

## PAC MEETING MINUTES

8 Oct 2014

### Introductions

#### PAC Chair report:

PAC executive elections this evening. PAC chair, both secretaries stepping down. One treasurer would prefer to move on. PAC chair called for volunteers for PAC exec. Marina volunteered to be a co-chair with someone else. Emily C. reappointed as Treasurer. As there no more volunteers and not enough to fill executive slate, PAC executive elections-by-acclimation were moved toward end of meeting.

#### Principal's report:

Mr Adams welcomed us to the new school year and made some comments about the abrupt end and start to the year. The teachers have been fantastic, flexible, catching up with preparing this new year. We have nearly 390 students now, using every available space. 9 divisions English, 7 divisions French immersion. New staff: Miss Elaine Soo teaching K until Xmas, Miss Jenny Kwan Gr 1, Mr. Lurch now in computer room, Miss Jessica Leisure Gr 6-7. Cross country up and running Wednesdays & Thursdays, mini-meets with local schools. Final city meet at Trout Lake is really special to see, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Teachers' report:

M. Dominic: some teachers' wish list items have changed, as teachers' assignments have changed. They will develop new wish list internally. Rob F. suggested they have a look at budget to know how much they can spend. Teachers will have technology committee meeting with VSB and will get back to us. We have lost computer lab last year to make a classroom, redistributed the ancient desktop computers. We have an iPad cart in M. Dominick's room but it's for whole school; need more. A parent asked about who buys computers. Laptops are lent to us by VSB on a 3-year lease; desktops were bought by VSB. All computer equipment is acquired via VSB; problematic to accept donated equipment because it may not meet VSB security standards.

#### Secretary report:

Chantal sent report to Victoria. We have all but one class rep; missing Mlle Mesa ... parent volunteered at meeting.

#### Treasurer report:

We have at least \$25,000 carried over from last year. We don't think gaming grant has arrived yet.

#### School Planning Council report:

SPC works with principal. Victoria, Chantal are on SPC, need an executive member to come onto SPC. Victoria and Mr Adams are working on Rainy Day club for (place to children to go when it's raining).

#### Members at Large report

### *Hot Lunch Fundraiser:*

Wendy and Marina working on update to hot lunch program in response to new regulations from VSB last year. Now online ordering system is live. It will remain live, but orders will have to come in before 5 or 6 days of the lunch. Prefer everyone to make orders for the term, but it is possible to order only a few weeks at a time. Breaking lunch payment into smaller payments can't be done online unless you order, say, 1 month at a time. Ordering seems to work well except for those with some old Internet Explorer browsers. Paper copies also available in office. Will get email reminder day before to tell you your kid will get hot lunch next day. Pay by credit card online, cheque or cash in office. PAC will earn more money if you pay cheque or cash, but more work for volunteers. Lunch online system cannot accommodate our sibling discount; place your order, email order number of siblings to Wendy, and she will put the \$ credit on your munchalunch account so when you order again you will have a credit. Everyone should have gotten an email regarding hot lunch program from their class rep.

We have families who cannot afford hot lunch and we sponsor them; last item on hot lunch order is to donate to sponsor child in need. If you know of a family who feels they can't afford it, encourage them to order and then send Wendy an email.

Hot lunch is vastly biggest fundraiser we do; brings in the main stuff we fund. Because we do this we don't have to do a lot of fundraisers that don't make as much money. Hot lunch is twice per week: Pizza Tuesdays (Rocky Mountain Flatbread), and Cooked Thursdays. Please volunteer; need parents to volunteer to cook and serve. Have been doing Hot Lunch twice per week for 4 years. Nutritional guidelines from VSB mean can't serve juice and chocolate milk very often (water and milk every lunch), serving on trays will expand fruit & veg offering. In the past kids could choose whether to take fruit and veg; now it will go on every tray. Developing partnership with Loblaws which we hope will help subsidize food costs, and maybe sponsor some of our developmental programs. Kitchen Corner has also partnered with us to help us get trays.

Twice per month there is a BC Fruit and Vegetable program and we get fruit and vegetables to give out. Hot lunch volunteers divide it up and send to classrooms. This is not part of the hot lunch fundraiser; it is a separate program.

A new parent raised issue with kids not eating the lunches they send from home. Teachers and parents commented that this is a common problem for kindergarteners but usually gets better. Unfortunately we do not have staff resources to help get kids to eat lunch. There is already staggered lunch times, hard to make more time for it. Mr Adams suggests it is looked at as individual child issue. We have a lunchroom pressure, lunchroom can only accommodate 8 divisions at a time, and we have 16 divisions, so lunchroom is already complicated. Older kids go out to play first, then come back and eat.

Munchalunch can be used for all kinds of ordering to do with the PAC.

The reduced sugar chocolate milk that is served occasionally has no artificial sweeteners added, it is just less sweet.

### *Spirit Committee*

Carly gave Spirit Committee report. Lincoln's design for logos & T-shirts was presented. It looks great and we are all very happy to see this happening. We're all set to order a set of Sports shirts to outfit our

various teams and hope to have these sometime in November for our Volleyball teams. As well Spirit Wear should be for sale online in November as well.

The Spirit Committee is also planning to have a PJ Day in November. And we're gearing up to solicit volunteers and donations for Winter Fair again. A date for which is TBD shortly.

#### *Family Photo Night*

New program! We have a professional photographer parent (Renata) who will come up with days and options.

#### *Community Garden Project*

Friday putting up the sign, made by local artist, with partnerships Lululemon, Spark, Hudson. Twoonies for tulips for the unlandscaped land where they replaced the fence; everyone can plant a tulip as a mini-fundraiser and to make everyone part of the garden. Spuds in tubs is government-subsidized program to grow potatoes in your classroom. Friday M. Dominick's class is cleaning out the garden. If anyone has a compost bin at home there will be a lot of stuff so it would be great if you took some of it away. Getting it ready for winter and starting to plant kale & garlic. Original soil had poor pH balance; when the soil was changed the gardens took off.

#### *Choir*

Hoping to start week of Oct 20. Gr 4-7 in gym after school; need to find space inside Wednesdays lunchtime for Gr 1-3. Kindergarten students not recommended to join choir first term; most cannot manage it well until terms 2 or 3.

#### *Halloween*

Mr Adams has talked to Jane to do Halloween fair this year with staff; a centres approach with various activities. PAC has \$350 to spend, and we have Halloween stuff from previous years. Last year recruited grade 6 & 7 classes to do the haunted house; great that this year the grade 6 & 7 classes will take lead on the fair.

#### *Guest Speaker Program*

Victoria reported on previous speakers. Rob has invited MLA. If you know someone who would be fascinating for the kids, let Victoria know.

#### *Earthquake Kits*

Mr Adams reported that there are about 20 still left from last year to go back to kids; this is a parent-run program so we can re-do it if we want. Earthquake supply shed is fine.

#### *Direct Donation Campaign*

Alan has put forward idea for parents to consider donate some of the money they will be receiving from the provincial government to the school.

#### PAC Elections revisited

After a brief huddle to plan, a new PAC executive was presented to the PAC and elected by acclamation:

Chair: Marina P.

Co-chair: Alan PM

Co-secretaries: Shellee & Dana

Treasurer: Emily

We can Review roles in January, we can add people at any meeting.

**Motion:** To pass this executive into existence at this meeting. Everyone can vote except teacher and current PAC chair. Vote accepted.

Andrea thanked last year's executive for all their work.

Minutes from last meeting approved: Jerry, Andrea

Mr Adams made some final comments about Rob F's tenure as PAC chair:

"I sit through many committees and meetings with many different people in different roles. In a complex system there are those asking for stuff to be done (why doesn't someone do this ...), but backbone is the few people who have a good idea and will get it done. This is the thing that really characterized Rob: this is what needs to be done and I'll do it, more than anyone I've ever seen on a PAC. Real stuff gets done only by people like you."

Meeting adjourned: Mitch, Wendy.