

Ocean Grove P.A.C. Meeting Minutes April 7, 2014

Attendance: Samantha Helm, Graeme Boyd, Trish Finnerty, Tami Riecker, Aren Knudsen, Tara Idiens

Minutes from January 27, 2014 were accepted by Samantha and seconded by Trish.

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

General Account Balance as of April 4/14-\$13,405.74

Bingo Account Balance as of Jan. 21/13: \$4,854.43

Total Fund's Available: \$18,260.17

*Some hot lunch money is outstanding

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

Correspondence: Tara shared that there is some fundraising information, playground equipment brochures, foster parent information, a note from DPAC that they paid our fee for BCCPAC Membership and minutes from previous DPAC meetings

Principal's Report was provided by Graeme Boyd

"Now that we are entering the final third of the school year there are several events which herald the arrival of spring in the school district.

The budget conversations are now beginning. The parents/SPC/PAC executive meeting on the budget will happen on Wednesday the 16th @ 7:00 PM in the Robron library. There are lots of pressures on the budget this year that put about \$900, 000 in reductions on the table.

Staffing is also beginning to appear. Our school has been established at a staffing level of 6 divisions next year. With the permitted cross boundary in numbers we will begin next year with every division at maximum numbers. We have started a wait list for next year and hope we can accommodate at least some newcomers.

With our teaching staff the only thing I know for sure with that Mrs. Haines is retiring at the end of June. Mrs. Chernask and Mrs. Vrabell are on temporary contracts and may be bumped by other teachers with seniority at the end of June. Ms. Skaarvik (EA) will also be leaving the school.

Thanks to Roxanne Pauls we are starting an after school chess club on Wednesdays. We are also starting up running club on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. We hope to get together with Oyster River for a fun track meet near the end of May."

There will be a Beach Day (TBD) and a Hagel Park day in June (possibly June 19th for the park).

Old Business

-Rock Star Dance/Art Sale: Was very successful with good attendance and a fun theme. The tattoo booth was a good touch.

-Spring Raffle: Ticket sales appear to be going well. However, it is anticipated that some books will come back in unsold/partially sold so Tami will make a push via FB, the newsletter and ask Ladona to email about returning

books ASAP if they will not be sold. Aren stated there is currently a waitlist of kids who would like to sell more books of tickets, but there are no more to give out at this point. It has already been advertised that top salespeople will win the prizes. The PAC is very appreciative of the businesses that donated raffle prizes! Books will be collected back by May 5th, and the draw will take place on May 9th.

-Louise Walker (Sex Educator): Will cost \$55.00/hour. The PAC will pay for the lessons and the school will pay for the info. evening the week prior. The dates for the student sessions at this point are May 12/13 and Tara will email Louise about a date for a parent information session. Parents cannot watch the lessons, but do have the right to withdraw students from them (they can go to the library during this time). Tami will put this information in the next newsletter and ask that parents let the school know if they don't want their child to participate.

New Business:

-Budget Meeting: Trish will attend the budget meeting on April 16th at Robron on the PAC's behalf.

-Soup Labels: It was decided that the PAC will no longer collect soup labels, and that it is not worth the effort. Tara has used up most of the points collected on a camera for the Spring Raffle.

-Potluck Lunch: Aren will ensure that Kindergarteners get fed first at 11:15. Volunteers will arrive at 10:30 for set-up. Tami will post a reminder on Facebook and ask Ladona to send out an email. Tami will ensure all supplies are in the kitchen and will deliver the leftover food to the Lighthouse Soup Kitchen. She will pick it up from the school at 2:30.

-Grade 5 Grad/Memory Book: An Ocean Grove parent offered to host a party at her house and an event might take place at Hagel Park. A date is currently being decided.

Tara will ask Kim Windle if she can help with the Memory Book, given her great photography skills. Pictures are needed for the book (class pic, baby pics, pics of students engaged in school activities, etc...). A write-up from each child can also be included. This project can be down-sized.

-Year End: There will be a half day of school on June 26th. There will be a year-end assembly that morning. The PAC will purchase gifts for those staff leaving the school. Ideas were discussed on the gifts and a dollar amount was decided on.

-Family in Need: It was discussed that there is a family in need in our school who recently experienced a tragedy in their family. A decision was made for the PAC to purchase a \$150.00 Walmart Gift Card to offer our support to the family at a difficult time.

-Possible Teacher's Wish List items: Cross Country Skiing Funds will likely be on the Wish List for next year (this happens every other year).

-PAC Treasurer/Secretary: The PAC Executive is still looking for a new Treasurer and Secretary for next school year.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:25 PM.

Next Meeting will be our AGM on June 2nd at 6:30 PM