

Minutes for PAC Meeting November 1/2010

In Attendance: Sherry-Lynn Picheniuk, Dawn Follestad, Kelly Jones, Donna Silvius, Angie Wilson, Tina Ben, Lindsay Christian, Colleen Castle, Todd Castle, Leslie Kemp, Dirk Goedhart, Tom Siddon, Sheri Milton, Kathy Giguere

Total Points: Green – 4, Red – 400, Blue – 4, Yellow – 7

Introductions: Welcomed a newcomer, our school Trustee Tom Siddon to his first Parkway PAC of the new school year.

Guest Speaker: Leslie Kemp spoke on behalf of Edmonton Avenue Community Resources regarding low enrolment in their after/before school program and the availability of spaces at present for child minding. There are some spaces still available for after school care, however, there are many spaces available for their Kindergarden minding program. If there are parents struggling to find care for their children enrolled in morning or afternoon Kindergarden, they are urged to contact Leslie at their earliest convenience as there are spots available right now. The classes involve skill learning, sports, and at least 45 minutes of active play/day. There is transportation available to and from all schools in the district. There is an in-house family assistance program available for those families struggling to pay for child minding at this time. The school is open from 0700 am to 0545 pm each week-day.

Secretary's Report: There is nothing to report other than that Kelly Jones was attempting to honestly gather more points for the red team. An appropriate award should be discussed by the blue, green, and yellow teams.

Treasurer's Report: Snacks are still being sold at recess for the time being. Hot lunch money has not been collected as of the meeting date and there was nothing new to report regarding the school budget.

Trustee Report: Tom Siddon was present. He was to attend the Education Committee Meeting on November 2/10. He spoke about the new Minister of Education from Salmon Arm, George Abbott, and felt very optimistic about his involvement. Mr. Abbott is not presently concerned with consolidating school districts as the past Minister had been. He is focused on developing a new approach to education to meet each child's individual learning needs rather than ranking on achievement only. He is committed to establishing Strong Start Programs in more schools and he anticipates no school closures for the upcoming school year. Enrolment in Kindergarden continues to decline across the province. A move to full day Kindergarden starting in 2011 school year should help to support an incline. Class sizes in the district are appropriate, however, the amount of special needs children in some classes is exceeding the recommended quota of 3/class. Tom stated that they are working with the individual teachers and schools to work out the best solutions for all involved.

Principals Report:

- There is a new grade four classroom as of mid-October and Parkway would like to welcome Linda Deck on board as the new grade four teacher. Linda Bradley is also new to Parkway as a CEA in that classroom. Due to this wonderful addition, Parkway no longer has a classroom for before/after school care so that will have to be put on hold for now. The transition went smoothly for students and teachers/parents involved.
- Movie night brought in about 140 people. A big Thank you to Mrs.Silvius, Mrs Raitt and Mr. B. The concession went to the PAC as they had food left over from the Floor Hockey Tournament.
- There will be a Bingo Family Night on November 29 at 6:00 pm. Cards will cost 25 cents each and there will be a small concession. Families are encouraged to bake cakes or pies for the Bingo tournament and the winners will 'take cake' if they have a Bingo!
- The Soccer team had a good season thanks to Mrs Zaugg, Mrs.Raitt, and Ms.Brown! Now it's on to Basketball in the new year!
- Hearing checks were done in the Kindergarden class on November 2/10. Vision checks were done earlier in October.
- The Floor Hockey Tournament was a success. Thank you to all the teachers/parents who volunteered their time.
- Halloween Dress-up was a lot of fun. There was a fine time by all at the sing-a-long led by Mrs.Silvius and Mrs.Zaugg.
- The open house in October had a great turn-out. Please contact Kelly with any suggestions for next year.
- The Klondike Rag performed at the school on November 3 at 1:30 pm. It was a 1-5 performance.
- Terasen Gas is expected to do presentations to the school in the library on November 16 and 18th.
- November 17 is Volleyball day. Instructors from Volleyball Canada will be in the school to work with the children on their Volleyball skills
- Report Cards go out by November 26. Interviews will take place November 23, 24, and 25. There will be a Book Fair in the library over this time.
- The Sports Court is paved and has about one to two weeks to go till' it's finished. A huge Thank you to Jason Peck and Allan Wilson for all their help in obtaining donations and the work they have put in. The chain link fencing will go up next and the gates. Painting may have to wait for warmer weather in the spring.
- The Writing out Loud and Parenting Wisely Courses are postponed until after Christmas as we are awaiting Instructors.
- The School Planning Council Meeting was postponed for October. Parkway's school goals have been put forward.
- The school needs two new hockey nets. If we cannot obtain a donation from the Okanagan Hockey School then we will have to purchase a couple from Game Time Sports (2/200.00\$).
- The first Breakfast Program was a success. Starbucks was present. Kids started to show up at 0800 am. There were 26 kids on the first day out of already 40 who

have signed up. The program will be held once/week for now and hopefully up to three times/week soon. A big Thank you to Lindsey Christian for heading this project!

New Business: A Fundraising Meeting was held on October 27/10. The priorities were indicated as:

1. Reading Materials for the Library at a cost of about 2'000\$
2. I pod & Mac-I at a cost of about 1'000\$
3. Digital Camera (Scrap booking) at a cost that will be covered by a Canadian Tire Money Fundraiser in the winter.
4. Playground additions for the primary grades – this will be re-assessed at the end of the school year
5. Smart Board

Canadian Tire Fundraiser – Carols, hot-dog sale and donations of Canadian Tire Money will be put into a bin. This will hopefully take place over the Christmas season with the approval of Mrs.Zaugg and her choir.

Wal-mart – A bake sale is planned alongside ticket sales for the hockey jerseys.

Avon Sale – Kathy Giguere is heading this fundraiser and will keep us updated on which products will be available hopefully by the Christmas season.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6/10 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm