free child-minding** in the school during the meeting, and we have coffee and snacks as well. So, please come and share your ideas and concerns. <u>Your</u> PAC is for all parents and all the kids benefit. Many hands make light work. Every parent at Carmi is already a voting member of the PAC, so come out and make your voice heard!

Date to remember:

PAC Meeting
Thursday
November 18th,
6-7 pm

Free babysitting
& Refreshments

The meeting will be our **Annual General Meeting** and **elections** for the PAC will take place. The required elected positions are the chairperson, the treasurer and the secretary, but other possible positions include

- Vice Chairperson,
- District PAC representative, and
- School Planning Council Representative.

You can find job descriptions for these roles posted outside the office. Please consider volunteering!

PAC meetings are once a month and most roles require only a few hours a week. If you aren't interested in a position, come and volunteer anyways! **Other ways to help** include

- distributing veggies from the Fresh Veggie program (once a week),
- helping with Hot Lunch (once a week),
- reading with children in the classroom,
- updating our website, or
- helping set up and take down at special event

facebook

Bet that got your attention! Another initiative the PAC is considering is starting a facebook group for the PAC. So many people are using facebook to stay connected; maybe it is time we started too! We are looking for input to see if people like the idea, and if there is anyone interested in being a moderator.

Please watch for more PAC updates in the school newsletters. Look for the Scholastic book fair coming up later in the fall, as well as a poinsettia fundraiser just in time for Christmas.

It's easy to make a tremendous difference to your children and their school!
Come on out to our next PAC meeting and see
if there is something you might enjoy getting involved in.

***THANKS* FOR HELPING TO MAKE CARMI THE GREAT SCHOOL THAT IT IS !!**

Possible Roles on Carmi PAC – Please consider volunteering!

CHAIRPERSON

- convene and preside at all membership, special and executive meetings.
- ensure that an agenda is prepared and presented (in consultation with the principal).
- appoint committees where authorized to do so by the Executive or membership.
- take such actions or ensure that such actions are taken by others to achieve the objectives and purpose of the organization.

VICE CHAIRPERSON

- assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence.
- accept extra duties as required.

SECRETARY

- record the minutes of the membership, special, and executive meetings.
- issue and receive correspondence on behalf of the organization.

TREASURER

- be responsible for, and report on the accounts of the organization.
- be one of the two signing officers of the executive.
- prepare a financial report for distribution to all members.
- assist the executive with a draft budget and tentative plan of expenditures.

DISTRICT PAC REPRESENTATIVE

- The District PAC Representative is elected at the Annual General Meeting elections.
- The duties of the D-PAC Rep. will be to attend the District PAC meetings and report back to the Carmi School PAC general meetings.

THE SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL (SPC) REPRESENTATIVE

- Will be one of three elected SPC representatives.
- Will represent and speak on behalf of the PAC at SPC meetings.
- Will take direction from the general PAC membership.
- Will report back to the PAC at general meetings.