

PAC Meeting Notes – June 7, 2010

- Start time: 6:35 p.m.
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Sheila C., seconded by Rob Murray

PAC Chair Report

- Robert welcomed new principal, Bridget Browning, and had all attendees state their name and the grade their child was in.

Year End BBQ – June 24

- Robert handed out the project planning document and explained that we still need parents to volunteer with tickets, food distribution, monitoring the bouncy castle, etc. It was all detailed in the document
- We are hoping for a bigger turnout than previous years, especially from the Grade 6 and 7's who can attend without a parent, as there will be chaperones.
- The number of sign-ups from Kindergarten students is low. It was asked that Kindy parents mention the BBQ to other parents.
- It was mentioned that the daycare needs to be involved and informed about the BBQ. Deborah said she had spoken to them initially, and Zan will talk to them again.

Update on coming meeting with VSB on Wed., June 9

- Robert, Zan and Deborah will be attendees from the PAC
- The goal is to ask for help with the heavy load of special needs students in Grades 6 and 7 next year.
- They will also discuss literacy and ask what we can do to improve the numbers

PAC Secretary Report

- This item was skipped, as the secretary was unable to attend the meeting.

PAC Treasurer Report

Next Year Calendar

- The treasurers are proposing a Holiday Fair to take place in late November to bundle and include several fundraising efforts like: poinsettia orders, raffle tickets, bake sale, etc. This would be a great time to encourage families to come out and think about Xmas gifts.
- Sheila handed out a sheet detailing proposed PAC events (including Fund Raising) for the next school year. She asked that we look at the first term and discuss events from Sep – Dec.

- Tue., Sep. 7 – First Day of School
 - ➔ PAC Info table with email list sign-up sheet, Sample of parent handbook, etc.
 - ➔ CPF info
 - ➔ Start selling raffle tickets
- Early September – Entertainment Books (contact – Angel)
- Late September: Back to School Night/Multicultural Potluck
 - ➔ Potluck in Gym
 - ➔ Info on Hot Lunch Program and PAC info table
 - ➔ Visit time in classrooms (to be confirmed)
- Family Photo Night – September 29
 - ➔ We have a great photographer and 100% of sitting fee (\$15) goes to the PAC
 - ➔ Good opportunity to have a photo taken for Christmas cards
- Early October – Home Reading Kick-off Event
 - ➔ Kate is working on French and English literacy projects
 - ➔ Kate will arrange a talk at the school by Sallie Boschung, Early Literacy Specialist
- Late October – Halloween Haunted House
 - ➔ It was asked if we want to continue this project
 - ➔ It is organized by Sandra Richardson, who explained that it is a lot of work and she needs twice as many volunteers as she had last year, if it is to happen.
 - ➔ The school has materials from previous years, which greatly helps
 - ➔ It was decided that a request for 8 – 10 volunteers (minimum) be put out at the beginning of the year, and if we don't get enough, it will not happen this year.
- Sheila asked for a vote on whether the PAC can execute the fund raising plan, as presented – the response was overwhelming positive

Report on Funds

- The projected closing balance will be greater than expected
- The Stong's (grocery store on W. 16th) kickback is ongoing and should be mentioned in each Hailer
- We can possibly get a kickback from Kids Books – to be pursued.

Principal's Report

- Three out of four teaching positions for next year have been filled
- The Reflective Garden will be finished on Wednesday, June 9, weather permitting
- Our school field will be used on Sundays in July and August for a craft fair – rented out by the VSB. The PAC is being offered a table, if they want to sell jewellery, crafts, etc.

- Kitsilano Secondary School Renovation Plan is out. They're asking for input/feedback. It will take 4 to 4 1/2 years to complete and could start as early as fall 2011 if funding is in place.

Teacher's Report

- None at this time

SPC Update

- The final report was approved
- They have the same objectives as last year: improve reading, writing and literacy

Members-at-large Reports

Centennial Committee Update

- Alan reported that they are currently collecting information and contacts
- The committee is currently Alan, Sandra, Suzanne, and five teachers are helping
- They have been visiting General Wolfe, Tecumseh, and Kerrisdale, who all recently had a centennial celebration
- They will need to format a plan in September
- Hudson's Centennial will be 2011/2012

Teaching Award

- Zan brought forward the idea of an annual award to acknowledge one teacher per year
- We have such outstanding teachers at Hudson that it would be nice to show them how much we appreciate them. Not sure how to go about choosing or voting, this would have to be worked out
- Bruce and Kathy Boyd explained that it may not go over well with the teachers, it seems to be against union policy and the teachers are very aware of keeping things fair and equal for teachers.
- Robert suggested we leave the topic for now.

New Business

Website

- Robert mentioned that our website needs a facelift
- Lori to work on it for now

Hailer – paper copy

- Sheila stated that she missed getting a copy of the Hailer. Could it be sent out as a paper version again?
- Robert/Bruce explained that there is much more content when it's online, than is possible to print.
- Andrea has a few paper copies at the office that can be picked up

Hudson Choir

- The idea of offering/expanding the Hudson choir in the fall was brought forward. Many expressed support for this. We also talked about fundraising to cover the cost so there would be no barriers for students
- There is \$82 left in the "pay what you can" fund – most of the money spent went towards choir costs.
- Catherine and Robert will put together a plan to present in September

Cross-Country Team

- Sandra Richardson proposed that a team be prepared for fall.
- We need a teacher sponsor
- The students need to be much more prepared in order to enjoy going to the meets.
- We need a parent(s) to offer a running clinic and to help out with this.
- Cross-country is open to students in grades 1-7
- Brent said he would help
- Robert said he had another parent in mind to help, that would be perfect for this, and he will talk to her.

Yearbook

- It was mentioned that students seemed to like the yearbook they received last year – do we want a yearbook with more student involvement?
- Some stated that we are getting a yearbook as part of school pictures plan

- Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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