



Upper Lynn PAC

Upper Lynn Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting – April 24, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 p.m.

PAC Executive in Attendance: Jenny Gill, , Michelle Potts, Tanya Mealing, Danae Gale, Marnie Devries, Sarah Wildman, Kristy Gill, Karen Iacoviello, Alexandra Best, Leslie Jaremchuk, Julie McNeil, Tricia Eidnani

Regrets: Karen Simpson, Ruth Mitchell

- **School Administration in Attendance:** Joan Martins and Johneen Harris
- **Call to Order:** – Jenny Gill @ 7:07 pm
- **Approval of Minutes:** Approve January 23, 2014 and February 27, 2014 minutes – motioned by Lisa Kury and seconded by Leslie Jaremchuk
- **Review and Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt minutes by Lisa Kury and seconded by Leslie Jaremchuk

Message from School Administration by Joan Martins and Johneen Harris:

- There is a collaboration day April 30, 2014. The staff will be discussing homework and what it looks like at Upper Lynn and what it could look like at Upper Lynn. They will also be discussing what kind of support the classes need to reduce homework. For one hour before the collaboration meeting there will be math games in the classrooms, the senior students will teach the junior students and the intermediate students will teach the primary students.
- April has been poetry month and on April 29 the students will be participating in a poetry café, a poetry reading.
- A dance teacher will be teaching the students fun dance. PAC funds are being used to hire the dance teacher. This will give each class two lessons and then there will be a dance off and the students will perform for each other.
- The laptops that were ordered have arrived; a technician will bring them in on May 2 the ProD Day. The technician will look at the old ones and see how they can be used for the primary students.

- For technology the primary students will be using the iPads and the intermediate students will be using smart boards.
- The May newsletter will contain information for parents who want to write the administration a letter to set out a particular learning environment a parent would like to see for their child for the 2014 – 2015 school year. The deadline for submission for this letter is firm. The administration will not take into consideration the naming of a specific teacher.
- Kindergarten orientation for all new kindergartens (there are 66 registered so far which means 3 full kindergarten classes) on May 14 from 10:45 to 11:45. The administration would like to see someone from the PAC to explain to the new parents what the PAC is. A district nurse will be coming to explain the requirement for immunizations.
- Fun day is on May 16 and this year it is a full day. Stations will be set up until recess and then large group activities from recess to lunch time. There will be a regular lunch time. A performer will arrive at 1:00 and after that there will be class activities. The PAC will provide a snack. The teachers have asked that there not be any freezies this year. Tug of war is one of the activities for the intermediate students. Parents can attend fund day for the morning but the students will be staying for the afternoon and it will be a regular dismissal time.
- Currently the teachers in on a Stage 1 strike and some things might change. We have a cooperative group of teachers at Upper Lynn.
- Track and field is up and going and there is a different format this year. Arlene has stepped forward to head track and field. A number of the intermediate teachers are taking on some responsibility. Due to the fact that track and field is part of the physical education program at school this year children that would not normally sign up for track and field are getting to experience track and field are enjoying it. The students get to experience all the stations. Next year the program will be fine-tuned and will be improved.
- There is a new draft curriculum and it can be viewed online.

IPads - vote to approve overspending

- The budget had \$5,000 set aside for technology. The iPads invoice was approximately \$5,602 which puts the expenditure at about 21% over budget and a vote is required for the over expenditure.
- Motion to approve the over expenditure by Lisa Kury and seconded by Tricia Eidnani all in attendance are in favour.

Upcoming Events and Fundraising

- **Card Project**
 - This year's card project went very well. There were 162 orders and the amount in total orders is was \$8,700. The PAC earns 25% of the total orders which is \$1,943.25 which is up from last year.
 - The orders will arrive next week.
- **Mother's Day Flowers**

- The Mother's Day flowers are currently for sale. The deadline for orders is Sunday April 27 and the deadline to pay is Monday April 28.
- Delivery will be on May 8 after school and the pick time will be from 3-5 and also in the morning of May 9 for 45 minutes.
- The company will only give a 2 hour notice for delivery.
- Need to arrange volunteers. The Grade 7 students are available on May 8.
- **Talent Show**
 - The talent show is on May 9 from 7 – 9.
 - There will be individual rehearsals going on throughout the week.
 - Next week there will be individual acts rehearsing through lunch and recess.
 - May 6, 7 and 8 there will be dress rehearsals.
 - Tickets go on sale April 30 and the event will definitely sell out.
 - Most of the grade 7's will be attending.
 - It is possible that there will be a mystery teacher act.
 - Approximately 50 students will be participating.
 - Concession will be more organized this year and will be located in the multi-purpose room
 - There is a message for all volunteers on the website.
 - Media students from Argyle will be attending and filming the show. It was suggested that the videos be for sale.
- **Fun Day – All day**
 - PAC snack - Leslie will look into ordering frozen yogurt
- **Kidsworld Passes**
 - The Kidsworld passes were received today.
 - There were about 50 passes ordered.
 - Leslie will offer the Kidsworld passes for sale again during the month of May and the same offer will be in place - \$45.00 per pass and PAC we still get \$5.00 per pass.
 - If the passes are ordered online through the Kidsworld website the price is \$50 per pass.

Hot Lunch

- On May 7 from 5 – 7 at the Education Centre on Lonsdale and 21st the DPAC is running a Foods that Fit Workshop where attendees can try different foods that fit into the District's criteria for foods that fit in BC schools go around and try different foods. A dietician will be there as well as the Edible Garden Project manager and North Shore Recycling. Anyone is welcome.

- There are now food and beverage guidelines for all schools in BC. All items for sale must fall under sell most or sell sometimes – 50% of the foods offered have to fall under the sell most category and 50% of the foods offered can be under the sell sometimes category. Juice is not allowed whatsoever, including vending machines. Booster juice is sell sometimes.
- We are looking at order two different sizes for Booster Juice - small and large – this has not been confirmed.
- The PAC is looking into paying for a company that will pick up the school's recycling – all plastics, blue bin and non-blue bin recycling.
- It was suggested that we look into offering Subway. The consensus is that other schools have had difficulty with this product and we are encouraged to stay away from offering this option.
- There was talk about switching some of the vendors, specifically for the pizza.

After School Programs

- Home Alone is full.
- Babysitting is almost full
- A few kids from outside of Upper Lynn Elementary may fill the open spots.

Lunch Hour Equipment

- We would like to see a better use of the equipment that PAC supplied.
- There was a Grade 7 student who signed up for monitoring it last.
- Ms. Rose has had it open a few times this year.
- A question was raised is there any benefit to having it open for free for all? No, it would all disappear.
- It was suggested that the equipment be divided up between all the classrooms.
- It was decided that the teachers will request equipment for their classroom and then that equipment will get delivered to that classroom and the division number gets put on the equipment. The matter is over to the teachers to discuss at their next meeting

New Business

- None

PAC Positions

- There are a lot of people who are staying on and there are some people that are moving on.
- At this time, the following positions open are:
 - Communications
 - Volunteer coordinator

- We need to advertise all the positions open. We will post the positions available in the month of May.
- There will be a PAC booth on fun day, we can advertise then.

Note: The Volunteer Tea in on April 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Nest Meeting is the AGM on May 29, 2014

Meeting adjourned @ 8:04 p.m.