

Ocean Grove P.A.C. Meeting Minutes September 23/13

Attendance: Andrea Laviolette, Aren Knudsen, Tanya Campbell, Samantha Helm, Trish Finnerty, Leslie Stevens, Sadie Mack, Tara Idiens, Graeme Boyd, Tami Riecker

Introductions: Those attending introduced themselves and indicated whose class their child(ren) are in.

Minutes from May 27/13 meeting were accepted by Andrea and seconded by Leslie.

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

General Account Balance as of August 31/13: \$12, 506.92

Bingo Account Balance as of August 31/13: \$2,191.20

Total Fund's Available: \$15, 306.65

PAC Fees Deposited in Sept/13: 451.00 (just over half the students)

*Tara to provide Strathcona Regional District with more details on community initiatives (ie. Winter Carnival, performers, etc...) in order to receive \$1000.00 grant.

Treasurer's Report was accepted by Leslie, seconded by Samantha

Principal's Report was provided by Graeme Boyd.

Welcome back to a new year!

-As of this week, we have 140 students (2 more than projected) assembled in 6 divisions. We have space in every class for students to add to our numbers, so don't hesitate to talk to your neighbors.

-New Staff Members Include:

Jan Peachey-librarian (75 mins per week)

Keri Vrabel-0.7 grade 2/3

Leah Jacques-0.8 grade 5

Sandy Despins-EA (25 hours)

Mary Ellen Hutter-EA (20 hours)

Janice Bautz, our assigned LA teacher is off on sick leave so we were able to keep Kylene Chernask for this year as her replacement (.5)

Several items were attached to the report which impact parents and potentially this school (here is a summary):

- 1) Communicating Student Learning: Teachers have new reporting procedures regarding student's learning. The reports will occur once a month and will each have a particular area of focus (ie. social responsibility, math and reading). There should be some form of communication/report whether it be in verbal or written form, samples of the child's work, etc... A formal, final report will go out at the end of the year. There will be no letter grades, even for intermediate students. Parents are encouraged to make contact with teachers, preferable via email throughout the year in order to address any concerns and be updated on progress.
- 2) District Strategic Plan/Facilities Review: This fall our school district will be consulting with the community to develop it's second Strategic Plan. This is the roadmap to providing the best educational experience for our students. Parents and staff will receive an email from a company called ThoughtStream in the near future seeking input on a few questions, along with instructions on how to respond and how the information will be used by School District 72. Students will be given the opportunity to provide input in the future as well. Thanks in advance for participating.

- There will be an Open House-meet the teacher night where ice cream will be served on Thursday, Sept. 26th. PAC Executive were asked to help serve ice cream.

-There will be a pro-d day on Sept. 30th with the focus for teachers being on zones regulation and self-regulation.

Correspondence: Tara has received information on various fundraising ideas that PAC members are welcome to look at and the Food Bank food drive (this is discussed later).

Old Business

-**English Bay Cookie Dough:** Deadline for forms completed and money is Oct. 1st. There are mixed revues regarding cookie dough sales so far. Aren and Leslie said they will help with sorting and sending out cookie dough with the students on the day it arrives. Tara reported that a delivery date will be provided once our order is placed. Tami will get this information out to parents so that they can plan to pick the dough up the day it arrives if possible.

-Hot Lunch Program-Leslie updated that the online program seems to be working well. There is a great how-to guide for the program! About 60 parents had ordered just over the weekend and we hope for many more. Graeme stated that leadership students could help with handing out food, under adult supervision. There can be 2 staff supervisors and if we could get at least 2-3 parent volunteers that would be ideal. Aren will look into the online payment option with the bank. Aren will set up Thrifty's account for hot lunch items.

-Campbell's Product Labels-The P.A.C. will continue to collect Campbell's product labels and will do ongoing promotion of this via FB and the newsletter. The current balance is 23, 640 and the next level is 25,000. The website is <http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/merch.asp>. The labels we collect are not just from Campbell's soup, but other products such as Goldfish crackers and PACE salsa. This was promoted in the last newsletter.

New Business:

-Food Bank Food Drive Oct. 12-13: Ocean Grove will be organizing a Thanksgiving food drive for the CR Food Bank. Tami will promote this in the newsletter and on Facebook. We will encourage kids to bring in a certain amount of food per class and if all classes get to this amount, Mr. Boyd will dye his hair pink! Every class will participate.

-Recruiting for 2014/2015 PAC Executive: Tara noted that she, Aren and Tami all have their plates very full and will all be stepping down from their PAC executive roles at the end of this school year (and end of their terms). They will all continue to stay involved with the PAC in other ways. Other parents are strongly encouraged to consider taking on these roles (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer), and will very much be supported along the way!

-District PAC Rep: Aren spoke about the role that the DPAC Rep would play in acting as a liaison between the DPAC (once a month meetings) and our PAC. Sadie Mack stepped forward to take on this role. Thank you Sadie!

-Birthday Board: Tara offered a big thanks to D'arcy Roy for taking on the task of doing the Birthday Board this year. It is looking great so far!

Upcoming Events:

- *Halloween Breakfast:* Thursday, October 31st. Tara will ask Stephanie Toner if she is willing to organize this again this year. Tara explained this event to new PAC members. Graeme stated that he and the teachers will organize the fashion show again this year. Tami will promote in newsletter.
- *Potluck Lunch:* Wednesday, November 6th. Andrea will set up a google page for volunteers. Tami to promote.
- *Parent/Teacher Interviews:* November 7th.
- *Winter Carnival:* Thursday, December 5th. We hope to get a committee together to assist with this event. We will make some changes to the craft and face painting stations.
- *Christmas Concert:* December 18th

Fundraising and Cost-saving Ideas-

- Cookbooks or craft books. Would need someone to collect recipes and compile the books as well as put out a pre-order form before printing.
- Little toys can be donated to be used for prizes at the Winter Carnival.
- The Art Show was a success last year along with the dance. Can we do this again this year?
- We could try a used toy and book sale. This has been successful for others in the past, but we may accumulate too many unsellable items (which could be donated possibly).

Meeting **adjourned** at 7:55 PM.

Next Meeting: October 21st at 6:30 PM