

Ocean Grove P.A.C. Meeting Minutes November 17/14

Attendance: Rebecca Kelly, Jeanine Bendickson, Lela Kulesh, Deanna Collins, Andrea Laviolette, Alana Caldwell, Paige Warren, Cristy Balle, Samantha Helm, Jenn Kay, Tami Riecker, Aren Knudsen, Trish Finnerty

Minutes from October 7, 2014 meeting were accepted by Andrea and seconded by Samantha.

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

General Account Balance as of Nov. 17/14: \$11,382.84

Bingo Account Balance as of Nov. 17/14: \$4,715.53

Total Fund's Available: 16, 098.37

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

Correspondence: Trish has some fundraiser information. Please see her to take a look at it.

Principal's Report was provided by Graeme Boyd (who was not able to attend the meeting)

The update I have will be brief as we are continuing to move along smoothly from last month.

Thank you everyone for the great support of the Halloween breakfast and potluck lunch. Both events were great successes as far as the children were concerned. Several have asked me if we could have Halloween breakfast every month!

With the Christmas concert just around the corner I would like to say how cheerfully the staff has accepted the early date. Stage dates are always a challenge for us and we were not as fortunate with our requests this year. We are intending to run the dress rehearsal following lunch on Thursday the 4th and are aiming for a 6:30 start for the evening performance.

For the Carnival the following week I am contacting Penfield PAC to borrow their games. We will need parent volunteers to help man some of the games for the duration. It was too much to ask the grade 5's to attend their shifts last year. I will need at least 5 volunteers (or 10 in half shifts) to help supervise the games.

There are two rooms along with the library and music room to use. If needed we can organize another classroom space.

Please let me know what else you need done.

PS – We now have a staff member with a nut allergy. I will be sending home notes to affected classes tomorrow.

New Business:

School Field Trips: Deanna raised the question about field trips and what determines how often a class gets to go on them. Some of the parents spoke about the cost of school busses, how the teacher chooses to spend discretionary funds, etc... It was questioned whether if specific fundraising was done for field trips, would our school do more? Some of the parents expressed that they would like their children to go on more field trips and that other schools seem to do more. It was decided that this topic would be tabled for further discussion when Graeme is in attendance to provide more information.

Lunchtime Supervision: Concerns were also raised about the perceived lack of supervision for students at lunch time (especially the younger grades). It was discussed that the Leadership students do provide some supervision

and as well there is a paid lunchtime supervisor. Some parents wondered if they could volunteer to help out at lunch as they are concerned for the children's safety. Again, this topic was tabled until Graeme can speak more to it.

Book Fair: Mrs. Kennedy, the librarian gave the go-ahead to promote the book fair this Thursday and the fact that 50 % of the total sales are kept for the school.

Old Business

-Fundraising- It was discussed that the group will likely do a hanging basket fundraiser in the spring. Deanna provided on information on doing this through a company. In the January or February meeting we will discuss whether we do the fundraiser through a company or make our own.

-Winter Carnival-The date, which had to be changed due to the stage being available for the concert on the 4th, is now **Dec. 11/14**.

- Leslie will run a gingerbread cookie decorating station.
- Tami has booked Gillian Couture for Face Painting and will run this station with fast passes.
- Tami will email Tanya Campbell about organizing the Vendor's Market again this year. \$10.00/table and a donation to the Chinese Auction will be the cost.
- Tami will ask if the Dumonts will run the cake walk this year.
- Tara will organize a craft. Sam will help at the station and Tara's co-worker will assist with the prep.
- Trish will coordinate the bake sale. It will be by donation this year.
- Paige Warren will buy the concession food. Aren will send her a list.
- Aren will organize the Chinese Auction.
- We will need parent volunteers for Carnival games.
- Andrea has sent Tami a link to put on FB and email out for volunteer sign-up. Tami will get a newsletter out by the last week of November.
- We will ask for Chinese Auction, Cake and baking donations.
- Some discussion took place about a PAC craft and whether to do swags or wreaths or? A decision was not reached.
- Popcorn maker reserved with All in One party shop. Cotton Candy maker will be there as well.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting will be on January 19th at 6:30 PM