

Ocean Grove P.A.C. Meeting Minutes April 29, 2013

Attendance: Samantha Helm, Leslie Stevens, Tara Idiens, Aren Knudsen, Tami Riecker, Andrea Laviolette, Graeme Boyd

Minutes from March 18/13 meeting were accepted by Samantha and seconded by Aren.

Treasurer's Report was provided by Aren Knudsen. Trial balance attached.

General Account Balance as of April 29/13: \$12,031.34

Bingo Account Balance as of April 29/13: \$5,432. 51

Total Fund's Available: \$17, 463.85

Treasurer's Report was accepted by Andrea and seconded by Samantha.

Aren predicts there will be approximately \$15,000 available to go towards the wish list, but that we should be careful to leave a buffer in the account as we will not be doing as large a fundraiser next school year as this year.

Correspondence: Tara passed on that she received information about the BCCPAC AGM on May 4/13. Also, she received information on baking and spring bulbs fundraisers.

Principal's Report was provided by Graeme Boyd

- Thank you to the PAC and all the parents who came out to help put on another successful potluck lunch. All the students enjoyed the lunch and were very excited about having this event again. We are entering the final two months of the school year now. Plans are already underway for next year as we complete our preparations for the last two months. A number of events are upcoming:

May 13th-Southgate counselors will be here for the transition meeting for our grade 5 students.

May 14th-The gym will be used all day as a polling place for the provincial elections.

May 15th-Jump Rope for Heart in the afternoon.

May 17th-School-based professional development day.

May 20th-Victoria Day holiday

May 21st-Welcome to Kindergarten session

June 17th-Primary classes to Hagel Park

June 20th-Beach Day @Saratoga

June 25th-School Sports Day

June 27th-Last day for students

The calendar is getting busy and Graeme reports that it will get busier with more class field trips. District assessments will also be taking place in the next couple of weeks.

Tami mentioned that with Beach Day being on a Thursday, parents may be less likely to attend. Graeme will talk with the staff to find out the reasoning for the change in day and it may be switched back to the Friday.

Old Business

-Basket Raffle: The ticket sales have started and the volunteer sign-up link seems to have helped to recruit volunteers. A good amount of donations were received for the baskets.

-Cookie Dough: Tara got word that the cookie dough we were going to order is not available in Canada. The group decided to move forward with the English Bay (cookie dough in a bucket) fundraiser in September and possibly in January as well.

-Other Fundraising Ideas for the 2013/2014 School Year: Other ideas proposed for the next school year for fundraising include: a money raffle, selling compost, Mother's Day Baskets (pre-ordered and created by parents), selling poinsettias and personalized dish towels (with kid's designs).

-Kitchen Items: Tami raised the issue that a number of items need to be purchased for the kitchen (medium sized bowls, tin foil, saran wrap and gloves). Tami will purchase these. Tami will also take the milk crates back to Save-on-Foods to create more space in the kitchen.

-Wish List: Graeme has brought the wish list up to teachers in casual conversation, but will provide them with a form to indicate their wishes on this week. These items will be voted on at the next meeting. Tara said we can also look at our Campbell's Soup credits as well for equipment and supplies we can get for the school.

-Staffing for the 2013/2014 School Year: It has not yet been confirmed that Mrs. Ferguson will retire at the end of this school year. Karen Beck will not be returning as she is going to Southgate. Mrs. Chernask may return and Ms. Kolmatycki may or may not return. Mrs. Montgomery may retire, but this is not certain. Betty might possibly go to Carhi, as she has posted for a position there. There are a lot of unknowns and Graeme hopes to confirm some of the staffing changes by the next meeting. Kim Windle is in charge of gift buying, Tara will speak to her. Andrea motioned to spend \$150.00 for a retirement gift for Mrs. Ferguson (once her retirement is confirmed) and Samantha seconded.

-Hot Lunches: Leslie Stevens has stepped forward to be the Hot Lunch Program Coordinator for the 2013-2014 school year. Thank you Leslie! A few other parents have offered to help. Aren will contact the fellow in charge of the computer program to initiate ordering the program. The group discussed that making the meals healthier if possible with fewer desserts (ice cream) would be ideal. Booster Juice has not been a big hit. Tim Horton's might be a possibility. Veggies and dip as a side is an idea. A salad and cheesy bread for a meal may also be an idea.

-Mabel's Labels: Andrea will do up an e-flyer update. There is a good promo going right now.

-School Board Budget Meeting: Aren and Tami attended and reported that the meeting was kind of interesting, there was some good idea sharing between parents regarding possible ways to save on the school budget for next year and changes that could be made. No principals attended. Aren and Tami recognized from the meeting that it would be good to recruit a DPAC Rep. to attend their monthly meetings and ours to move information back and forth.

-Teacher Appreciation: Samantha wondered if there would be a teacher appreciation event of some form this year. Graeme mentioned that Mrs. Montgomery is planning a Spring Music Showcase event in June and perhaps we could tie an appreciation (parent or teacher?) into that. Another idea would be to provide a lunch for the teachers in the staffroom. Tara will also email the class reps. with the idea of having parents of classes compile their money and buy the teacher a nice gift in appreciation. Graeme will ask the teachers if they are open to an appreciation event.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:35 PM.

Next Meeting will be on May 27th at 6:30 PM. This will be our AGM and we will need 9 people for quorum!