

March 07, 2016 PAC Meeting Minutes

WELCOME

Kerri Turner, PAC Co-President, called the meeting to order at 9:03am

- Motion to approve the agenda of February 16, 2016
Motion approved: Marilyn, Seconded: Adele Y.
- Motion to approve the minutes
Motion approved: Paula G, Seconded: Trevor M.

TREASURER REPORT

- Transferred \$10,000 to PayPal account to General Account
- Money from the Learning Resources SD account is being spent, but we do not have a record of what it is being spent on. Once the money has been transferred to the SD account, it is not PAC money anymore; it is then Paul Marsden's responsibility
- Grad Funds have not been paid out yet
- iPads, Selema Noon, yearbook, and class speakers are all paid out
- Check with Paul about gym speakers (would be nice to have for grad, games day, jog-a-thon)

FUNDRAISING REPORT

- Pub Night has been postponed to April 23
- Possible fundraising idea – Rosemary Heights did a fundraising dance at Elgin Hall. The night included a live band, live auction, dance, dinner, BYOB. The evening was very successful. Prizes were donated by businesses in the community

DPAC

- The last meeting was on February 24th
- There is a spring annual general meeting coming up (Adele will check on the date if anyone is interested).
 - The meeting is 3 days and 2 nights in Kelowna. Any parent can go, but the trip is not funded by the PAC (the interested party must pay their own way)
 - PAC can fill out a proxy for so that the DPAC treasurer can vote for us
- Next DPAC meeting is on April 27, 2016

OLD BUSINESS

- Wish list items
 - Microphones – Ms. Pflanz is in charge of ordering the microphones. We are not sure where we are at on this. Follow-up by Paul
 - Gym speakers – Paul and Trevor will look into speakers over spring break. Trevor checked online during our meeting and Long & McQuade is selling middle of the range wireless speakers for approximately \$500 each (plus tri-pod stands)
- Motion to spend up to \$2,000 on gym speakers
Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed

- Mural
 - Old school mural is peeling and will be painted over. A new mural will be painted on a different wall on the front of the school.
 - This new location will be high enough that it cannot be vandalized easily and will not be in the direct sunlight, so it should last a lot longer.
 - Mural to be painted before September
- Motion to spend up to \$600 on a new mural
Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

- Hot lunch order website
 - The website charges a fee every year
- Motion to pay the fee for the continued use of the hot lunch website
Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed
- Kevin
 - School and PAC have been trying to come up with a way to commemorate Kevin
 - Paul Marsden has come to find out that there are very specific guidelines from the district that the school must follow. We have considered several ideas including planting a tree and adding a “buddy bench” to the playground. District will not allow a tree, Paul will look into a “buddy bench”

OPEN FORUM

- Yearbooks will be sold again this year. Notices have been sent out to teachers to see if they have any photos of the students that should be added to the yearbook
- Kevin’s Passing – The teachers read a pre-prepared statement to the students in the morning. Counsellors were available to teachers and students. Many parents wanted to know if their children should attend the service. Kevin’s parents wanted parents to decided that based on their individual child
- Important Dates:
 - Running Club Starts Friday April 1
 - Bake Sale is April 19
 - Jog-a-thon is May 4
 - Games Day is June 03

PRINCIPAL REPORT

- Play
 - 643 tickets have been sold so far
 - The Tuesday evening performance is sold out and the Wednesday evening performance has fewer than 50 tickets left. Students from Chantrell Elementary have been invited for the afternoon performances
 - The school cannot afford a professional videographer, so a request has been put out to the parents at the school and also to the Semiahmoo High film club for any volunteers.

- Students Population Numbers
 - Projected student population for Semiahmoo Elementary in September 2016 is 320 students. This will probably be divided into 12 divisions.
 - 49 students will be graduating this June and 31 new students have signed up so far to start in September 2016
 - Last year 16 students were turned away due to the high numbers
- Bake Sale
 - The teachers have requested that the bake sale be done at the end of the day, rather than at lunch time, to prevent the students from eating and playing with their goodies all afternoon. They have also requested that the sale be in the gym
 - PAC has requested a 2:10pm start time, so that we have enough time to get each class through all of the tables
 - PAC agrees that the bake sale will be April 19
- School Plan
 - Paul Marsden is in the midst of updating the School Plan. Issues being looked at right now are:
 - New curriculum/reporting
 - Looking at social/emotional learning
 - Putting together an online survey
 - Re-vamping the code of conduct
 - Staff wrestling with the use of electronics by students outside. For the most part, the staff agrees that grades 5-7 are fine to use electronics outside and that they use them appropriately (listen to music, play games, etc). The school will be trying out an “Electronics Free April” starting on April 4, 2016.
- A big thank you to Lori McKinnon for running the basketball program at the school!!!

Meeting Adjourned at 10:37am

NEXT PAC MEETING APRIL 20 AT 7PM