

MINUTES  
PAC Meeting  
September 17, 2009

**Welcome/Call to Order 6:30pm**

**Attendees:** Gena Lowe (vice-chair), Jenny Chick (chair), Char-Lynn Bubar (treasurer), Katherine Switzer, Connie Denesiuk (trustee), Deena Thiede, Paula Reay (principal), KaraLee Cave (secretary), Corinne Mercer, Leona Hopman Hrnccirik, Sara Noble, Diane Henderson, Sharon Herman, Robyn DeYoung, Debbie Patterson, Lisa Jaager, Dianna Mortensen, Lara Hughes

**Approval of agenda**

**Executive Reports**

Chair - Jenny Chick

a) Student Safety/Parking Issues - 4 way stops are in place, municipality reluctant to put them in but agreed to put them in on a trial basis for one month. We will put out feedback checklist in newsletter to see if parents think it is helping the traffic situation. Many ideas on how to help with traffic problems include "kiss & ride", no parking from corner entrance until after next entrance on Johnson toward lake. Connie Denesiuk suggests that we meet with Dave Hill and John Hickling to discuss options.

b) Family Photo Day - Basil Cooper October 17 & 18. Sign up sheet will be on PAC board closer to the date. Was suggested that if someone can't make those dates they might want to contact Karen Edwards who did the photos last year.

c) Class Representatives

\* Addison Tues/Thurs Sharon Mansiere,  
Mon/Wed KaraLee Cave

- \* Reidl - Lisa Jaager
- \* Odian - Deena Thiede
- \* Pryde - Gena Lowe
- \* Miles - Corinne Mercer
- \* Millman - Leona Hopman Hrnccirik
- \* Rose - CharLynn Bubar
- \* Thorp - Dianne Hendersen

### Vice Chair - Gena Lowe

a) Welcome Back BBQ September 24. Need more volunteers, only one so far. Suggested by Sharon Hermon that people should bring their own plates to save on waste. Will put that in the newsletter but will have paper on hand. Mrs Reidl in charge of food bank donations and will have a box out at the BBQ to collect any, will mention this in the newsletter as well.

### Treasurer - Char-Lynn Bubar

a) Current Financial Status - Sports Court has been paid out and is DONE!! Bench should be paid by the end of the month. Plaques should be on in the next couple of weeks. Gaming grant has gone down to \$10 per student this year (was \$20 per student last year).

### Secretary - KaraLee Cave

a) Penny Lane- January and March are the only months left, will try to get the last weekend in March. Also try to book for the following school year November 2010.

b) Innisbrook - waiting to hear from rep who is away. Will call again early next week if haven't heard from her by Friday. Will also look into cookie dough fundraiser and Neptune frozen foods, must pass through Paula for "healthy eating".

Lots of ideas for fundraisers including "Burger and Beer" through local restaraunts, sell tickets and restaurant donates portion to the school. Tupperware, Cobs Bakery (Gena will look into Cobs). KVR fundraiser (Lisa Jaager) bbq and train ride, \$10 per person, \$2000-\$2400 to break even. Will discuss further and decide which has best return.

### **School Trustee Report - Connie Denesiuk**

\*happy to be at TC, her children used to attend

\* Welcomes phone calls and emails 494-8631

connie\_denesiuk@telus.net

\* School startup went smoothly, new superintendant Wendy Hyer

\* funding challenges are high this year, building funds suffering, layoffs in carpentry, maintenance

\* Hardship Policy - no child will ever be denied opportunities

offered because of hardship

\* H1N1 info out, southern hemisphere been through flu season and saying that it wasn't much worse than any other flu season

\* Public Board Meeting October 5 6:30pm at school board office in Penticton SD67.bc.ca

### **Principal's Report - Paula Reay**

\* Pleased to welcome Mrs Odian to a full time position, and also welcome to Mrs Rose

\* Wendy Hyer has been in the school which is great to see

\* with cutbacks comes tighter employee time and services, tough times coming and will probably be worse next year

\* numbers are up so we have another 1/2 division

\* Asking PAC to consider \* \$200 Watercolor wishlist from teachers

\* PE opportunities for students eg. skipping, hiphop, judo, gymnastic

\* \$100 classroom grants would be welcomed

\* Thanks Gena for doing the hot lunch program which is important in funding swimming, etc

\* One to One Reading program will be starting Oct 1. Anyone interested in helping should contact Corinne Mercer. Corinne is training Rebecca Walton who will take over next year.

\* Please ask parents to remind children to wash their hands!!!

\* After school french club interest, 1/week for grades 2/3, 2/week for grades 4/5. Fee for tutor, can PAC survey to see if there is enough interest?

\*Dianne Hendersen questioned if there could be a "flat annual fee" for field trip bussing. Was suggested that Paula do a "prepay coupon" system

\* as agreed last year 2 parent levels, PAC and SPC (school planning council), will both be represented at monthly PAC meetings

\* Dianna Mortensen active on the SPC

\* SPC is the "business and law behind school planning"

\* BILL 33 - will present school issues to SPC, class numbers, IEP (Individual Education Plan) students per class. This does not

mean that the school will get more funds

- \* 1st week of school is used to get firm numbers so that the district can plan for the year

- \* it is law that if there is above 3 IEPs in a class that there must be a meeting with all staff involved

- \* there is not enough funds to hire CEA's

- \* testing for learning disabilities can be determined no earlier than grade 2 or 3

- \* it has to be determined how to accomodate these children with or without funding

### **School Planning Council - Dianne Mortensen**

- \* SPC tracks students at a district level, issues that each school has and how it affects the district

### **New Business**

Strong Start Program - Lara Hughes speaking on Suzanne Chevrie's behalf. At Giants Head School every morning, free program, go with your child, great program. Info will be left with Kim at the office.

Issue of puddle at playground near the kindergarten stairs brought up. It and the mud/ice that collects at the corner gate is a safety issue. Paula will mention to John Hickling.

**Meeting adjourned 8:15**