

PAC Meeting Notes – January 18th, 2010

In Attendance: Wendy McColl, Melissa Sheinhauer, Linda Steinhauer, Zan Kelly, Gilbert Chau, Danielle Doucette, Brett Caton, Chantal Minten, Alan Patola Moosmann, Mary Inglis, Madhab Prasad, Rina Bawadi Bajgai, Fedja Mulabdic, Reena Lazar, Sheila C, Deborah Francis, Robert Ford, Andrea MacLeod, Bruce Poritt, Kathleen Boyd, Colleen Wong, Lynne Spencer, Lisa Slakov, Rob Murray, Lorie Srivastava

Motion to accept last meeting minutes (by Sheila Carpenter, Seconded by Lynne Spencer)

Chair Report - Robert Ford provided an update:

- Book Drive: -January 27th, 2010 at morning drop-off
- set up in school lobby in front of library
- collecting books, DVD's and puzzle
- all material should be for children
- Ms. Nikon will take a pass for library intake
- Teachers will take a pass for classroom material
- remaining items will be sold for fundraiser

Creative Writing Workshop:

- all material is complete
- Robert is unsure if publishing the material is appropriate, would like some input from Lori and Kate
- level of writing seems to not meet grade level standards
- writing standards is a larger issue that needs addressing in the future

Secretary Report - Lynne Spencer provided an update:

- Hudson Choir was a success, hopes to offer another session in the spring
- would like input and ideas on extra curricular activities from parents

Treasurers Report - Sheila Carpenter and Andrea MacLeod provided an update

- General overview of the Budget (see attached) by Sheila and Andrea MacLeod.
- Roberts explained the essence of the Gaming Account and how that money needs to be spend on “Non-curriculum” activities and thus is in a separate account.
- Roberts explained the essence of the “Pay What You Can” fund
- Brett Caton expressed surprised at the low amount of funds raised from the entertainment books and would like to discuss, at the next meeting, an idea future fundraising project.
- Lorie Srivastava suggested a specified meeting to look over all the fundraisers. Effort vs. revenue

- Debra Francis suggested a “Hot Lunch” plan to make it more affordable for parents with multiple children and to ensure everyone is included who would like to be
- Wendy McColl talked about “Hot Lunch” sponsorship for individual children. There are already several children who are sponsored and that there is need for this program to grow.
- Roberts made a note to send Thank you notes to these sponsors.
- Debra, Zan, Sheila and Andrea discussed why there was typically \$5000 carried forward and this budget has only \$1159.53.
- reason seems to be the conservative estimate for “Hot Lunch” revenue and conservative guess for TBD spring fundraiser

Motion to accept the Budget (by Lynne Spencer, Seconded by Rob Murray)
A VOTE in favour was held and passed unanimously

Hudson Choir Update:

- Catherine Campolin spoke about the success of the Holiday Choir.
- For future concerts would like to coordinate with the teacher a little better
- Would like to offer another choir session in the spring, after March Break
- Kathleen Boyd suggested that the Volunteer Tea would be a good time to perform in the spring, rather than during the talent show

Principal’s Report

- Bruce Porritt spoke cross catchment families. Families in the catchment have 1st priority. This does not apply to French Immersion Families as those intake years are only K and Gr 1. Siblings to children already in the school in a given program will have priority.
- The Hudson Hailer is officially electronic. It will be posted on the website each month but there will not be an e-mail notification by the office that it has been posted.
- There will be a Satisfaction survey sent to all families in Gr 4 and 7
- FSA testing will begin for Gr 4 and 7 in reading, writing and math
- Friday Bingo Night, January 28th, Grade 7 Fundraiser
- February 10th, French Carnival, 3rd Annual
- This is the final week for the Gymnastics Program
- Bruce attended a Go Green conference with four students from the school and will be further developing the Hudson Recycling Program
- There are now three Smart Boards in the school. They are in the library and two classrooms; Mme Novotny’s and Mr. Mureses’. Ms Nikon has offered to do a demonstration at a future PAC meeting for parents
- The Reflection Garden is underway, the tiles are in place and the rest of the installation will continue in the next couple of weeks
- This week the school will host a tea for the Korea Multicultural workers and families

>> Robert added a note from Lisa Slakov who had to leave early: "There is support for a Haiti Collection jar at the Book Drive. She also wanted parent to know that the Grade 7 leaders will be setting up a fund raising activity. Please watch for details soon.

>> Danielle Doucette explored the idea of setting up a running club. She was advised that Lynne could help with questions and it could be "run" through West Area 2.

SPC Update

- Deborah explain the SPC consists of Bruce, on teacher and three parents
- Reading is the focus
- there is link on the Hudson Website with details
- generally the focus is on assistance, measuring and reporting over time
- Zan Kelly, Deborah Francis and Monica Murray will be the parent participants of the SPC as Hudson's representatives.

A VOTE in favour was held and passed unanimously

Hot Lunch Update

- Wendy reiterated the idea to offer a deal to families with more than one child
- Lori suggested that the idea be tested during the next round
- All agreed that this was a good idea and that they would take a look at the current data to see what should be tested
- Wendy put it out there that more sponsorships would be greatly appreciated and are needed
- They will be looking for more HL volunteers
- Debra said they will not commit to it unless they have enough volunteers
- Danielle suggested that a description of the position be sent out so that people know what to expect

New Business

- Lori has a history of work with Researchers at UBC who utilize the FSA scores to track children's progress and make recommendation to the VSB. They advise on issue such as ESL and All Day Kindergarten.
- Lori suggested that one of the researchers would be willing to come and speak to parents on this issue
- Lynne suggested that Hudson could host a night in the gym for all interested parents in the neighbouring area to come hear the speaker.

Robert Ford indicated that the next PAC Meeting would happen in February, date TBA.

Motion to adjourn the meeting (7:50pm) by Robert Ford, seconded by Lynne Spencer.