

November 17th PAC Meeting Notes

WELCOME

Kerri Turner, PAC Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

- Motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015 and approve today's agenda
Motion: Sheilagh W., Seconded: Paula G.

TREASURER REPORT

- Motion to adopt report
Motion: Julie W, Seconded: Charlotte
- Currently \$33,318.71 in the general account
- PayPal Account has \$6,613.82
- Gaming Account has \$5,780.00

OLD BUSINESS

- Volleyball Nets – Have been ordered and purchased. We are waiting on parts from Montreal

NEW BUSINESS

- Spirit Club – New Spirit Club has been formed. Comprised of 6 Grade 6s and led by Miss Lindsay. This club is responsible for promoting school spirit days.
 - Pajama Drive – We are currently collecting NEW pajamas which will be donated to the Surrey Christmas Bureau. Accepting sizes 0-16yrs.
 - Fleur Family Pretzels – Will go on sale in December for \$2/bag. Proceeds will be donated to the PAC. Last year this fundraiser raised approximately \$1,200!
 - Wish lists items from students, parents, and teachers were brought forth. Items included:
 - 1) Novel request from Mrs. St. Cyr (Grade 6/7 teacher)
 - Class set of 'I am Malala' (biography) (34 copies)
 - About a female from Pakistan fighting to get an education
 - Modern and relevant for tweens
 - Jody W. (parent and librarian) states it is a good book and can probably be purchased for \$7/book
 - ❖ This book request brought forth a question on how our library is funded. It was noted that some books are very outdated, such as the encyclopedias which are from 1996. A parent, Jody W., also a librarian, inquired into how the library is funded and noted that the library needs to make sure it is buying well bound, quality books.
- *Ms. Kippan, teacher of Grades 5 & 6, presented staff wish list below
- 2) Individual speakers for classrooms
 - Teachers use new projectors now, which allow for speakers, computers, document cameras etc. to be plugged in.

- The speakers in the projectors are not loud enough for all of the students to hear, especially if there is anyone in the class who is hard of hearing
 - Requested speakers are Bose brand from Best Buy, \$115 per set. 1-2 year warranty. Not wireless. Jody W. suggested getting wireless ones, but no one is sure if they will work in our school or not
- 3) Staff Room Renovation.
- New furniture and perhaps knock out wall between staff room and speech pathology room.
- 4) Microphone for Each Class (that would work with iPads)
- \$25 each
 - used by the students while making movies and presentations on the iPads. The speaker would wear the microphone so they would be heard better by the iPad taking the video.
- 5) Speaker Unit for Gym
- For assemblies, presentations, christmas concerts, events.
 - Approx \$2,300
 - Portable so they can be taken outside
 - Would be on a cart or on wheels and small enough that the students could maneuver
- 6) iPads need updating in the next two years
- Currently 40 iPad 2s in the school, 30 of which are on a cart
 - PAC purchased the iPad 2s 3.5 years ago. They are still currently supported by the district and will be fixed if broken
 - 2 currently broken and will be replaced with iPad minis, additional one has broken camera
 - Will need to purchase 30 new iPad Airs in the next two years, as the iPad 2s will not support the current technology
- 7) Increasing Discretionary Money
- Currently teachers receive \$10 per student as discretionary money for the year.
 - This money is usually spent on field trips and other resources
- 8) Gym Equipment
- Spent \$1,300 replacing old gym equipment in June (ex – balls, rackets, hockey sticks)
 - Noted that the school has a budget for this, but would appreciate PAC support
- 9) LST Room Printer
- Approx \$350-\$600
 - Children would be able to print from their classroom to the LST room
 - Children could use voice to dictate to printer if they have trouble writing the language

*Mr. Paul Marsden presented additional two items below

- 10) Art Start Presentations

- School received some money from district, but any help from PAC would be appreciated
- It was \$800 for the presentation
- 11) ELL teacher requested “Carousel of Ideas” book series
 - approx \$1,600
- 12) Stove for Main Kitchen (inquiry by parent)
 - PAC has been looking into this issue. Stove is old and could use replacing, but it is still working
 - Pricing for new stove has been researched. Approx \$525 including delivery and collection of old stove
 - Adele Y. will ask around to see if anyone is getting rid of any of their “like new” stoves

NEW BUSINESS

- School Sign –Inquiries In Progress – Approx \$4,600. Simple sign, no illumination
- Burnadette (student) requested permission to do fundraising for Syrian refugee crisis. Would like to sell scones to raise money to sponsor 30 year old gay man from Syria through Circle of Hope (Rainbow Refugee). 100% of the money raised will go to Rainbow Refugee
- Chore Drive – K-4 will do chores at home to raise money for charity. Chore booklet to be sent home with students. They will hope to earn \$1 for each chore accomplished. Money will go to gift cards for groceries
- Christmas Tree Charity – there will be a tree in the school with “ornaments”, each listing an item to be purchased for charity. Items typically go to North end schools
- Suggested used clothing drive. Student driven initiative. Suggestion of clothing perhaps going to refugees this year
- School Play – Volunteers Needed!!

PRINCIPAL REPORT

- New Curriculum Mandatory starting September 2016
 - Not a huge shift for teachers, mostly new language/terminology
 - Some teachers have started to incorporate some of the new curriculum this year (FreshGrade and online portfolios)
 - Mostly a change in engagement. Looking toward the future, as many jobs that current students will have, don’t even exist yet. Preparing for a technology centered future. The world is changing and the students will need a different set of skill than we did. Curriculum will be more skill based, rather than knowledge based, emphasizing creativity. Core competencies will stay the same - english, math, writing, etc. New curriculum will allow for more flexibility and will incorporate student passions. More project based and hands-on, focusing on critical thinking, communication competency, creative thinking, and personal and social competency (personal awareness and regulation).
 - New curriculum mandatory in high schools in September 2017

- www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca/tools
- Some teachers at our school currently using Freshgrade (digital portfolios) to share progress with parents (presentations, ongoing assessments)
- Success of the program greatly based on how well staff commits to the new ideas.
- Information Parent Night Out on December 1st, 6:30-7:30 at HT Thrift.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:11pm

NEXT PAC MEETING DECEMBER 8th at 9AM and will include voting on the “wish-list” items