

## PAC Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2011

### **Present:**

Sherry-Lynn Picheniuk, Linda Van Alpen, Angie Wilson, Al Wilson, Kelly Jones, Donna Silvius, Crystal Zaugg, Diana Kelly, Michael Schutz, Tina Ben, Dawn Follestad, Kathy Giguere, Sheri Milton

### **Points Awarded:**

Green - 4, Yellow - 8, Blue - 2, Red - 5

### **Secretary's Report:**

Nothing to report

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Approximately \$5500.00 remains in the Field Trip fund having had two field trips already paid for by the PAC. The following items have been purchased and are paid:

New library books, Smart Board, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory show, Mats for the school gym, Dishwasher, Musical Instruments, Hockey nets and sticks, Cameras, 2 phone bills, piano tuning, and planners.

The Lamontage fundraiser has yielded approximately \$5000.00, over half of which could be awarded back to the PAC. The Floor Hockey Tournament yielded \$350.00 from the concession and \$390.00 from the bottle drive.

The Sport's Court is fully paid and the PAC is working on signage for the outside. There is still around \$1700.00 owing on the Playground.

### **Trustee Report:**

There was mold reported at Queen's Park Elementary School. John Hickling (Head Maintenance) has gone through the school and the principal is investigating further with the child's parent and doctor.

Principal Katie Hicks of Summerland Middle School has announced her retirement and interviews for the position will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

Staffing approved to add a fourth division of Grade 6 French Immersion at KVR and that should the numbers continue to stay steady or increase, they will consider adding another division.

There remain 5 students from Summerland awaiting a placement in French Immersion for September.

Digital Speed Signs have been observed to be slowing down vehicles in Penticton near Uplands Elementary and along East Side Road. These signs are purchased by the city and may become available to Parkway Elementary for a few upcoming months.

### **Principal's Report:**

Science Day/Night happens on Thursday, March 10 from 6-7 pm in the Parkway Gymnasium. Mrs.Silvius is heading this event. There will be 10 stations set up in the gym and a home science package for families to bring home with them after the evening event.

Floor Hockey was a success and the gym was full all day long. Mr.Zoppi, the principal of Queen's Park, will host the May outdoor family tournament of kids and adults.

Grade 5 Cross Country Ski trips at Nickle Plate were a huge success. Thank you to the PAC who paid for the buses to and from the site.

The Cyber-bullying parent session was not very well attended in January, however, the school would like to host a second evening before the end of the school year. Darryl Myers will come to present to the grade 5 students before the March break and to the grade 4 students after the March break. This session is excellent and should be seen by all parents who have a computer in their home!

Report cards will go out by March 18. Early dismissal happens on March 17. Parents who have not been asked to attend interviews may set up their own interviews with the teacher. The yellow bus students will have to wait until 2:30 as per usual to catch their bus on early dismissal day.

Grade 4 is done with the FSA examinations. Results will be in by May and parents will be notified of their child's progress via individualized reports.

March 17 presents Show and Share for the Kindergarden classes from 1:30-3:00 and 5:30-7:00. This is an opportunity for the kids to show off their hard work all year to their families.

The book fair will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (15, 16, 17) in the school library.

On Tuesday, March 8 approximately 20 grade 4 & 5 student leaders attended an Action Schools workshop to learn new playground games that they can then teach to their house team groups.

The Talent show was a success. Thank you to Mrs.Silvius for arranging this wonderful event. Certificates were given out to the entertainers at the assembly.

Write Out Loud is still going on in the Parkway annex on Tuesday afternoons. This is a free event for adults who are writing at all different levels. Another session will begin after Spring Break.

Parenting Anxious Kids workshop was “excellent”. This workshop was hosted at the Public Health Center on Wednesday nights for four weeks. Names are being tracked for a second potential session after the March break. The workshops offer insight into skills and behaviour that parents can adopt to help their child ease his/her anxieties.

Lindsay would like to say a big Thank you for the dishwasher that she requested to help the Breakfast Club keep moving along. It is now installed and working. Breakfast Club meets Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the gym.

### **S.P.C.Report**

The question that the school has addressed this year is based on Social Responsibility. “Is teaching Social responsibility making a difference on the playground and in the classroom?” The students were rated on how they acted in certain situations and how they contributed to the school socially. By the end of last year, 41 children had been identified as approaching or not yet meeting requirements of being socially responsible. By November 2010, 11 of those children had moved away. Of the 30 remaining, 40% moved up into fully meeting guidelines. This will be re-assessed in May. Only grades 1-5 are involved. Teachers are responsible to chat with the parents whose children have been identified as struggling in this area.

### **Old Business:**

There is nothing to report

### **New Business:**

MJM Studios is a fundraising photography company that is offering to take photos for our school. For 15\$/family, you get a 10 minute session with the photographer and can include all of your family members into one photo if you'd like or get personalized photos of your children. You receive an 8x10 proof with this package as well as the sitting fee. The photographer takes 12-24 shots. You then have the option of ordering more photos direct from the photographer for a fee comparable to the one we currently use at the school for school photos. You can also order the full CD of all the poses for just over a hundred dollars. Angie Wilson will follow up on this.

The District Choir has been invited to sing with the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra in april and at the Children's Festival.

A proposal has been suggested to supply eye protection for the floor hockey tournaments should parents/kids wish to use it. Approximately 20 pairs could be made available. Sherry-Lynn Picheniuk will look into the cost.

New TV's have been requested for the school. The suggested size was 32" LCD televisions. We would need at least three for a total cost of not more than \$1500.00 which would include a warranty and power surge protection available at London Drugs. The old ones could be sold at the Garage Sale. The garage sale is tentatively booked for May and donations are already coming in.

Par-T-Perfect has confirmed that they will be at the end of year event on June 15/11 - Family fun night and art show from 5-7 pm at Parkway School. Mr. Jones has agreed to wear a red bathing suit as he perches in the dunk tank once again this year. GO RED!

Last Hot Lunch will be on May 20/2011.

June 24/11 will be the School Fun Day. Lunch and Face Painting will be supplied and a fun time will be had by all the students. Parent participation is encouraged.

The school has requested a digital photo frame to be placed near the front door entrance to house the vast catalogue of photos Mrs. Silvius takes of school events. She has been awarded a \$200.00 maximum if she can find one to purchase.

**Next Meeting - April 11 - 7:00 pm**

**Adjourned** - 8:05 pm