

Walnut Road Elementary School
PAC meeting minutes
November 19, 2014

Start time 7:00PM

1. Welcome Back!

Kelly was not able to come this time and Bobbi needed to leave early, so we had Bobbi report on Spring Fun Fair first.

2. Spring Fun Fair (Bobbi)

The date for the Spring Fun Fair is tentatively set on May 29, 2015, to be confirmed from the school to avoid conflict with sports day. A letter will be sent to teachers to inform of the fair and request support from them. A lot of parent volunteers are needed to help out, especially at the concession stands. The entertainment committee meeting will take place in February, date to be decided.

3. Principal's / Vice Principal's Report

- Thanks to the fundraising by the PAC, the 100 chairs have arrived. Thanks to the PAC and parent volunteers, the hot lunch program was quite successful.
- It was kids' 39th days at school this school year, end of November, and we could see good progress in learners, and children's development has been very well. Report cards will be sent on December 12, and the teachers would start to prepare for the cards next week. There might be some differences in this year's report card, especially for kindergarten children, because of the transforming curriculum. We would like parents to be informed of the changes and explore together.
- School planning council needs more parents to participate.
- Remembrance Day Assembly went on very well, and we have a new sound system.
- It's getting colder, and we would like to see children get better prepared for the weather. Younger kids are better prepared, while we see some kids in Grade 6 and 7 are still in T-shirts and shorts.
- The technology stuff, five new laptops and 12 ipad air and carts, arrived last Thursday.

4. Treasurer's Report (Bob Gill)

- Bob asked who has the access code to the hot lunch account, and he will send out email to find out.
- The organization checking account has \$17,018.19 and the gaming account has \$28,889.14. We will spend some money on Fun Night from the gaming fund, and will find other way to use the money to benefit our kids. The fund is a three-year program, curriculum based, and we will apply again in 2015.

5. Committee updates

- Hot Lunch program (Mike)

The hot lunch program went very well, and we appreciate the help from parent volunteers. Another order will be made in January. Marsha asked whether we could make more orders or there was any number limit. Mike said that we

could make as many orders as possible. We could set sports day as a hot lunch day.

- Soup labels (Marsha)

We continue to collect packaging labels for conversion to cash. A reminder was put in Nov 6 newsletter with full details.

- Earthquake preparedness (Mike)

A meeting will be held to discuss the earthquake preparedness. We need to check what materials we have and what need to be ordered, with the money from PAC. Mike asked whether we have any funding from school or school district for the earthquake preparedness. The principal said no, but they have a list of what's in the school already. We can use materials already in the school, for instance, every classroom has First Aid Kit.

- Teacher Appreciation Lunch (Marsha)

The date of February 25, 2015 was set for the Teacher Appreciation Lunch, and we would start to work on that.

6. Questions?

- Aric asked whether children could have longer time for lunch, as some children could not finish their lunch in time. Ms. Stacey answered that parents could communicate with classroom teachers to request for earlier time for lunch.

- One parent asked about the road safety problem in front of the school. Ms. Stacey answered that parents could call RCMP if they see any dangerous action or situation on the road. Aric suggested that we could have one more bump on the other side of 82 Ave in front of the school to slower down the traffic on the road. Ms. Stacey said it was under the city's jurisdiction.

Meeting end time: 7:40pm

Next Meeting: 7:00pm, Wednesday January 21, 2015