

# Ecole Christine Morrison PAC

## General Meeting Minutes

Thursday- January 12, 2011

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm
2. Agenda was adopted as posted.
3. **MOTION:** To adopt the minutes from the November 17, 2011 General Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup>: Angela, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen. Motion Carried.
4. Chair Report (Tanya): The playground was a big goal for PAC and now that the playground has been put in, we sent out wish lists to the teachers regarding spending and what they would like. Two main ideas came up:
  - a. A covered area: the covered area was originally a high priority; but with further research, it was realized that it was not a viable option due to the issues other schools have had with vandalism, etc.
  - b. The other main request was for Smart Boards/Technology. Smart boards are an interactive white board that is used as a computer. It can be touched, manipulated, etc.
    - i. A smart board is a projector attached to a white board/computer. It can be used as virtually anything. Anything you can do on a computer you can do on a smart board. The teacher can start a lesson, have students fill in the blanks. It is interactive and the possibilities are endless.
    - ii. Internet can be accessed. Anything you can do on a computer, you can do on a smart board.
    - iii. We would like to purchase two smart boards, both for the English side of the school as the French side already has one smart board, and Mr. Micheau will be purchasing a second for the French side.
    - iv. **MOTION:** Karen made a motion spend up to \$6000.00 on the purchase of two smart boards. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Colleen. Motion Carried.
5. Treasurer Report (Natalia): A financial review sheet was provided and will be filed with these minutes for future reference. A more exhaustive report will be available next month.
6. Fundraiser Update (Karen):
  - a. Ford numbers: We will be receiving a chq from Ford for \$5300.00+. This was a very successful, easy and fun fundraiser.
  - b. Playground: We will be receiving a grant from the government for our playground in the amount of approximately \$39,000. Approximately \$10,000 of that money will be going back into the gaming account. This will be used in the future and we will be looking at all of the wish lists.
7. Principal's Report:
  - a. After technology, some of the other things that the teachers wanted to purchase were mats for the gym. We got 4 second hand, we need 20 more at \$155 per mat.
  - b. The other item we are in need of is outside play equipment for recess and lunch. We would like \$600.00 toward outside equipment (balls, fix one tether ball, skip-it's, footballs, etc, hockey nets, volleyball nets).
    - i. Idea: field nets. Problem: swampy field. Unfortunately, other than ripping out parts of the field and adding more drainage, this will be an ongoing problem.
    - ii. Wendy put in a motion to put \$2000.00 toward playground equipment. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen M. Discussion:

1. Shirts for the Peer counselors are also needed, idea: tie dye their own shirts.
  2. Also needed: mats for the gym.
  3. Following discussion, motion was ammended to...
    - a. **MOTION:** \$6000.00 to be given for spending from the gaming funds to be used at the discession of the principals. 1<sup>st</sup>: Angela 2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen, Motion Carried.
    - iii. Not every class has a white board, idea: projectors or white boards. White board skins approx. \$160, white boards \$500.00. Approximately 10 classes need them. It was decied that we would wait on the white boards until next month, when we have a better idea as to how many are needed.
    - iv. Books are also on the list.
  - c. Liasons: two liasons with teachers/principals, Karen & Tonia so that we have two people to talk to the teachers/principals during job action.
8. Field Trip Report:
- a. Due to job action, teachers are not able to do any administration, which hinders field trips.
  - b. Several field trips will come to the school. A sheet was provided of ideas of field trips and was made available. This sheet will be retained with these minutes for future reference. Note: rollerblading and Aquavan are unavailable for this year.
  - c. Stream of Dreams: Karen is looking further into this idea.
9. Future Planning for Spending: Please write your ideas on the sheet being cirulated for review. These will be discussed at the next meeting.
10. New Business:
- a. Kids are not given enough time to eat their lunches. Idea: play first, eat second. SPC is discussing this. **ACTION:** Sharon will discuss this with teachers/supervisors, Tanya will discuss with Concession workers. **IDEA:** take it on as a pilot for 3 months after spring break. This will be brought back at next month's meeting.
  - b. Event coming up this Saturday. Back to Health For Good. Free swimming, skating, etc. from 11:00 to 3:00 at the leisure centre. Flyers will be coming tomorrow.
  - c. Jenny: NEEDED - crossing guard at lower corner, McRae & Cedar. **ACTION:** Tracey will discuss this issue with City Hall and will bring a report next PAC meeting as this issue is a city issue. **IDEA:** petition regarding that intersection, **ACTION:** Jenny will start petition. It was noted that it is important to present a petition at a council meeting. Class reps could distribute the petition to individual classrooms.
  - d. Please be mindful of the parking lot. We have a lot of issues there as well.
  - e. Bottles for Recycling: We are in 8<sup>th</sup> spot right now. Bring your empty bottles Friday mornings. Bring them to the music room. **ACTION:** add to next newsletter. **IDEA:** competition within classrooms for bringing the most bottles.
11. Meeting Adjourned: 8:25. Next meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm