

Ocean Grove P.A.C. Meeting Minutes January 19, 2015

Attendance: Trish Finnerty, Graeme Boyd, Aren Knudsen, Tami Riecker, Andrea Laviolette, Tara Idiens, Tanya Campbell, Alana Caldwell

Minutes from November 17/14 meeting were accepted by Andrea and seconded by Tara.

Treasurer's Report was provided by Aren Knudsen.

General Account Balance as of Jan.19/15: \$11,483.95

Bingo Account Balance as of Jan.19/15: \$4,715.90

Total Fund's Available: \$16, 199.85

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

Correspondence: Trish said there are Christmas cards from the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen and another group and brochures on the bulb sales and magician for fundraisers if anyone wants to take a look.

Principal's Report was provided by Graeme Boyd

Welcome back to a New Year!

Our school continues to gradually grow as we welcomed another 4 students after the holidays. We are now nearing capacity at the primary level but still have considerable room in grades 4 and 5.

Two items from the school district are important right now. Firstly, the kindergarten registration times are earlier than before. As well, the placing on waitlists happens sooner than in previous years. With the schools now operating in "zones" additional staffing for a large influx of students will only happen if every school in the zone is at capacity.

Secondly, cross-catchment transfers are now being processed through the school board office. Requests for movement will now be completed through the new forms which we can continue to provide you with.

Next week we will have a hoop dancing presentation at the school. We will be hosting Oyster River for the event.

Ms. Janice Bautz will be starting tomorrow as our learning assistance teacher. She has been assigned to our school for some time but is only about to start now. Mrs. Chernask is off on maternity leave as she prepares for her first child.

Finally, I will draw your attention to the district strategic plan. With this plan now adopted by the board of trustees, each school will find ways to align its own student success plan with this document. I encourage you to read this on the district website.

New Business:

Grade 5 Planning: -Tami will work on getting the yearbook prepared. Aren advised her to charge \$10-15/book and to use the Publisher program or get a quote. Tami has sent away for a quote.

-The group voted that \$200.00 could be budgeted for the year end activities and approx. \$100 of it would go towards the party. This can happen at the beach, Hagel Park or someone's home. A potluck lunch could be a possibility.

Family Dance: -Under the Sea theme

-Trish will be in charge of decorating. Graeme will ask students to also make some decorations.

-Alana will book the music

-Andrea will make a sign-up sheet

-Trish might do some type of booth

-Tami will advertise and buy prizes

-Aren and Tanya will be in charge of concession food and pizza

PAC 2015/2016 Positions:

-There may be some interest from some of the younger student's parents for the PAC positions that will be vacated at the end of the school year (Secretary and Treasurer and we will need a new Hot Lunch Coordinator). It is encouraged that anyone interested let the PAC executive know and we will provide more information.

Fun Event for Students:

-It was discussed whether in addition to the school dance, a fun event for the students such as zumba, a movie, etc... could be planned somewhere between April-June. This will be tabled and the PAC would be open to this if a volunteer(s) would like to step up to do the planning.

Grade 4/5 Skiing Lessons: There is a chance that this may not happen because only afternoons are available and the students and teachers would not be back until well after dismissal. This is still being looked into. If it happens, it will be in the third week of February. The PAC suggested perhaps a day trip or a fun day on the mountain tubing would be a back-up option.

Spring Potluck Lunch: We will hold another lunch in April. A date will be chosen at the next meeting.

Old Business

-Winter Carnival: - Overall the event was successful and the profit was 1759.83.

-The group agrees that the bake sale being by donation is the way to go.

-Next year we will have to order more tables if we have vendors.

-We could also use another volunteer for the Chinese Auction prep and we should have a deadline for items being donated.

-The face painting fast pass went well and Gillian did a great job.

-For the cake walk, we should give away more cakes in the first two hours, and then slow it down.

School Field Trips: -The school pays for 2 busses/year/class. This costs about \$130.00 each trip. As well, a school-wide end of the year trip (Beach Day) is also arranged for.

-On average, classes go on 4 field trips/year.

-Fundraising for a pre-agreed upon field trip can be conducted in the classroom, with collaboration between the teacher and parents.

-The district discourages parents transporting students due to safety concerns/liability. It is a possibility but a good plan needs to be in place. Shorter distances are better.

-Parents cannot go in busses as there is no insurance for them.

Lunchtime Supervision: -Mrs. Locker is our paid lunchtime supervisor and the teachers have 75 mins. of before school, lunch time and/or after school per week supervision time. The EAs have designated students they assist mostly. There are always 2 adults supervising at lunch time at least.

-The leadership students help out, but this role is as much about giving them responsibility as it is them helping to supervise kids.

-Parents are welcome to come in and help supervise at lunch within reason. A Criminal Record Check would be necessary.

Spring Fundraiser: -We hope to do a spring basket fundraiser in April/May (prior to Mother's Day). We hope to plant our own baskets to save costs. This topic will be tabled until the February meeting when hopefully Deanna Collins can attend and we can gather more information prior to then. Sadie Mack may also have more information.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:05 PM.

Next Meeting will be on February 16th at 6:30 PM