

Meeting Minutes
Katzie Elementary School
Parents Advisory Council
Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7p.m.
Location: Library at Katzie School

1. Meeting called to order by Ashley, Co-President, at 7:01 p.m.
2. Passing of December, 2014, meeting minutes: Ashley Bunting – seconded by Geri Pope
3. Reports:

Treasurer's Report - Shawna Goodfellow

- Not much in terms of changes to our accounts.
- We received a cheque this week for \$228 dollars – this was money from the school board which was released from the Ministry of Education.
- We received close to \$6000 from PayPal – this is from our munch a lunch program.
- During Christmastime, we spent \$1,000.00 to support families in our community. This year we supported 6 families in our community.

Hot Lunch Report – Meg Smillie

- Not much to report this month, other than the next hot lunch which is on February 13, 2015, is Opa (Greek food).
- Meg reminded parents that if there are any problems with order or complaints – please email hotlunch@katzieschool.ca

Principal's Report – Ross Brennan

- Basketball season at our school is wrapping up – lots of excitement because our final games will be played at Hazelgrove on Thursday, February 19, 2015 (Playday).
- Our school choir presented this week at the Music festival – it was a huge success and the children all sang beautifully and were very smartly dressed.
- Our choir will be performing at the anti-bullying assembly on February 25, 2015, which will be at the school gymnasium at 11:00. Parents are welcome to drop in. This will be a

student generated assembly – the students will be putting on plays, singing songs, doing interpretations of books etc. The pink shirts for anti-bullying day have arrived.

- The school's Projection System has been installed – the teachers are looking forward to learning how to use it during the upcoming prod-d day. It will be a great resource for the teachers during PE. The system was fairly expensive but the school will have lots of opportunities to use this system.
- The school is aware of the “mud bowl” both in the North and South areas of the school and the challenges in keeping the children clean and out of the mud. As challenging as it is, it is important for the children to go outside and play as keeping 600 children indoors on rainy days just doesn't work. These issues will improve significantly when the weather improves after spring break and in September. Primary class teachers have requested parents to send a spare set of clothing for the children.
- Kindergarten registrations are open. The school is projecting 120 kindergarten registrations for September 2015.
- We will be experiencing some “space challenges” in the upcoming school year – the school anticipates the need for a few portables for the new year and even more in the upcoming years as the enrolment pattern is slated to growth in our catchment.
- The school has received the information packages from EduPac for school supplies. EduPac is one of the many companies that supply one-stop shopping to parents for school supplies that can be ordered directly through the school. Ross wanted to know if there was interest from the parents in the school pursuing the option of parents being able to order school supplies from EduPac or a similar company for September. Based on the queries that have already come in via email to Ashley Bunting, it was decided that this was an option the school should consider. Ross agreed to get in touch with a few companies and get some pricing options.

Questions for Ross from Parents:

1. Is the field out back going to be opened ?

Yes, that field will most likely be opened after spring break. It needs a little more time to settle the roots. If we have decent weather over spring break, it will be opened up soon after.

Fundraising Report – Heather McInnes

1. **Scholastic book fair – March 2 – 6, 2015 at the Multipurpose room in school.**

- This will be run the week before Spring Break – it is also report card week.

- It will run at three time slot – before school, during lunchtime and after school.
- The goal is to raise \$2500.00 dollars – Mrs. Powell, our librarian will earn 50% of sales to buy books and 20 % in cash for future purchases.
- We are planning on opening up the options for teachers to build a “wish list” for their classrooms. Teachers can submit their wish list and parents will have the opportunity to purchase the book for the teacher for that classroom.
- We need volunteers to run this event – we will be asking the Grade 7 students to help out, but we will also need parent volunteers for the week. If you are interested in volunteering, please email katziepac@gmail.com
- There will be a variety of things to purchase other than books so all the children will have the opportunity to support this event – there will be discounted books, pencils, erasers and we are even planning a theme for this week – “Kingdom of Books” – so the PAC hopes to have small prizes available for the children.
- On Wednesday, March 4, 2015, the book fair will stay open later because of parent-teacher interviews being conducted on that day. This will give parents who are not available just before and after school to attend the book fair to be able to come in and purchase books to support this event.

Old Business – Ashley Bunting

- Playground update – the playground is almost done. Colin who has been installing the playground on the school grounds over the last two weeks is pretty sure he will have it done by the end of this week.
- As soon as he is done with installations, a work order will be put through right away to get the playground inspected. We are hoping that by next Friday, February 20, 2015, we will have the playground inspected, approved and open for the children to enjoy.
- Ashley received the invoice for installation this morning and in total the playground has cost us \$1500.00.
- We are very grateful to Colin for his generosity in installing the playground for us so inexpensively
- The children can look forward to a beautiful playground in the next week or so.

New business – Ashley Bunting

- We received a letter from Clayton Heights Dry Grad Committee for some help with their fundraising.
- Last year our school gave them some money to support their dry-grad and they supported our grand opening barbeque by sending us many of their students to volunteer at our event.
- We would like to offer them \$250.00 in cash this year to support dry grad. We need to vote on this matter.
- The PAC voted – with a show of hands, all were in favour. Ashley will be sending the Clayton Heights Secondary School a cheque for \$250.00

Questions from Parents:

- Destiny Loeve wanted to know if there was interest in having a clothing drive again, as was done in December? It was hugely successful the last time round.

Parents felt the end of March - Beginning of April would be the best time to have this event. It was decided that Tuesday, March 31, 2015 would be the best day to do this. Ross will put in a blurb in the next newsletter letting parents know about this so they can start collecting clothing over Spring Break.

- At the next meeting we will be having the “Digital club” presenting to the PAC. The City of Surrey will also be in attendance to present at this meeting.

Question: A parent wanted to know if there was any news of the boundary changes?

Ross informed the parents that the boundary change had already taken place. This is because there are schools that have empty classrooms and the district needs to fill those spaces before any plans for a new school to support the growth in our area can be considered.

The next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Katzie School Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.