

Monday May 2/2011  
PAC Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dawn Follestad, Lindsay Christian, Sherry-Lynn Picheniuk, Michael Schutz,  
Donna Silvius, Kelly Jones, Allen Wilson, Angie Wilson,

Team Points: Green - 4, Blue - 2, Yellow - 5, Red - 100

Secretary's Report -  
Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report -  
Hot Lunch money is at par and the school is on track with the grant money. It has been a quiet month for revenue.

Trustee Report -  
Next Monday May 9/11, the budget will be passed for the school board and will resemble the budget put forth for last year. The same amount of money will be allotted to the schools. There was a survey on the school board website that, unfortunately, is no longer available to the public as the cut-off date was May 3/11. Please contact the school board direct should you have any pressing concerns. The school board web-site is [www.sd6d7.bc.ca](http://www.sd6d7.bc.ca)

The board is looking at capacity and school structure for next year. There are no anticipated school closures as enrollment is projected to increase starting next year. The middle and high schools, however, are feeling the impact of the decline in past years enrollment and will be forced to close classrooms within the schools. Modulars are expected to be added to Trout Creek and Summerland schools as their enrollment numbers exceed their capacity.

The board is in the middle of hiring a new principal for Summerland Middle School, a Mr. Jason Corday, who is coming to us from Vernon. The board is still looking for a principal for Giant's Head School in Summerland.

Principal's Report -  
A big Thank You to Donna, Linda, and Tracey for their efforts at hosting the last movie night of the school year, Gulliver's Travels, as Mr. Jones was attending a base-ball event. It was a success.

Earth Day was celebrated in the school and Thank You to Mrs. Morgan's class for planting the lovely flowers outside in the flower garden...the deer thank you all as well after feasting quite heavily late one evening.

The grades 4 and 5 students had a fantastic experience at the Building Cultural Bridges event recently held at Parkway School. There were 8 different stations to attend and one large teepee which was a big hit.

Cyber bullying was taught all the way down to Miss Manchalenko's grade 2/3 class this year and a repeat parent information session will be offered in the new school year for those parents interested in attending. The children have all found the course to beneficial and Mr. Jones is hoping for an interested parent turn-out in the fall. Stay tuned...

A great assembly was held on Monday May 2 on diversity. Mrs. Tucker's Kindergarten class presented a fun song on the theme and Mrs. Morgan's class acted to a power point on the power of 1. Both presentations were well done. The district choir also sang to the school and were, as always, beautiful.

Enrollment seems to be at the end of the downward trend we've witnessed in the past few years. There are 24 Kindergarten age children registered already for the 2011/2012 school year and Mr. Jones feels that we should easily be able to have two full time Kindergarten classes. Staffing levels appear to be consistent with this year as well, along with class configuration and sizes. Actual staffing will not be determined until late June.

Mrs. King is retiring this year. It was felt that she should be sent out in grand style at the Family Fun Night as part of the dunk tank entertainment. We are positive that Mr. Jones will have the best luck in arranging this for us.

There will be a fire drill this month.

Ready Set Learn is having another open house on May 12/11. This is an open invite to all 3 and 4 year olds who are "Getting Ready and Set to Learn".

The Children's Festival is coming up at the end of May. Tickets and the bus are being donated and the choir will be singing at this event as well.

The grade 3 class will be attending the West Bench run on May 11. Parents are expected to transport their children and then are encouraged to stay and watch the event.

The Kaleden run will be held on May 20/11 for grades 4 and 5 students.

The grade 5 students are beginning their transitions to Skaha Lake Middle School, KVR, and McNicoll. KVR has already attended an open house and coming up in June is the introduction to Skaha Lake Middle School. This meeting will involve students, parents, teachers, and counsellors.

School Photo Day is on May 10, as well as class photos.

Silly Hat Day is on May 13. We encourage all students to wear Montreal Canadian ball caps.

The Smart board seems to be a hit so far. It is being relocated out of Mrs. Tunnell's class and into Mrs. Raitt's class now for a little while. So far, the teachers are being very generous with sharing their new toy. We may have to talk about purchasing more in the future if they are well used.

The Fun Runs have started on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 11:30 to 12:00. Parents are encouraged to join their children to collect even more team points. Only half the track is currently being used as the other half was set up for flag football.

The grade 4 and 5 Track and Field meet is being held on June 1 at Pen Hi. Carmi School will be hosting the concession this year. Mrs. Silvius, however, still needs many parent volunteers to man the shot-putt event so please sign up by contacting her as soon as possible.

Agendas will be funded in part by the PAC again next year for grades 1-5.

The Toy lending library is open for Kindergarten parents every Friday morning and on the first Monday of each month from 6-7 pm. This has been a big hit with our families.

#### S.P.C. Report -

On May 31 from 3:30-5:30 there will be a Network Celebration. This is an opportunity for the schools in the district to display the progress they have made on their inquiry question put forth at the beginning of the school year. Parkway was focused on social responsibility and Mr. Jones will be present at the event with his board to show the results thus far in our school. Location to be announced.

#### Old Business -

We have not received a call back regarding the sponsor signage for the sport's court so our PAC President, Lindsay Christian, will now explore other avenues and hopefully we will have that up by the end of the school year.

#### New Business -

June 12 - Parking Lot Sale/Bottle drive/Barbeque in the Parkway Parking lot from 0800 to 1:00 pm. There will be a volunteer list and flyer e-mailed home to each student's parent as well as a take home notice. Mrs. Silvius' class will help to arrange signage for the event and Michael Schutz of the PAC will handle media coverage/advertising. A big Thank you to him for stepping up. It was a big help! Please volunteer as more parents are always needed to keep our school on track with exciting events.

June 15 from 5:00-7:00 pm is Family Fun Night. Again, parent volunteers are desperately needed for 1/2 hour stints each. A request will be sent home and also sent via e-mail by Mr. Jones. Par-T-Perfect is involved once again this year as well as grade 12 students who will donate time to do face painting...Thank you, thank you! We are hoping to host a book exchange in the gym as well and Mrs. Silvius will arrange for the book drop and allotting out the coupons you will receive in exchange for your books so that you can trade for new books. Also, just a reminder, we need parent participation for

these great events as the numbers involved in the PAC tend to dwindle down by this time of the year. Most of these events are partially or fully funded by the PAC and these events can only continue if more parents become involved.

Sue Koster is leaving so Mr. Jones is looking for a couple of replacements. The first is the 1:1 reading co-ordinator and the second is the Safe Arrival co-ordinator. If interested in either of these positions for next year please contact Mr. Jones. Thanks for all of your years of great work Sue.

PAC elections will be held next month at the PAC meeting. If you currently hold a position please attend so we can verify that you still want to hold that position.

Goals for next year's fundraising, PAC goals, and general school goals will be discussed at the next PAC meeting. Please attend.

Adjourned at 8:08 pm