

Devon Gardens PAC Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2015

Opening:

- Welcome and call to order by PAC chair Keith Punshon 7:05 PM
- Sign in sheet of members present passed around
- Reading of last minutes and agenda

In Attendance:

Gina Moniz, Keith Punshon, Dianna DeBlaere, Colleen Ryley, Claire George, Dave Hope, Janelle Lindahl, Carolyn Stanley, Elin Hoffman, Annick Lavender

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

Principal's Report- David Hope

Science Fair- We had a successful science fair. Our goal with feedback from parents was to minimize the impact on homes. Teachers needed to plan accordingly. It was a diverse fair with kids interests being showcased and the projects looked like authentic student work. There are a number of kids going to the district fair Mar. 11 at Scottsdale Mall.

Chocolate sales- We will run Easter lollies and send home a single bag with the youngest or only student on Thursday. They are 5 for \$10. There will be one chance to reorder and incentives of gift cards for kids. The funds will go to school resources. Dave is hoping to have 6-8 parents to help with collection. There should be less bureaucracy with only Mar. 11 needing help fill orders. The extra orders will be sent home before Easter.

Emergency bin- The ID cards have come and will hopefully last 2-3 years. This year they came free. The bins need to be pulled out and update cards, maybe before Spring Break.

Sharing Assembly- The choir is singing but the assembly will be mostly grade group teams sharing evidence of their learning over the past term. It is on Wed., Mar. 4 at 9:00.

Quebec Trip- There was a very low response rate but Dave has decided to move forward anyway. This comes at a cost from roughly \$1900 to \$2300. Only one parent decided not to continue based on the cost change. Camp is April 22.

Hardship- PAC is not funding toward the hardship fund this year but there have been a number of needs lately so the fund is diminished. Dave is putting it back out to PAC to add hardship back in for next year. It would be nice to support those who put a great deal into our school.

Playground- Installation for the playground is scheduled for Apr. 11 and 17. We need to work with the company to book concrete and large tools and get ready to book work teams. The biggest concern is whether maintenance will have done their part ahead of time.

Registration- We will have 2 French Immersion Kindergarten classes next year. We are hoping the

Montessori will continue to increase. The Grade 6 and 7 classes that are leaving are quite small.

Reports from Executive Officers

1. Chair: Keith Punshon

-no report

2. Vice Chair: Jessica Jensen

-no report

3. Treasurer: Gina Moniz

-There is an information sheet of what we've made with fundraisers this year.

-There was a group that came to Richardson. It was a rock band and they took a day which meant minimal disruption to classes. Dave and Claire are taking a look at this and other suggestions from other schools. The teachers interested in something with less disruption.

4. Secretary: Janelle Lindahl

-See minutes.

5. Gaming Representative: Michelle Jordan

-no report

6. District Parent Advisory Council: Keith Punshon

-no report

7. Canadian Parents for French: Annick Lavender

-Christine sent principals information to update links to the Delta chapter on the CPF website.

-We have until March 31 for \$200 to the school for a French function. Receipts have to be sent in to CPF. There are presentations in French at Burns Bog. They have someone give a 1 hour long interactive session for \$125. Classes can also go down to Burns Bog.

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

-no report

-The staff haven't talked about goals yet.

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

Reports from Committee Members

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

-no report

2. Special Lunch Coordinators: Selene Adams, Janelle Lindahl

-Pizza day is next week.

Unfinished Business

New Business

-Staff and PAC meeting on the second Tuesday in April.

-The playground installation gets checked by the playground company. The district is including fall protection. We can talk at the next meeting about what is needed in supplies and help. We may look at inviting PAC and media to check out the new playground and thank PAC and community partners.

-Family Fun Night is June 11. Everything is paid for from last year but we need to book it. Sports Day will be June 12.

-Starting with Stories will be April 29, May 6 and 13 at 2:00. There are 3 sessions for new Kindergarten students.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Prepared by Janelle Lindahl