

Devon Gardens PAC Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 1, 2014

Opening:

- Welcome and call to order by PAC vice chair Jessica Jensen 7:00 PM
- Sign in sheet of members present passed around
- Reading of last minutes and agenda

In Attendance:

Carolyn Stanley, Annick Lavender, Dianna DeBlare, Jessica Jensen, Gina Moniz, Dave Hope, Edwin Shiu, Claire George, Janelle Lindahl

- Approval of Agenda 1st by Gina Moniz 2nd by Carolyn Stanley
- Approval of Minutes 1st by Gina Moniz 2nd by Carolyn Stanley

Principal's Report- David Hope

Christmas concert- A letter is being sent home Thursday with dates and times for the concert. Ms. Disney has organized the afternoon and evening concerts. PAC needs to assist with 50/50 and line up and cones for tickets for the evening concert. There will be 2 tickets per family and a request system for additional tickets.

Weather- There have been several bags of salt put down on the ramp since it has been bad. There needs to be about 10 cm. of snow for sledding and no snow balls. In the Thurs. newsletter there is a reminder that kids need to come dressed for the weather with jackets, gloves, and touques.

Clothing order- The clothing order will be in Dec. 8 for spirit wear and grad hoodies in about 3 weeks. Thank you to PAC for use of the ordering website.

No Santa lollies

Reading program- Ms. George has spoken to classes in the library about We Treasure Reading. There was reading in the dark on Thursday and Friday. For We Treasure Reading students are earning treasure to put in the cave. The first night was Nov. 27 and there are bronze, silver, and gold coins with gems to come later. Notices have gone home and a reminder is going home in Thursday notices.

First term report cards- Report cards are going home Dec. 12. It has been a compressed first term and expectations for student progress should be adjusted accordingly. This is the starting point and what's important is the progress to the end of the year. First term marks have ended.

Reports from Executive Officers

1. Chair: Keith Punshon

-absent

2. Vice Chair: Jessica Jensen

-There was an exec meeting to talk about plans for this year. We are not getting as much in fundraising this year. It is important to communicate to parents and kids what we are

fundraising towards. We would like to tell parents we're happy to have met goals for the playground. We are looking at the possibility of a coffee fundraiser. We also need to coordinate and run fundraisers without overload on parents.

3. Treasurer: Gina Moniz

-The budget is still tentative. There are items for the library and technology that are needed but we need to be sure they are appropriate for us to purchase. We can spend \$3000 on library and \$3000 into technology this year, possibly more depending on fundraising. We would like to hold \$2000 on reserve for playground concrete and tool rental.

-We took hardship off the budget and we can revisit each year if needed.

-PAC would like to support doing a drumming workshop or something similar which can be discussed in concert with what is going on in classrooms. It could be a big production, a musical, hip hop, art initiative, or cultural event but something that includes all children. Let's be thoughtful about what we choose and brainstorm some activities.

-We may have \$10000 for technology by the end of the year but we'll have to see. We need to check to make sure the general list falls within ministry guidelines.

-The book fair earned \$1600 worth of books through Scholastic.

-We recommend using gaming funds for next year towards jerseys. We have checked and gaming will pay for admission to educational trips and buses for those field trips. We could give PAC money per head towards field trips.

4. Secretary: Janelle Lindahl

-See minutes.

5. Gaming Representative: Michelle Jordan

-We are getting a gaming update for spending money.

6. District Parent Advisory Council: Keith Punshon

-no report

7. Canadian Parents for French: Annick Lavender

-Delta CPF has no president. A former parent from Sunshine Hills, Eric Guetre is willing to serve and we plan to vote him in at the next meeting.

8. School Planning Council: Carolyn Stanley, Annick Lavender, Janelle Lindahl, David Hope

-nothing to report

9. Members at Large: Selene Adams, Carolyn Stanley, Elin Hoffman, Diane DeBlare

-The Neufeld frozen food came in with \$9000 in orders.

Reports from Committee Members

1. Emergency Preparedness: Keith Punshon, Gina Moniz, Jessica Jensen, Carolyn Stanley

-Keith is looking for shelters.

-Two reports of full student body with the same information on each was possibly taken when the bins were broken into and rifled through. They were looking for big ticket items but there is not much of that there. The reports included emergency release contacts name and phone number. The police deemed it not a significant privacy issue as you can find more information

on the internet.

2. Special Lunch Coordinators: Selene Adams, Janelle Lindahl

-We have done hot dogs and pizza will be in two weeks. Suggestion to look next year at when they happen and not run on party days. We are asking parents to do food in moderation and balance food choices.

-There will also be a note to parents and teachers especially with kindergarten and hot lunch. There are some kindergarten children not understanding why they aren't getting lunch.

-Popcorn day is on Friday.

3. PAC Classroom Coordinators: Elin Hoffman

-no report

Unfinished Business

-nothing new

New Business

-may postpone the January meeting until February

-Doors will open at 1:00 for the concert at 1:30. We will need to set up at 12:30.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 2, 2015

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Prepared by Janelle Lindahl