

# Ecole Christine Morrison PAC

## General Meeting Minutes

Thursday - February 16, 2012 7:00 pm

1. Meeting was called meeting to order 7:08 pm and a quorum was established with 6 executives in attendance.
2. Creative Packs Student Supplies (guest: Peter). An information sheet was supplied and will be retained with these minutes for further reference. In addition to saving money, Creative Packs saves time. Creative Packs also has a great policy for making sure the customers are happy by using suppliers that have a quality assurance.

Q. Are there minimum orders? No.

NOTE: This matter will be looked at more closely at the next executive meeting and brought back to our next general meeting for a vote.

3. Adopt Agenda.
4. **Motion:** Colleen voted to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Tanya 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.
5. Correspondence. There is a correspondence binder for review if anyone is interested.
6. Chair report: There is nothing specific to report at this time.
7. D-PAC Report (Darlene)
  - a. D-PAC has decided to stop funding the BCCPAC membership. Each school PAC will have to choose whether or not to pay for this membership on its own.
    - i. BCCPAC is a good resource for dealing with parent issues, parent advocacy workshops, conferences, etc. Our school has sent D-PAC and have had them vote by proxy in the past... however, this is difficult when you don't have the opportunity to hear the whole story.
    - ii. Cost is \$75 per year (there may be an increase in the following year).
    - iii. Note: D-PAC will still hold this membership and will be able to forward the information to the schools.
  - b. Our D-PAC chair has met with the Abby chair and we are looking at buddying up with our districts to bring in some significant speakers for seminars.
8. Principal's Report
  - a. FSA testing is almost complete. The results will come home near the end of March for the grade 4 students. Satisfaction surveys will also be coming home.
  - b. Kindergarten registration is very busy, and doing very well. There may be adjustments, etc. due to cross-boundaries, people moving. Classes will be

finalized in August. Some frustration/concern over the process of how the kindergarten registration is done was expressed by parents in attendance.

**Idea:** put your thoughts on paper and any suggestions you may have.

- c. Rollerblading: Participation has been great. We have had the first accident with the program in 7 years, the parents/child were amazing the incident and the girl is back and skating.
- d. Zumba is coming next month through our aboriginal worker. That will be offered on 4 different days in March.
- e. Smart Boards/projectors & some outside equipment have been ordered, thank you PAC.
- f. Sharon spoke to the Windebank principal about the coverings for the chalk boards to make them white boards. The new product is much improved and there are refillable, non-toxic white board markers which he also recommends.
- g. March 16 was supposed to be a non-instructional day. At this point in time, we are not certain if that will be an instructional day or not. We will know on February 21 whether or not there will be school.
- h. **Request:** Can we have the newsletters go out on Thursdays starting next month.
- i. **Question:** moving the lunch hour, Tanya still has not approached the concession workers and Sharon has not yet been invited to a staff meeting in order to bring up the issue with teachers.

#### 9. Treasurer Report:

- a. Nayyar and Connie have both put up their names for being treasurer.
- b. Nayyar works with software/computers. He does not have an accounting background. Would be available to work predominantly on weekends.
- c. Connie has two kids in the school, has a degree in bookkeeping and works as an administrative assistant. Would be available to help out each day for a couple hours, and does have Fridays open.
- d. Gratitude was expressed that these two individuals have stepped up to the plate and it was also noted that this is a big job and having two people work together is an ideal situation. This was favourable and therefore, decided that one would be a member at large to assist the treasurer, and the other would carry the title of Treasurer.
- e. **MOTION:** Angela G. put forward a motion that Nayyar be the new treasurer and Connie be added as a member at large (treasurer's assistant). Dionne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.
- f. Concern was expressed about having the accounting information available at the school for anyone who may have any questions. It was noted that the executive is already looking into the idea of using Google docs or drop box to solve that problem. This would also work as a back-up of information in case of hardware failure.

#### 10. New Business / Business Arising

- a. Recycling: we are doing very poorly. We are now #9. Sharon will double check our school numbers to see if we are under 450 as that would put us into a different category. **ACTION:** Julie will give a blurb to the principal for the next newsletter and the PAC will add a note in the March newsletter to start a class-by-class competition.

b. Volunteers needed for:

- i. If you know anyone who is interested in helping out in the coming year, or even in a small way this year – put the word out that we need helpers.
- ii. Help needed also with the online hotlunch program. Someone who enjoys working on computers, etc.
- iii. Setting aside monthly chip pre-orders.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

**Adjourn Meeting at 8:23 Angela made a motion to adjourn, Julie 2<sup>nd</sup>... motion carried.**