

Ocean Cliff Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting Thursday November 23, 2017 @ 9am

CALL TO ORDER: Nealy C, President @ 8:59am

Attending: PAC Executive: Nealy C, John M, Rebecca K
Principal: Mr. Bobby Samra, 10 parents

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: 1st Suzanne, 2nd Malinda

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: from May 18, 2017 – 1st Malinda, 2nd Suzanne

REPORTS

4.1 Principal's Report - Mr. Bobby Samra

- Celebrations: Ocean Cliff recently hosted events for Halloween, Diwali & Remembrance Day. Upcoming planned celebrations include Hannukah, the Christmas Concert and Christmas in the Library.
- Sports: Volleyball season is almost complete
- Citizenship Group: students attended "Me to We" an event for students hosted at BC Place featuring a positive message about giving and thinking outside of yourself. The next step is for students to develop a plan to put what they have learned into practice.
- Food Bank Donations: Ocean Cliff collected 1600lbs of foods
- Destination Imagination: Problem solving competition open for students grades 4 – 7. Teams consist of 7 students, meetings will be held soon to determine which students will represent Ocean Cliff in competition. The Fraser Regional Tournament will be held March 3.
- Walk & Roll to School: Ocean Cliff took second place in the District's Walk & Roll to school event. Prizes will be dropped off at the school very soon.
- Orange Games: students with special needs from Ocean Cliff attended a fun filled day of events and games.
- FSAs: tests are completed for the year.
- MDI: Middle Years Development Index. A new tool that has been developed based on the Early Years Development Index which measures social emotional well being in children and will now be able to follow children as they grow up. This fits with the school plan for Social Emotional Well Being and second annual school survey.

- School Emails: reminder to register online to receive school emails and for the online payment program for school fees.
- Parking Lot Drop Off Area: there continues to be problems with parents parking in the drop off area, blocking traffic as well as an ongoing problem with “creative” parking in the school lot. Please remember there is no parking in inside lane of the drop off area, and, that the only approved parking area in the school lot is in the visitor stalls.

4.2 Treasure’s Report – John M

- ACCOUNT BALANCES:

General:	\$26,865.74
Playground:	\$4,696.04
Gaming:	\$15.059.91

4.3 President’s Report – Nealy C

- Parents report children are not enjoying the food from The Lunch Lady
- Informal Hot Lunch meeting Tuesday Nov 28 open to parents interested in discussing in-school run Hot Lunch Program options.
- Parent Question: Could PAC pay a parent to run the Hot Lunch Program as it is such a big job? *Response: It is likely that there are rules against a PAC paying for a volunteer position as well as regulations for who is able to act as a food service vendor in the District. PAC will contact DPAC to find out the answer.*

OLD BUSINESS

5.1 PAC Special Hot Lunch Days - Daisy

- 203 students have placed orders until the end of May
- Expected to earn just under \$2,000.00
- No Pizza Day planned for June, PAC could run a “Bake Sale” style Pizza Sale instead

5.2 Sister School Activities - Malinda

- Fall Clothing & Sock Drive
- No sorting required, parents can just drop off bags
 - All donations are accepted but preference is for winter items
 - Last year collected 1028 pairs of socks – let’s try to beat it!
 - Girls tights have been requested in addition to socks

- Christmas Artisan Bake Goods & Sweet Treat Extravaganza
 - December 19th during school and at Christmas Concert Concession
 - Goal to raise \$1,000.00
 - Treats will be sold for \$2 each
 - Notice requesting donations of baked items or money will be sent out shortly
 - Will consider selling hot chocolate & popcorn at the concert concession as well.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Grade 7 Fundraising: Neufeld Farms Update – Daisy

- Sale finished Friday Nov 24
- \$1,297.00 in profit
 - Part profit will cover the cost of Grade 7 Yearbooks
 - Majority will go to OC as a legacy project, possibly as gym equipment – students to coordinate with staff to determine what is needed.

6.2 Secret Garden: fall clean up gardening needed

- Potters/West Coast Nurseries may provide donations of soil and/or flowers if a letter of request is sent by a teacher willing to take on the area as a class/school project
- Could we also look into improving the triangular shaped garden area at the front of the school?

6.3 PAC Calendar

- Add Sister School “Christmas Artisan Baked Goods & Sweet Treat Extravaganza” to December activities

6.4 PAC Budget

- Vote to Approve – 12 parents in favour
- Note: it may be possible to use funds from the Gaming Account for the Elgin Bursary if Elgin is able to provide the names of students who will be awarded the Bursary in advance, however, it might be difficult for Elgin to do so.
- Key items:
 - \$1,960.00 from the Charitable Account to be used for the purchase of new iPads for the school
 - \$6,000.00 from the gaming account to be used for a possible combination of new iPads as well as school presentations from Saleema Noon (Sexual Health Educator) and White Hatter (Internet & Social Media Safety). Mr. Samra required to co-ordinate with staff regarding the feasibility of adding the two presentations to the calendar this year and report back to PAC if it is possible to proceed.

- *Update November 29th: Staff have determined that Saleema Noon will present to students in the 2017/18 school year, and, that White Hatter will present in the 2018/19 school year.*
- See attached 2017/2018 Budget/Forecast for full details.

OPEN FORUM

- Mr. Samra will discuss the possibility of a Grade 7 play with Staff.
- School Dances:
 - Manju proposed the idea of having grade 4-7 evening dances
 - Event would be parent run and attendees would purchase tickets
 - Could Grades K-3 have a lunch time dance in the gym?
 - If school dances go well, is it possible to have a Grade 7 “mixer” with Crescent Park at the OP Hall?
 - Follow up required with Mr. Samra and Staff

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:24am

NEXT GENERAL MEETING TBA

Respectfully – Rebecca Kiesewetter, PAC Secretary