



Upper Lynn PAC

Upper Lynn Parent Advisory Council General Meeting – NOVEMBER 7, 2013 Meeting called to order @ 7:04 p.m.

PAC Executive in Attendance: Jenny Gill, Karen Simpson, Michelle Potts, Leslie Jaremchuk, Tanya Mealing, Danae Gale, Tricia Eidnani, Marnie Devries, Sarah Wildman

Regrets: Alexandra Best, Kristy Gill, Ruth Mitchell, Julie McNeil

- **School Administration in Attendance:** Joan Martins
- **Call to Order:** – Tanya Mealing @ 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Approving two sets of minutes at next meeting
- **Review and Adoption of Agenda:** Jenny Gill

Message from School Administration by Joan Martins and Johneen Harris:

- Professional Day – the teachers attended many different seminars / conferences on the professional day. The different seminars / conferences that were attended included Orten Gillingham: Building Resilience, Outdoor Education, BC Principals Conference, Conference Supporting Students with Special Needs.
- The slide that was destroyed due to vandalism will not be replaced with a slide but another structure. It has not been confirmed what that structure will be or when it will be completed.
- A big thank you to all those who helped make the Halloween party a success. The feedback has been positive and those who attended had a great time.
- An update of the status of play first and eat lunch later: We would like to make sure this will not interfere with hot lunch program. Joan and Johneen have connected with Leslie about the next steps. Leslie will provide more information as to how the change may affect the hot lunch program. The suggestion is to start the play first eat lunch later at the beginning of December 2013 on a trial basis for at least four months. The reason for the four month trial is that typically when change is introduced it is often rejected and takes about 4 months to get an accurate indication as to whether or not the change will be accepted. The playtime will most likely be shortened to 25 minutes instead of the usual 30 minutes to allow time for the children to return to their classrooms to get ready to eat.

- School planning council - elections were held today. Three people put their names forward to be a part of the Student Planning Council: Sarah Wildman, Andrea Wooles and Michelle Potts. Ballots are distributed to all those in attendance and collected by Joan. Michelle Potts and Sarah Wildman and Andrea Wooles were voted into to be on the Student Planning Council.

Halloween Re-Cap:

- This year the configuration was changed and determined that the primary students enjoyed the new plan. We made approximately \$3,000. The Halloween Party was well attended. It was noted that it takes about 60 volunteers to make this event succeed. It is a big community contribution. Snake man was not able to make it this year. Snake man will be attending next year. It was also noted that there were too many volunteers for bingo, next year we only need 2 volunteers to run bingo.

Fundraising

- Poinsettias are selling for \$12 each and each plant is between 14” and 16” high.
 - November 1, 2013 fundraiser begins
 - November 22, 2013 last day to order
 - December 6, 2013 pick up date – this will be confirmed
- Family Fun Night set for January 29, a new date will have to be chosen as this date conflicts with an Arglye event.

After School Programs:

- Art Mania for K-7 is running Tuesdays beginning November 19 and ending December 10. The class will be making a fleece blanket and holiday cards. As of today there are only 4 registrants. We need more registrants. One of the parents attending noted that there has been some issues with registrations through the Art Mania website. Karen will confirm with Mary on the attendance.
- Kidproof Safety: At Home Alone Course (10+) \$25.00 starting Wednesday November 22 (3:15 – 5:15). There is some space left for registrations. Karen noted that you can register a 9 year old for this course but the parents are reminded that there are vague legal issues about leaving kids under the age of 10 alone. The At Home Alone course will be running again in the spring and will be held on Tuesdays.
- Kidproof Safety: First Aid for Kids (8+) \$25.00 starting Wednesday November 29 (3:15 – 5:15). Two more registrants are needed for a full class.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is on January 23, 2014.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:00 p.m.