

# West Bench PAC

## **PAC meeting minutes for Sept.21 2011**

A.) Reading of the minutes from May 2011 meeting. No amendments.

### **B.) Trustee's Report – Ginny Manning:**

Job action: Ginny reviewed the teacher's job action, explained the two separate bargaining processes, and updated the group on current status of that bargaining. Ginny explained Phase 1 of the job action currently underway, and at this time doesn't know what a possible Phase 2 would mean. Schools and parents will be given warning and details before a possible Phase 2 escalation. Board members and school administrators are currently covering supervision duties at school.

Enrollment: Overall enrolment figures for the district are up slightly from projected numbers, but are still below last year's figures. Final figures are forthcoming.

Please see attachment for details.

### **C.) Principal's Report - Lisa Edwards:**

Lisa also commented on how day-to-day processes are working at the school in relation to teacher job action. So far, most activities are able to continue. Please see attachment for a full list of school activities planned for October.

At Lisa's recommendation, Carol makes motion, Penny seconds to have phone removed from gym foyer. Cost of this phone is approx. \$700 per year, and students are requested to make phone calls from the office.

### **D.) School spending/Fundraising:**

It is decided that at next month's October meeting, PAC will review, prioritize and approve spending for the year on school activities, programs and materials. This is an important meeting for all parents to attend. PAC and parents will be deciding whether to spend money on items such as new levelled reading materials for classrooms, new swings for the playground, the Accelerated Reading program, a new mathematics program and possible field trips for the year. Parents are encouraged to come out to voice their opinion.

Carol has offered to sell Pampered Chef through the school, donating all of her commission to the school. She will be putting catalogues in the office.

### **D.) Hot Lunch Report – (no hot lunch rep in attendance):**

Unlike some other schools in the district, the West Bench hot lunch program is able to continue during job action. This is fortunate because this is a big fundraiser for the school, while also providing nutritious lunches for the kids. It is proposed that Daphne Hakstian, Leah Mottershead, Penny McLeod (PAC treasurer) and Lisa Edwards meet to discuss grant opportunities to upgrade kitchen facilities at the school.

### **E.) Treasurer's Report and Grants Report – Penny McLeod:**

General PAC account: \$10,490.87

Gaming Account: \$3,500. A \$670 portion of the gaming account must be spent on music or sports, as dictated in the terms of the grant. This money will go towards purchasing a few more school jerseys. Nancy Wyse, music instructor at the school, will be consulted about items she may need for the program.

Penny will assist Daphne and Hot Lunch crew with grant applications for facilities/biodegradable packaging.

Next meeting: Thursday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the school library. All are encouraged to attend.