

BOTHWELL PAC GENERAL MEETING unapproved minutes

Wednesday October 25th, 2016

1. Circulation of Attendance

PAC Members: S. Rainaldi, S. Scabar, S. Li, D. Thomson, S. Hall, L. Larsen, R. Sidhu, M. Stariha, Ed. Cruickshank, K. Secord, J. Smith

Note: Although it appears as if we reached quorum, we only had nine in attendance at any given time. Therefore no voting took place

Non PAC member: Tess Souder

2. Call to Order

1912pm on Wednesday October 25th, 2016 in the library of Bothwell Elementary.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was followed without being adopted as the PAC meeting became an information only meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

Tabled until next PAC meeting.

5. Principal's Report

October 31st Halloween Parade @ 1 pm. Parents are welcome to attend and asked to arrive at 12:45 pm. Mrs. Christian's class will present Hallowe'en Carols prior to the parade.

WE day November 3rd 2016. Children will be dropped off at Erma Stephenson Elementary and then transported by bus.

November 4th 2016 Pro-D . Coding and Writing will be the focus.

November 9th – Remembrance Day ceremony will be from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm. Parents are welcome to attend and are asked to please arrive by 1 pm.

November 16th to 18th Scholastic Book Fair. Parent help may be required.

November 30th Christmas Store. The store is a fundraising event that allows children to choose gifts for friends or family members without their parents' input. Wrapping paper will be provided. Parents will be asked to donate lightly used or re-gifted items to the Christmas Store prior to the opening.

Social Responsibility Quickscale is being used by teachers to analyze where the kids are at and what they will need help with for this year's social responsibility goal

Playground cart – This was purchased from Grade 7 overflow funds. Soccer balls, tether balls, basketballs and a variety of other equipment are now available to kids. The intended purpose is to help with leadership skills as Bothwell student leaders will manage these playground items

Spirit Wear - First order was the custom wear. Closed Monday October 24th. Only 4 items were ordered and this did not meet the minimum order. At the time of writing this document, the custom order had been cancelled.

Friday November 4 is the extended deadline for all the other spirit wear.

Parent voiced concerns regarding procedures for wind storms. Queries were made about District procedures for severe weather conditions.

6. Old Business

- a) Update on Fraser Heights Development project. Information night was held at Fraser Heights Secondary on Tuesday October 18th.
- b) First Aid Hero. October 21st. Was a success!
- c) Upcoming Events. Refer to Principal's Report.

Additional upcoming events are:

50's Day November 18th 2016. Rather than focusing on the era 1950's, students will be trying to make more of a connection to the number 50.

Friday December 2nd Santa photos

No Xmas concert but will be having a spring concert.

Snack day. As requested at previous PAC meeting, Ms. Souder asked teachers if they would support future snack days if healthy food choices were the focus of the menu. Teachers agreed with healthy food choices and also requested that paper cups be used for the hot chocolate.

RESULTING PAC PLANS:

Most items will range in price from \$0.50 to \$1.00. Occasionally there will be popcorn available for purchase for \$2.00. There will be one Loonie Tuesday Snack Day per month.

First Loonie Tuesday Snack Day will be held Tuesday November 22nd at recess.

Second Loonie Tuesday Snack Day will be held Tuesday December 13th at recess.

Pancake breakfast will be on Friday December 16th. Nesters will likely be supporting/providing for the pancake breakfast. Will need flippers and griddles for this event. We will also be asking parents to help setup the gym on Thursday December 15th after school. We will also be asking parents to volunteer to help cook, cut fruit and clean on Friday December 16th. Please watch for notices.

- d) How to stay informed/involved. Check school link, please sign up if you haven't already. There are instructions on our first newsletter that will give a guide on how to sign up.

Website – "Parents" icon. Notices on teachers class windows .

Read your child's planner.

When in doubt please ask your child's teacher.

All PAC related notices are posted on the PAC board which is located to the right of the multi purpose room doors adjacent to the office.

e) Ongoing Fundraising Initiatives

*Nesters. Give code number "7" when shopping at Nesters and Bothwell will receive 1% cash back for your purchases.

*Cobs – just let them know you are from Bothwell and they will give us 5% cash back from your purchases . They call this program "Dough raiser" .

*Shop & Support gift card program. Forms will be sent out on Monday November 21st . Please submit your order by the 28th November. There are a variety of merchants who give us varied percentages back through from all the gift cards we purchase through them.

*Cash for Clothes. January 3rd sending out notices along with two bags. Drop off is the week of January 16th to 20th.

*New idea was brought forward of the possibility of selling Cash for Clothes items donated for \$1.00 or \$2.00 before giving them to the charity. That way by doing this we have a greater potential of raising more funds for our school. This idea was quite favorable to those in attendance.

Hot dog days; November PAC meeting to decide if we will go ahead due to volunteers being needed. Signup sheet to be put on the PAC board to help out on hotdog days. Hot dog days would alternate with Pizza lunches every two weeks.

Popcorn fundraiser . Waiting on confirmation from organizer.

Purdys fundraiser – we need someone to head and organize this fundraiser.

7. New Business

Unable to vote on possible Constitution changes as quorum was not reached.

8. Treasurer's Report

Ed Cruikshank stepped down due to busy work commitments. Lori Larsen will be Treasurer for the remainder of the school year.

Marnie Stariha reported.

Gaming grant was received based on 190 students. As of September 30th our student count was 211. Lori will apply for an adjustment to the grant due to higher than projected student numbers.

General funds – Ministry of Education provides \$0.70 per child, but we have not received that yet.

DPAC has a meeting Wednesday November 23rd at 7pm on new Curriculum and Fresh Grade. All parents are welcome to attend DPAC meetings.

Alison Weibe attended the last DPAC meeting.

9. Grade 7 Report

Pizza Days going well.

Nesters – Asked if they can price match, to keep it local.

Treat day – Success, thanks all! Will perhaps do another treat day. Look for dates in your child's planner or on the website.

Bottle recycling notice has gone out this week.

Neufeld Fundraiser meeting will be held shortly to determine whether or not it will go forward.

Currently PAC has budgeted \$50.00 to allocate to each grade 7 student for grade 7 year end activities. Fundraising is going well with this group and it was suggested that perhaps we could decrease the PAC amount if fundraising continues to exceed expectations. We will revisit this at a later date.

10. Other

Parking continues to be an issue at our school. Many parents are parking in non parking zones posing a danger to students.

Many people continue to turn left out of the two parking areas before and after school despite numerous friendly reminders and clearly marked traffic signs.

It was suggested by parents to call the City of Surrey and have bylaw officers ticketing parents who are not following clearly laid out traffic signs and parking regulations. Parents in attendance agreed with this solution.

Earthquake kits: we are asking a couple of parents to go through the earthquake kits to make sure everything is up to date.

11. Adjournment

Time: 9:00pm

Date of next PAC meeting.

Wednesday November 16th 2016 at 845am. Meeting in the multi purpose room.