

Ecole Christine Morrison PAC

General Meeting MINUTES

Thursday - May 10, 2012 7:00pm

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm and a quorum was established with 8 executives in attendance.
2. Adopt Agenda. 1st: Karen, 2nd: Debra. Adopted.
3. Motion: to adopt the minutes from May 10th. 1st: Karen, 2nd: Dionne. Motion carried.
4. Correspondence: There is a nice thank you note from Mme. Ginette's class. There is a "Teacher's News" Magazine to read/look over. Also, there is a package from the BCCPAC General Meeting that is coming up and a news magazine "Our Voice". Feel free to read any of the correspondence in the correspondence binder.
5. Chair report:
 - a. Elections: are coming up at next month's PAC meeting (June 14). Please take a look at the board outside for more information or to nominate yourself or someone else for a position. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask at any time or email cmpac@live.ca.
 - b. Move for Health Day was today. We received a \$300 grant for this day, fruit was provided to the kids as a healthy snack. The High School students from the MSS Leadership skills program ran the activities and did an excellent job. The kids at Christine Morrison really enjoyed the day as well. The teacher at MSS was approached to see if we could do something like this on a more ongoing basis. The teacher will bring this question back to their school.
6. D-PAC: check the D-PAC website for detailed information about Bill 22.
7. Treasurer Report:
 - a. Nayyar provided a financial report that will be retained with these minutes for further reference.
 - b. We did receive our funds from Ford for approx. \$5300.
 - c. Playground funds have also been received in the amount of approx. \$39,000.
8. Field Trip Update:
 - a. Science World: We have booked Science World for May 24th. They will do two session "It's a Gas" for the primary classes and "Energy In Action" for the intermediate classes. The total cost is \$672 including taxes which will come out of gaming.
 - b. Adopt-a-Block Garbage Cans: 8 of the cans are ready to go. We are arranging a day to get them in. Drop sheets are needed. **ACTION:** if you have some drop sheets, please bring them in, also we will need some monitors there as well. If you can help out please contact Karen.
 - c. Carnival/Fun Day: We are talking about the possibility of a "Fun Day" offered to the kids instead of a community fair. We are currently looking into options. If anyone is interested in helping, please talk to Tanya or Karen. **ACTION:** Please sign-up by concession if you can help with this.
9. Fundraising Update:
 - a. Recycling bottles competition: Bottle Drive is May 22 to 25th. We need A LOT of help. We will be at the lower parking lot from 8:00 to 8:40 am each day. Needed: crosswalk helpers, parents to accept bottles and take them to the recycling depot.

- b. Book Fair (May 25 to 30): Liz cannot do the book fair due to Job Action. PAC has taken on this library fundraiser. There is a sign-up list in concession to help during lunch or after school.

10. New Business/Business Arising:

- a. Purchase of new PAC laptop: Our current laptop is DEAD. We have done a lot of research into our best options. We believe the best way to go is to get one through the district so we can print wirelessly using the photocopier and also will include maintenance. The cost is just under \$950 complete for a new laptop. **MOTION:** Angela put forward a motion to spend up to \$1000.00 for a new PAC laptop. 2nd: Debra. Motion carried.
- b. There is still an issue of many of the kids not eating their lunches because of lack of time. Children who have eaten have better behaviour, are able to learn better, and are getting their proper nutrition. We would like to see this changed so that the play time is before the lunch time. There is an article available regarding how to switch over to the play first, eat second idea. **ACTION:** Sharon will bring this up to the teachers again. **ACTION:** Jen and Eric will work toward a presentation/committee to show how it has been tried at other schools. Melissa will get letters from two teachers she knows who are at schools who do this. **IDEA:** Get some of the teachers on board before it goes to the teachers. Provide the information to the teachers. Find out their concerns as well so that we can address those ahead of time. **Question:** Would it be possible to request ahead of time that the Kindergarten kids have more time to eat, even just for the Kindergarten kids.

11. Principal's Report:

- a. This is the time of year when staffing begins. We are waiting to find out if we could be down one division. However, we do have registrations coming in daily.
- b. We have a new staff member: Andrea Sandau in Division 15. Her posting was "until the end of the school year, or return of the incumbent". At this point, Mme. Vicky is still back for ½ a day per week. With Mme. Jose, we do not have a definite answer as to when she will be back, we are hoping to have some firm answers soon. Note: We have a shortage of French TOC's.
- c. Thank you again for the Smart Boards. All of the students have been exposed to the smart board through the library. The teachers have had an opportunity to see what their kids are learning on the boards. The boards are being put to good use.
- d. ABC Easy Writer is a program that is great for the learning assistance kids that uses the iPad. There is a request for 8 iPads to use for the learning assistance classes. **ACTION:** This will be something we will discuss at the executive level.
- e. Primary Sports Day: June 6, Intermediate Sports Day: June 13th.
- f. Grade 6 teachers had a planning session for the grade 6 year end celebration on June 22nd. June 26th will be the graduation ceremony. 63 students will be leaving and going to middle school.
- g. We are encouraging parents and students to pick-up and drop off the kids at the outside doors, not inside the school.
- h. The teachers are excited about the Science World coming. They are enjoying the "come to you" field trips. Thank you for the cow. Move For Health was great.
- i. Ella Schmor, whose mother passed away earlier this year, is selling woven bracelets for \$1 to support Relay for Life.
- j. Mats for Gym: We are trying to go with the best price. Right now it looks like the cost will be \$3000.00 (\$165 each).
- k. White Boards: There are 9 classes with chalk boards. Rather than buying the traditional white board, we were looking at the coating put onto the existing chalk boards. The question that was asked at executive was why this was not provided by the district. This has been pushed to a school budget. We don't want to pay for something as a PAC that should be covered under school equipment. Cost: \$300 for new board, \$160 for a skin. **ACTION:** We will move this to the next executive meeting.

- l. Outdoor sports equipment: Yesterday we got the bins out and started to divide up the equipment. We may need to order a few more items.
MOTION: To spend up to \$3000.00 on more outdoor sporting equipment at the discretion of the administration. 1st: Dionne, 2nd: Karen. Motion carried.
- m. Ho-Down: we are not having the traditional ho-down this year, simply line dancing.
- n. Talent Show: will not be happening this year.

12. Next Meeting: June 14 @ 7:00 pm for voting. Any agenda items for that meeting, please let Angela know.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55