

Ocean Grove P.A.C. Meeting Minutes October 7/14

Attendance: Tami Riecker, Aren Knudsen, Trish Finnerty, Graeme Boyd, Leslie Stevens, Samantha Helm, Andrea Laviolette, Deanna Collins, Cristy Balle

Minutes from June 2, 2014 meeting were accepted by Aren and seconded by Samantha.

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

General Account Balance as of October 7, 2014: 16,182.29

Bingo Account Balance as of October 7, 2014: 1,855.38

Total Funds Available: \$18,037.67

Aren has collected \$124.00 in PAC fees so far. Aren has not yet received the gaming grant but it is in the works. Aren provided more information about the way the Ocean Grove PAC finances to new parents.

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

Principal's Report was provided by Graeme Boyd.

Welcome back everyone to a school year that is a bit more squished than we are used to.

We have a very busy October ahead of us with everything from Thanksgiving to Halloween in the next three weeks.

Classes from grade 3 and up are completing math and writing assessments to give us a clear idea of where we are with our learning goals. I will have finished an application tomorrow for extra supports for our areas of greatest need. Teachers are working on gathering information for sharing out about social/emotional skills. These will be sent out by the end of October.

Our student count to date is 153. We are up by about 15 students from last year and have grown a division.

Our new staff are:

Madison Kelland: grade 2/3, Katherine Preston: grade 2/3, Chano Ruiz: grade 4/5 (Sharing with Ms. Jacques), Selma Kennedy: teacher librarian (all day Tuesday/Thursday AM), Mary Morrow: teacher librarian (Thursday AM), Wendy Reidl: custodian, Jason Wellard: Education Assistant, Robyn Nydokus: Education Assistant

We will be holding a "Meet the Creature" Open House this Thursday from 6-7 PM. Families are invited to go to classrooms to meet the teachers and have your passport stamped before stopping in the lobby for an ice cream.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to share.

Old Business:

-Hot Lunch Update-The forms have gone out and the deadline is October 13/14. Tami asked about how to reimburse those who ordered hot dogs as well as hot lunches in June and then missed out due to the teacher's strike. Leslie said that the computer system will not allow her to credit students or go back to the previous hot lunch order, so the group decided that Tami will send out a message saying all those who ordered lunches can take \$4.00/student off the current hot lunch payment.

-Halloween Breakfast

- Graeme and the executive explained how this event works.
- Trish has emailed Stephanie Toner in order to find out if she would be willing to organize this event again this year. Trish has not heard back. She will keep trying to connect but many of the parents at the meeting said they would also be willing to help.
- The event will take place Oct. 31st
- Andrea has already made up a volunteer sign-up schedule which has gone in the newsletter and will also go on FB.
- Parents are encouraged to wear costumes.
- Tami will try to get in touch with Ava Lee's mom about gluten-free food at the event
- Tami will do a mid-Oct. newsletter and include the fashion-show information (sent to her by Graeme)
- We will need to ask parents to provide plates and cutlery.

-Potluck Lunch-Will be on November 13th. Tami will put this in the newsletter and Andrea will create a volunteer sign-up. Usually more parents show up than sign-up.

-Winter Carnival-Thursday, Dec. 4th was chosen as a date for this event (2-6 PM). This will be discussed in depth at our next PAC meeting. One idea was to have the bake sale items not priced, but by donation as people tend to give more.

-Christmas Concert Date: The date will be December 18th at 7:00 PM

New Business:

Library Helpers- Teacher/Librarian Selma Kennedy asked for some parent helpers in the library Tuesdays and Thursdays. Librarian time has been cut this year and more support is needed to shelve books, mac tac and help run a small publishing center for kids (sit 1-1 with them and help them edit work). As well, Selma will need help running the Book Fair (Weds. and Thurs. of the Nov. Parent-Teacher interview week). A few of the parents at the meeting signed up to help. Tami will put this request on Face Book next week.

Birthday Board-Christy Balle volunteered to do the birthday board as D'Arcy Roy has stepped down.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17/14 @ 6:30 PM