

Minutes from December 2010 PAC Meeting - December 6/2010

Attendance: Dawn Follestad, Kelly Jones, Angie Wilson, Tina Ben, Joy Borkwood, Sheri Milton, Dirk Goedhart, Noha Ibrahim, Mrs.Silvius, Sherry-Lynn Picheniuk, Crystal Zaugg, Tom Siddon

Points Rewarded: Red - 4, Green - 5, Blue - 1, Yellow - 9

Treasurer's Report:

Hot Lunch money and money made from the floor hockey concession were brought in. The phone bill was paid and the IPOD purchased. Total sitting in our school account rests at \$18'345.29. This does not include a cheque for \$4600.00 and the \$5000.00 community grant at the board office which will go directly onto the invoice for the Sports Court. There sits approximately \$7000.00 in the grant account for field trips, etc...

Trustee Report:

Very sadly, School District #67 teacher, Leanne Lindsay is no longer with us. She spent a portion of her career teaching the grade 6 special education and home learners program located on Parkway property.

We also have a new minister - Margaret McDermid - who will replace George Abbott as George is running for the liberal party leadership. Budget discussions will resume in the New Year and a Happy Holiday was wished to all by the school board.

Principal's Report:

The Kindergarten class was on stage on Wednesday December 8/10 with the choir at 10:40 for a rehearsal. There was also a rehearsal in the afternoon. Families were urged to attend on Wednesday as Thursday evening would fill up quickly. The choir performed at the Cherry Lane shopping center and the Concorde over the past week.

On Friday December 10/10, there is a hot-dog fund-raiser/BBQ at the Canadian Tire gas bar. The hockey jersey sale will also be on at this time. That money made is expected to fund an answering machine for the school.

On Saturday December 11/10, there is a bake sale/jersey ticket sale at Zellers in the morning and early afternoon moving to Walmart by supper time.

The Kindergarten class will celebrate the Teddy Bear Picnic on Monday December 13/10 as a wrap-up to their session on Bears.

The grade 5 class attended their second Leadership program hosted by the senior divisions of Princess Margaret High School and it was a great success.

Mrs. Silvius has made another magical gingerbread creation of a santa sleigh/reindeer. Tickets are 25 cents each or 5/\$1.00. The money raised will go to a deserving family to make the Christmas season a bit easier.

Friday December 17/10 is Christmas character dress-up day.

Bingo was a huge success and more events will be planned for the New Year.

Basketball starts up in January for the grades 4 & 5 classes. There are 4 games scheduled already with other schools.

Erika Bird is a CEA practicum student who will be finishing up by December 10/10. She has done a great job while at our school.

Report cards and parent teacher interviews are finished. The book fair brought in about \$1200.00 for the school and Mrs. Caruso is busy ordering new books! Thanks to all!!

Old Business:

The leveled readers, library books, and WITS books have been ordered. They are some of the items indicated on the teacher's wish list.

There is a free program on line that is extremely similar to the Accelerated Reader Program that is offered at an initial cost of 2000.00\$ + yearly up-dates. The free program is being reviewed by the staff and an answer will be available next week on whether or not they wish to go ahead with it or not. The free program is through the Sylvan Learning Center.

The purchase of music supplies has been approved. Mrs. Zaugg feels \$300.00 should be sufficient for some new sheet music and a second set of instruments like Christmas bells, boom whackers, etc...

The pianos were also tuned at a cost of \$225.00. This will have to be done at least once every couple of years.

Hockey nets will have to be purchased by Game Time Sports at a cost of between \$200-400.00\$. We were unable to receive a donation from the Hockey Academy. Mr. Jones is also going to purchase some new hockey sticks for the Sport's Court at a cost of around \$200.00 total.

Signage for the Sport's Court still needs to be covered for our wonderful sponsors. At this point, we are unable to give an exact amount.

The Mackie speaker is still being researched but the cost of up to \$ 600.00 has been approved at this time.

The Smart board and portable frame has been approved as an item that the teachers feel will be beneficial to our students at a cost of about \$2000.00. It does not come with a portable keyboard. The majority of the teachers that Mr. Jones has spoken to have approved the purchase. Mrs. Tunnell will be sent for training and will be available to train the staff. The item can be shared between class-rooms and only requires a 10 minute recalibration time. With the smart board, we will also be able to access units and speak with teachers from other schools and on the web. Mr. Jones considers this a "Smart Move".

Flip Cameras will be purchased - 6 of them - at a cost of approx. \$73.00 each. They come with a USB port to input and recharge so are very user friendly. The cameras can be shared between classrooms for special projects or school events.

The PAC would like to hand out fridge magnets for the safe arrival phone number. Mrs. Zaugg mentioned that DCP can do them for only the 5.99\$ shipping fee.

New Business:

The hot lunch form went out on Tuesday December 7 and is expected back by Tuesday December 14/10. 100 surveys were returned. Taco Time is being added as a new option for January. Pizza Hut was the favored hot lunch pizza place. Edo Japan is offering a 'no veggie' option for January.

Thank you to the Hot Lunch and Breakfast Club Crew for all their hard work. Kids in the Breakfast club have been very respectful and have tidied up nicely when they are finished.

The seniors in the reading program from the Concorde were featured in the Western involving all the great work they are doing reading with the students.

There will be a movie night planned for January with Bingo returning in February.

On the 17th of December there is no early dismissal. Classes will end at 2:30pm

Mr. Jones thanked all of the PAC members for their contributions to the beginning of the school year and is very happy with the community feeling that continues to develop amongst the members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.
Merry Christmas Everyone!