

Minutes PAC Meeting  
Monday, September 13/2010

Present: Kathy Giguere, Donna Silvius, Susan Koster, Tish Johnstone, Tina Ben, Joy Borkwood, Allen Wilson, Angie Wilson, Dirk Goedhart, Dawn Follestad, Ayman Mostafa, Crystal Zaugg, Brenda Watson, Kim Simmons, Lindsay Christian, Tara Maxted, Don Maxted, Karen Korsmo, Louis Arsenault, Sherry-Lynn Picheniuk, Kelly Jones

Team Points:  
Green - 6  
Yellow - 14  
Red - 7  
Blue - 2

*1) Welcome & Introductions*

Kelly Jones - Principal  
Lindsay Christian - PAC President  
Angie Wilson - PAC Treasurer  
Dirk Goedhart - Vice Chair  
Susan Koster - 1:1 Reading & Safe Arrival  
Tina Ben - Hot Lunch Program  
Sherry-Lynn Picheniuk - PAC Secretary

2) *Guest Speaker* - No Guest Speaker

3) *Secretary's Report* - Nothing to Report

4) *Treasurer's Report*

Chequing Account - > 17'000 \$ at end of last school year  
10'000 \$ owed to School District to pay off playground  
Gaming Account - > 3'000 \$ - used for Field Trips mainly  
Government Grant - Unsure at this time of amount - Last year it was 2500 \$

5) *Trustee Report*

Tom Sindon was the Trustee last year. It is not known who will be in that position this year. Board Meetings at the school board are open to the public and are held on the 1st or 2nd Monday of every month.

6) *Principal's Report*

Kelly welcomed everyone back for another year, it being his third year here at Parkway. The last three years has seen money raised for a new playground and sports court. He encouraged people to continue to attend the meetings and ask questions. PAC is the

liaison with the other parents and a great medium for spreading positive messages of the direction the school is heading in.

Over the summer, the school was used for the Penticton Rec Program Day Camps which had a very good turn-out. The Gym floor was re-surfaced.

A new Kindergarten room was added where Mrs. Morgan's old room was. Mrs. Morgan was transferred to Mr. Clark's old room after he retired. Mr. Clark was not replaced. Mrs. Mercer retired and was replaced in the Office by Jean Killick, who has already proven extremely capable with students, parents, and peer staff members. Mrs. Zaugg is awaiting confirmation of her position in the school as music teacher. Mrs. Porteous is also awaiting confirmation of her position as half-time Kindergarten teacher for the third Kindergarten class at Parkway. Kelly Caruso, a part-time teacher at Skaha Lake Middle School, will replace Laura Pronger, who retired, in the Library.

Enrollment is up from last year, however, the number of divisions is down by one. There are approx. 49-50 Kindergarten children with 8 of those being full-time enrolled. There are large classes this year; up to 28 in the intermediate classes and 23 in the primary classes. There was a delay at the beginning of the year as the school was hoping for another division but was the fifth in line for only four divisions so did not receive it. There are approximately 245 children enrolled this year. There are more boys enrolled than girls. Class placements are based on boy/girl ratio, academic status, behaviour, Special Ed/learning needs, Teacher recommendations, and parent requests.

CEA Time (Education Assistant) was explained as based on money given to the school from the Ministry of Education. Each designated child enrolled with the Ministry brings in a certain amount of money that the school uses/disperses based on need. The school is down to 5 Assistants this year from 7-8 last year. Cathy Terrace is in charge of EA's and scheduling for our school and does a fantastic job.

Fun Run starts on September 15 and will run M, W, F for 1/2 hour until November or it gets too cold. Parents are encouraged to attend. The Fun Run re-starts in April. The Fun Run helps to meet the Daily Physical Activity Requirements set by the government along with Gym (PE).

Soccer Meeting for grades 4 & 5 is September 14. Notices will go out. It's a lot of fun and all kids are accepted who sign up.

The Open House is on Thursday October 7 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. It will consist of a Pizza Dinner and 2\$ T-shirt sale/swap. This is a great event for families to socialize and meet the teachers. It was a huge success last year!

The Terry Fox Run is on September 30 and is being arranged by Mrs. Silvius.

School T-Shirts and School Backpacks are on sale in the Office.

Mrs. Kellick is organizing house team colors for the new children in Parkway. There are four teams and the children keep the same color for their entire time in Parkway. They sign the banner in the gym and earn points for the fun run, returning newsletters, helping around the school or in class and there is a trophy at the end of the year. Red won last year. Students are to wear their school t-shirt or a t-shirt in their school home group color each Wednesday for points. The trophy went missing at the end of last year. Mr. Jones has replaced it with a new one this year in the display case.

September 27 is School photo day. Mrs. Caruso is trying to arrange an author visit at the same time.

The Bag Lunch program is run out of Queen's Park School. The school will provide a free lunch and snack for those children who are not able to bring a lunch to school. All it takes is for a parent to chat with Mr. Jones very briefly to sign their child up for the program.

There are a few planners short this year in Mrs. King's class but they will be coming. Planners were 5\$/child and the rest of the cost was subsidized by the PAC.

Again this year, parents are asked to donate 2\$ if their child takes a bus on a field trip. It is a donation and not mandatory. The PAC along with the transportation allowance from the school board generally pays the rest.

#### 7) *S.P.C. Report*

The School Planning Council consists of members of the PAC who look at the school goals. There are 2 meetings/year in the school district to talk about goals. The inquiry question Mr. Jones and the staff want to pose this year revolves around social responsibility. "Is teaching the new code of conduct going to see changes in conduct/behavior?"

1:1 Reader was discussed. It is open to parents/seniors/aunts/etc... who are willing to spend at least 1/2 hour with a child on M, T, Th, or F. There is training for volunteers and Susan Koster is looking for at least two more volunteers. Safe Arrival is up and going again and Susan Koster is also looking for a couple more volunteers willing to phone home to those children who do not show up for school. This takes approx 45 minutes to an hour.

Criminal record checks are required for all volunteers in the school. One can obtain the form from Mrs. Killett and it gets filled out and sent to Vancouver or the local Police Department. Volunteers only have to have one criminal record check done for the entire time that their child is in Parkway School.

#### Wish List:

- a) There is a presentation on Smart Boards (interactive white boards) that will be considered

- b) Accelerated Reading Program - A Reward based program
- c) Levelled books for the library
- d) 2nd computer for the classroom
- e) Laminator as there is no longer one in the school
- f) Field Trips
- g) More playground equipment - specifically for primary level
- h) Breakfast Club - Starbucks to supply a staff member, all of the milk 1-2 days/week. The school would have to supply the granola/muffins - approx 1000\$/year. The school can then apply for a grant at the end of the year. BC Fruit Packers have been known to donate fruit to other school in the past.

#### 8) Old Business

Sports Court - Enough money has been raised. It will be 50x80 feet with a big brick wall on one side. It will be situated beside the tarmac between the baseball diamond and the soccer field. John Hickling is our contact with the school district but the project has been put on hold indefinitely due to available resources. Giant's Head school is still first in line to receive their playground. The school district may not be able to start work on the sports court til' the spring. The school may need to look into a private alternative.

Hot Lunch - Domino's was decided on by Tina Ben to be offered weekly on Fridays along with fruit leathers, milk, juices, and an alternating fruit or vegetable box. A form was handed out at the PAC meeting to try and obtain volunteers. Domino's has offered to supply pizza for staff meetings and PAC meetings as well. The program is expected to begin in October.

#### 9) New Business

Fundraising meeting is scheduled for October 5 from 7pm-8pm or later - may be 1 1/2 hours. It will be held in the Parkway Library

10) Next Meeting - October 4 2010 from 7pm - 8pm

Adjournment - 0812 pm September 13/2010