



Upper Lynn PAC

Upper Lynn Parent Advisory Council General Meeting – FEBRUARY 27, 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, Ruth Mitchell

Regrets: Tricia Eidnani, Karen Simpson, Julie McNeil

- **School Administration in Attendance:** Joan Martins and Johneen Harris
- **Call to Order:** – Kristy Gill @ 7:04 pm
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes will be approved at the next meeting
- **Review and Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt minutes Tanya Mealing and seconded by Lisa Kury

Message from School Administration by Joan Martins and Johneen Harris:

- Gym Sense is a gymnastics program PAC has sponsored. All classes in the school will go through the program and work through different stations. It is a lot of fun for the students. They will learn gymnastics skills that the teachers are not usually able to teach. The teacher got injured so instead of running the program for one class after spring break they will end the program early and get a credit for the days not used.
- The teachers have a \$5,000.00 budget to use towards technology. So far the items purchased are 10 iPad airs plus cases, reflectors that act similar to the smart board – they work through the projector. Two of the teachers are going to take the time to get them working. The application, Configurator, will be purchased. It goes on all of the iPads.
- Ready set learn for three years olds in coming up on April 9. Parents must call the school to register. This year nature play is the theme. It will take place in the library and outside. Each child will get a small bag of items to take home.
- The Provincial Government has approved a new curriculum to modernize the educational system. A new focus is being placed on students being competent thinkers and socially competent. They Government is looking for input from everyone. You can go to the website, curriculum.gov.bc.ca. The idea is fewer topics and that go more in depth.

- The collaboration sessions in January and February were spent looking at assessments for differentiation in assessing and teaching. They looked at the possibility of students doing self-assessments. This month one of the Argyle math teachers came to the school to talk about math in Grades 8 & 9. The school district is running a series on assessments. Teaching students how to improve their learning. The school district has drafted a new handbook on assessments. It is not ready for distribution yet.

Treasurer's Report - Karen Iacoviello:

- Karen gave a report on the current financials.
- The PAC needs to determine what type of contingency needs to be maintained.
- Joan Martins and Johnneen Harris gave a list of the items the school needs most one of which is more iPads for each class.
- Currently the laptops are limited in their use due to their age. Replacing the laptops would be a good way to spend the extra funds we have.
- It will cost \$30,000.00 for 30 laptops that are Macbook and are supported by the school district's IT department. These are the most up to date laptops available.
- We may need to get a new cart. This can be an item for next year's budget.
- It was decided to hold an informal vote for the expenditure of purchasing the laptops.
- All in favour – motioned by Lianne Smith and Lisa Kury. All those in favour (all) no opposed no abstentions.
- It was suggested that the PAC set aside money each year for maintenance of the technology.
- To keep track of which student uses which laptop, each student will be assigned a number and that student gets that laptop number each time. This is so any damage to the laptops can be tracked.
- It is important that all the laptops are the same.
- Laptop cart is to be pushed by the older students only.

Carnival Update

- Some of the attractions will be:
 - Wipe out arm
 - Bungee
 - Jousting
 - Dunk tank
- The Lions club with Save On Foods will be arranging and manning the BBQ which will include beverages. The PAC will receive all funds from the concession.
- It was suggested that we try to get sponsors for some of the activities.

- Arm bands will be available for purchase for \$20 each (an arm band that cannot be duplicated will be used). The arm band will include all rides except the wipe out arm and the bungee. Tickets will also be available for purchase.
- The arm bands can be pre purchased at the school.
- We are still looking for people to shadow for next year's carnival committee. There has been some interest but nothing confirmed.
- Silent auction will go as usual.

After School Activities:

- Kidpower
 - Tabled until next meeting
- Tennis will start after spring break
- Mad science
- Art mania
- Babysitting will be running on May 2, the Pro D Day
- Mindful Meditation will also start after spring break

Fundraising Activities:

- Movie Night recap
 - It was really fun and enjoyed by everyone who attended. The parents lounge was fun and busy. The kids liked it and the parents liked it.
 - This was not a fundraising event, it was a give back by the PAC.
 - The expenses were covered by the funds received from the concession.
 - There has been great feedback from the parents.
 - It was successful and we will do it again.
- Mother's Day Basket:
 - This will run late April.
 - Delivery will be the week before Mother's Day.
 - Hanging baskets and planters will be offered and no other items.
- Card Project Update / Celebration of Art for Upper Lynn:
 - The art projects are due March 3.
 - The sample cards will be ready for after spring break.
- Kidsworld Fun Passes:
 - It is a great freaking deal.

- There is an activity every day of the summer starting July 1 and goes to early September.
- The 2014 calendar is not set.
- Kits will be mailed out in early April.
- Leslie will run another round in April for those who would still like to purchase the passes.

New Business

Baby Chicks

Joan Martins asked if the PAC can fund this project next year. It has already been paid for this year. For future years can the money come from the PAC funds? We will put it on the budget for next year.

PAC Executive Committee is accepting applications for 2014-2015.

Track and field update – nothing yet.

Slide replacement – a climbing apparatus has been put in place of the damaged slide

It was mentioned that the teachers are not using their budget for buses for field trips. It was asked if other teachers can use any unused budget items for the buses. We will look into this.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is on April 24, 2014.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:04 p.m.