

Christine Morrison Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2011

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. Quorum was established with 7 PAC Exec in attendance.
2. Agenda was adopted.
3. Motion to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 8, 2011 meeting.
Darlene 1st, Dionne 2nd, motion carried.
4. Correspondence (in correspondence binder, kept in concession):
 - Parent Presentations by BC Teacher's Federation:
 - Please read over this information.
 - They will present FREE of charge on a PAC evening. 9 presentation options are offered.
 - Read it through to see what may be of interest to you. If we can get some positive feedback, then we can book a presentation for the new year.
 - Jump MATH
 - There was an article in the newspaper regarding a new math program being offered.
 - This program would be to offer your child another method of learning math. If your child is struggling in math it will help them develop their skills. The online rates are very reasonable and there are group discount rates. This program is simply for additional learning at home, not a school-run program.
 - www.Jumpmath1.org.
 - Program runs from Kindergarten up through grade 8.
 - School Website updating:
 - Sharon is still waiting for the TECH department to give her the Contribute program. When that is given completed, then we will be able to get the website updated.
 - Note: Brian is still coming up as principal on parts of the website.
5. Chair Report by Tanya K.
 - Classroom representatives
 - Classroom representatives would liaison between PAC and the classrooms. We already have a couple of volunteers (Meg & Mouon).
 - **ACTION:** Tanya will talk to the teachers to see if there is anybody they can suggest within their classroom.
 - Field trip liaison, etc.
 - Earthquake Kit
 - **ACTION:** Sharon is going to check with the district if kits are provided... item moved to next meeting.
 - **ACTION:** Eric will also find out if this school is an access location on the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Please email this info to cmpac@live.com.
 - Staff Wish List update. All teachers were given wish lists. The most requested items:
 - Covered Area: If we get a playground reimbursement, we could put those funds toward the covered areas. This would be considered playground still.
 - **ACTION:** Karen will look into getting an estimate for the covered areas.
 - Electronics.
 - Books.
 - Risers for Mr. Minty. Mr. Minty has ordered the risers as voted on at the last meeting. The cost to our school was approximately \$2000.00.

- Field Trips: There will not be any pumpkin field trips for the primary classes due to job action.
 - Q. Is there a way that parents can help in order for the field trips to happen?
 - A. It has to do with the bus manifestos, proper return of paperwork, etc. not with the particular field trip.
 - IDEA: getting a milk truck in to do an 'at home' field trip. Other ideas: 'Aqua Van', 'Science World' all brought here. This brings the funds into the activity rather than into the bussing.
- Lice Checks next week. Please spread the word. Meet at concession on Monday morning first thing. Whatever time people can give is great – whether it is all day, or just an hour.
- Christmas Store:
 - Committee needed, let Tanya know if you are interested in spearheading or being involved.
 - Set-up: Friday, December 2 after 9:30.
 - Store scheduled to run: December 6 – 8... Sharon will check to see if we can switch the dates so Little Readers can go through as well.
 - Items have started to come in. Donations needed of wrapping paper, boxes, bows, Canadian Tire \$, small items for adults such as candles, tools, etc.

6. Treasurer Report (Natalia)

- Playground reimbursement (Karen): Karen has spoken to several people regarding the reimbursement. The information regarding our playground has been sent in and we should know by the end of November or by the end of April as to whether or not we will get the funds back. Mark Dalton is also looking into this.
- Cards by Me results: \$252.60 profit. Projected \$200.00.

7. Fundraising Report:

- Ford:
 - Advertising:
 - Signs are starting to be hung around Mission.
 - Several posters have been distributed.
 - **ACTION:** There is a chain link fence on the corner of Cedar & McRae, Tanya will knock on the door to see if they can put it up.
 - This is on the DPAC webpage.
 - **ACTION:** Angela will put it on Craigslist.
 - Invite your friends on FB.
 - Sharon will put it into the next Newsletter.
 - Volunteers:
 - Please arrive at 8:00 am to set up tents, etc.
 - Peer Counselors are going to be asked to help out that day for help with child care, set up, form fill out, etc. Veronica will ask about getting the peer counselors.
 - Needed: driver chaperones, concession workers, hosts, etc. Let Karen know if you can help.
 - Day of Event:
 - The route we have chosen is simple. All right hand turns.
 - Childcare is provided for when you are doing your test drive.
 - Hot dog barbecue lunch for sale.
 - Free face painting for the kids.
 - IDEA: ask people who come to drive to write down who invited them. Put those names in a draw for a gift card, etc.
- Photo Night: a photographer from our school is willing to come again to do family photos. Sharon will look into dates. \$20 sitting fee includes a free 8x10 photo. PAC gets the \$20. Pets are welcome.
- Movie Night (Meg): November 18th. This is a great community builder. If people have ideas, please let Meg know. Friends and family are welcome to come. Evening starts at 6:00... movies at 6:30.
- Poinsettia Fundraiser. Package has just come in today. They will be distributed next week. Order has to be in by mid-November.

8. Concession:

- Recycling Bottles (Julie):
 - We have entered into a contest (so far we are 8th). All you have to do is go down to Encorp with your bottles. Say you are from Christine Morrison. Two receipts are created. One stays with them, one goes back to the school. Money stays with Encorp and is put into a special account for Christine Morrison. Those funds are returned to Christine Morrison at the end of the fundraiser. NOTE: person returning the bottles DOES NOT get the funds. The school who returns the most bottles wins \$1000.00. Program ends on June 9th.
 - On the day of the the Ford Fundraiser we will be accepting bottles as an additional fundraiser.
 - We will open it up for people to bring their bottles to CM for return by our volunteers every Thursday and Friday.
- Money slot for door:
 - There is a money slot in the door. If you have any fundraiser money, concession money, forms, etc., please put it through the slot in the door.

9. Principal's Report (Sharon Gibson)

- Thank you to PAC for:
 - Providing and delivering water after the Terry Fox Run.
 - Thank you in advance for the lice checks.
 - Hot lunch program and concession has been great. Thank you.
 - It was neat to see how you problem solved with the Cards by Me. It was a nice opportunity for those families.
 - We are excited about the risers. Thank you. We are looking forward to making use of those.
 - Thank you also for the countless hours you have put in.
 - Thank you for rallying for the food hampers for someone in need.
 - We are now up to 453 students.
- Upcoming events:
 - Many teachers are at special conferences tomorrow.
 - Newsletter going home on Wednesday.
 - Next assembly: Friday, Nov. 4th, followed by Ready Set Learn at 9:30. Ready Set Learn is a time for parents and preschoolers to become acquainted with the school community before coming here. They will get a tour through the school.
 - Remembrance Day assembly, Wednesday, November 9th.
 - Thursday, Nov. 10th is early dismissal for evaluation and assessment.
 - Report Cards: This year report cards will look very different due to job action. Report cards will not be coming from the teacher. Stay tuned as we wait to be updated on what to expect. It is important to note that the teachers **are** assessing the children; however, we will not receive a written report of those assessments. If you have any concerns about your child's learning, please feel free to talk to your teacher.
 - Nov. 11, no school.
 - Assembly: Monday, November 14th, 9:00 Project Soul.
 - Movie Night: Friday, Nov. 18th.
 - November 25th will be a regular school day as there are no parent/teacher conferences on November 24th.
- Me to We: Nine students, supervised by Ginette Brisson, Mr. Micheau and a parent volunteer, went to the Me to We conference. Students were inspired by the day and the message. There was a great debriefing with them and they are excited to get started. "Halloween for Hunger" is their first act of service. They will be collecting for the food bank as part of this initiative. Watch for notices coming home.
- Book Fair: Running November 21-23. Volunteers needed for money counting, etc. as Liz cannot collect/count money as part of the job action.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.