

Ocean Grove P.A.C. Meeting Minutes January 27, 2014

Attendance: Andrea Laviolette, Graeme Boyd, Trish Finnerty, Tami Riecker, Aren Knudsen

Minutes from Nov. 25/13 meeting were accepted by Andrea and seconded by Trish.

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

General Account Balance as of Jan. 27/14-16,761.76

Bingo Account Balance as of Jan. 21/13: \$4,854.01

Total Fund's Available: 21,615.77

*Aren will talk to Leslie about a possible hot lunch report regarding money collection.

*Wish list from last year has not been paid out to the school in full yet due to waiting for purchase orders. Graeme to ask Ladona about this.

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

Correspondence: None

Principal's Report was provided by Graeme Boyd

January has been a typically busy start to a new year. Our numbers have gone up by two new students and it looks like they may go up again before the end of March. With a projected increase in Kindergarten registrations there may be a change in configuration next year.

The Literacy Day challenge went well with lots of adults at the school reading with us. We are looking forward to the book exchange Mrs. Sewid is organizing for the end of the week.

Next Thursday we will be visited by Monster Theatre. This will be a play on social responsibility themes presented by this touring group.

The Thoughtstream online questions were presented to the principals last week.

Of the three questions they asked I have pulled out the top three responses:

- 1) "What are we doing well?"
 - *Emphasis on reading
 - *Access to a variety of books
 - *Communication about student activities/progress
- 2) "What are the challenges that need to be addressed?"
 - *Large class sizes
 - *Challenging students at the appropriate level
 - *More access to learning assistance
- 3) "What are some things you would like to see that are not currently happening?"
 - *Daily PE
 - *Challenges for students
 - *Organized school sports

The results will be emailed out to parents.

Old Business

-Winter Carnival: Not quite as successful as last year. Attendance was lower. There were less student volunteers for games and less auction donations. Snow was a factor in people coming out. Financially however, the outcome was similar to last year. Graeme will try to get more grade 5 parents involved in helping with games next year. Graeme also said the carnival could start earlier (like at 1:30 PM), but parents were not sure this would make a difference. Tami suggested that perhaps Friday would be a better day and the group agreed that this might yield better attendance and this would be worth a try next year.

-Louise Walker Sex Education Sessions: It was decided that the best dates for this to occur are during the week of April 7th-11th. Tara to arrange with Louise.

-Family Dance and Art Sale: This will have a Rock Star theme. The DJ is booked for 6:00 PM. The doors will open at 5:30. We will order pizza, but less than last year, as well as have pop, water and candy bags for sale. The students will work on art pieces at school to be sold at the event to parents. Graeme will organize this. Tami will buy prizes. We will put \$100.00 towards prizes-\$5:00/prize. Tami will also buy glow sticks. Aren will order pizza. Trish will organize and run the tattoo station (25 cents per tattoo). We will need volunteers in the concession and for the art sale. Andrea to set up a sign-up page. Tami will put this information in the next newsletter and on Facebook.

-Spring Raffle: We need to start looking at items that can be donated or purchased at cost to raffle off in the spring (ie. BBQs, camping items, excursions). We will try this type of raffle instead of the basket raffle this year. Tami will put a blurb in the newsletter to see what ideas might be generated from parents who own or are employed by a business. We could raffle off a few items. Each child could be responsible for selling at least one book of tickets. Books could also be sold at Discovery Foods. This topic will be readdressed next meeting.

New Business:

-2014/2015 PAC Executive Recruitment: The current executive wishes to step down next year and we need to start active recruitment of next year's team. Tami will put this in the Feb. newsletter.

-Head Lice: This topic was raised and a parent wondered what the school's stance is on informing parents when head lice is in the school/classes. Graeme said that there are policies around being discreet about this and not singling out children. However, Graeme said he will remind teachers that general notices can go home informing parents that there is evidence of lice in the class and to please take extra care. Graeme stated that the conditioner treatment works best to eradicate lice. Graeme will put information about head lice in his next newsletter.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:30 PM.

Next Meeting will be on February 24th at 6:30 PM