

**Walnut Road Elementary
PAC Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Co-Chairs, Kelly Wynhoven and Bobbi Atwal.

Principal/Vice Principal Report – Ms. Stacey and Ms. Cutway

- 100 chairs with storage have been received and were used at the Christmas concert for the first time
- Class funds have been provided, thank you. There have been many swimming and skating field trips
- Coyotes have been reported around school grounds, especially during fall weather. Stanley Park Society brochure 'Coyotes 101' will be presented next week
- School plan focuses on literacy
- Christmas production. No evening performances were offered because teachers could not be available to monitor
- Basketball season has started
- Recognition assembly today – teachers should be notifying parents whose children will be recognized so they can make arrangements to attend
- Late arrivals have improved
- "Save the grass" campaign – some grass areas have turned to mud
- In district grant of \$25,000 been applied for
- FSA is taking place now; marks will go home at the end of March
- HASTE to make foot and vehicle travel safer to and from Walnut Road
- BC Education Plan – Every learner will realize their full potential. Curricular in BC is undergoing review and the Ministry of Education website provides more information regarding prescribed learning outcomes; new communication methods to parents instead of letter grades, looking at research, more informed ways of communicating with parents. Division 23 (Kindergarten) has taken an interest in this new method of communication using weekly reporting (digital reports, photo portfolios, etc.). It is more work for the teacher, but much more informative in terms of whether children are meeting expectations
- Parenting Program for parents of children age 6-12 offered by STEP. It is an 8 week program. Would the parents at this school/surrounding community be interested? Perhaps a survey would be appropriate
- Jan 29 – Grade 7 articulation to Grade 8 at Fleetwood Park Sr Secondary
- Ready, Set, Learn Jan 30, 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. for 3-4 year olds
- Kindergarten registration starts Jan 20
- 20th Anniversary of Walnut Road May 21. There will probably be assemblies, an open house from 4-7, cake, etc.

- Skills, Trades and Apprenticeship – there are 6 non-instructional days this year and every school will devote these days to the subject as mandated by the Province
- Al Pichler has been booked for a musical performance April 2015

Treasurer's Report – Bob Gill (absent)

- Bank account balance \$26,410.20
- Gaming account balance \$24,796.13

Committee News:

- **Hot Lunch** – hot dog day will begin in January and volunteers are needed (at least 6 people)
- **Spring Raffle** – some options are being reviewed and will be presented at the next meeting
- Walnut Road's 20th Anniversary this year; the PAC will provide a cake
- A sign for the school was discussed (with Gaming account funds) – does Ms. Stacey think that it is warranted? Yes, she does. A digital one is more expensive, but easier to update and permission from the school district may be required. For an example of an appropriate sign, visit T.E. Scott

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Next meeting Wednesday March 12th at 7:00 p.m.
in the school library!**

Recorded by Tara Perkins