

Katzie Elementary PAC Meeting

October 14th 2014

-Meeting was called to order at 6:59pm.

-Minutes were approved and 2nd by two attending parents.

Reports

-**Treasury report** by Shawna was reviewed (June 11th2014- October 14th 2014)

Note \$1000 from Robbie Johal to be added to account

-**Hot Lunch Report** by Meg and Colleen; Meg spoke about the Hot Lunch Program and asked for volunteers to help out this Friday for Pizza Day. She informed the parents about our “Food Fund” in which children who are in need are provided with a Hot Lunch by the PAC. Parents who wish to donate to the Food Fund, can make a donation by selecting the ‘fundraising option’ on the MunchaLunch website. Cobs Dough Raiser Program is off to a great start. We are already set to collect \$45.40 from Cobs Bakery (Clayton Village). Just a reminder for parents to mention they belong to Katzie before they ring up your order at the Clayton Village Cobs Bakery.

-Principals Report

Mr. Brennan welcomed all new parents to the PAC meeting thanked them for coming and invited them to volunteer if their family schedule allows. The school year and its activities are in full swing. We have had the Terry Fox run, Turkey Dinner, Student leadership team been formed. Our student enrolment has dramatically increased from last year; 483 to 653 students this year as expected with the growing community, with 65% of student being in primary grades. The intermediate students have done a great job with helping the K’s and 1’s by being big buddies for the first few weeks of school. Upcoming events; Meet the Teacher open house (Thursday October the 16th from 5:30-7pm), Remembrance day assembly, primary grades Christmas event.

Mr. Brennan spoke about the Welcome Posts that are currently being carved off site (by the Katzie First Nations) and should be finished shortly. They are to be unveiled at a assembly to commemorate the event.

Mr. Brennan noted that the school calendar took a bit longer to get out this year but is now available on the schools website. He’s asked parents to please check the school website regularly and possibly download the “School Link” app for smart phones. Also he asks to please sign up for the School email newsletter.

Mr. Brennan notes tomorrow (Wednesday October 16th 2014) a notice will be going home with students in regards to Insurance families can purchase for their children that are students at Katzie.

Mr. Brennan spoke about the Neighbourhood Learning Centre (that occupies 2 large multipurpose room and the gymnasium in the after school hours). They are currently running after school modules put on by The YMCA, Sport Ball, Parks and Rec etc. Mr. Brennan informed everyone that Steve Boyd (the director of the neighbourhood learning centre) is looking for suggestions for evening programs that the community would be interested in (Youth ?, Adult?, Yoga?, Drop-in's). Parents are asked to please email: katzie@surreyschools.ca

Mr. Brennan reviewed the items he has suggested that the PAC may want to use their funds toward for the students of the school this year.

Ashley brought forward a motion to approve the funding of the \$10 per student for field trips and classroom supplies for a total of \$6500. The motion was passed by a vast majority of the attending parents.

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Mr. Brennan suggested that the other items on his list can wait until later in the year when more fundraising is complete.

*Ashley noted that as there were so many new parents attending the PAC meeting , all members of the PAC Executive committee were introduced.

Fundraising

Holiday Marketplace

Ashley briefly described the events that will take place at the upcoming Holiday Marketplace on November 29th 2014 from 12-4pm. There will be a Photo Booth and Christmas crafts in the multipurpose room. There will be a bake sale (as last years was a huge success). We are expecting to have 40 vendors and artisans.

Ashley also mentioned that this year we will be doing a online Gift card fundraiser where parent can purchase Gift cards from major retailer to use for holiday gifts/gift buying with a portion of the total cost going back to Katzie PAC. More info will be available soon.

Old Business

Playground

Mr. Brennan announced that the approval that we have been waiting for, (from the school board to finalize the order for the playground) had come through today and the larger playground. The small playground should be installed within 2-3 weeks.

New Business

Ashley announced that the PAC has received the money from grant that they had applied for in the spring (Deposit from Gaming Grant Oct 7th 2014 for \$9420.00).

Questions from the Parents

Destiny Loeve spoke about the Clothes on Wheels program. The program is put on by volunteers in partnership with the Surrey School District. Clothes on Wheels collects new and gently used clothing from “Partner Schools” and offers the clothing to the communities vulnerable children, parents and seniors through a “Mobile store.” Those in need can shop for the items they need, free of cost.

The vast majority of parents and PAC members agreed that this would be a good idea for Katzie families that wish to participate by helping others. There will be two clothing drives this school year. The first one will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 5th. A permanent donation box will also be set up in the school.

A parent was asking if Edupack would be available for next years school supply list. Ashley and Mr. Brennan confirmed that it would likely be a possibility next year.

Another attending parent suggested the PAC look into the “Kids World Summer Program” as a fundraiser. All parents attending seemed very interested. The PAC will look into this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. Next meeting to be held Thursday, November 6th 2014.