

**PAC Meeting Minutes
December 9 2009**

Meeting begins 3:10

Attendance: Arlene Deptuck, Mary Vassilopoulos, Diana King, Mike Ireland, Corinne Labas, Liz Laidlaw, Micha Prins, Mike Silverton (teacher rep.) Alana Gaetz

1. Review December 9 2009 Agenda

ADD: under Other-Purdy's

2. Accept November 18 2009 minutes-all reviewed

-Motion to accept minutes Liz

-Motion to second by Arlene

-voted by all present

-Minutes approved

3. Reports

5.1 Principal's Report

Cilaire Elementary School

Principal's Report to PAC

Date: December 9, 2009

School Events for:

December 10	Division 5 to VIU – Dance
December 11	Division 3 & 4 – Swimming
December 11	Hot Lunch orders due
December 15	Christmas Concert
December 16	PAC Hot Lunch
December 17	Grade 6 dinner
December 17	Grade 5 – 7 Christmas Dance
December 17	Last day for Salvation Army hamper donations
December 18	Movie Day?
December 18	Last day of classes
January 4	School reopens from the Winter Break
January 11	OPT for Health Education – Grades 4, 6, 7
January 18	OPT for Health Education – Grades 4, 7
January 21	Family Reading Night

December School Events

December 1st – 17th – Christmas Food Hamper Drive

During the first two and a half weeks of December, the Cilaire Special Events Committee has organized a food drive for needy families in the Nanaimo community. We will be collecting non-perishable food items in the classrooms throughout the two week period, as well as at the Christmas concert. On

December 17th, the Salvation Army will pick up our donations and ensure they get to families in need over the holiday season.

December 15th - Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th. The concert will follow a similar format last year with each class entertaining the audience with a song, skit, etc. As well we will have Ms. Langstaff's Aboriginal Cultural drumming group play a couple of traditional Aboriginal Christmas songs. The evening concert is at 6:30 with the dress rehearsal at 10:00 in the morning. Hopefully the weather will be more co-operative than it was last year ☺.

Movie Day on Friday, December 18th

We will leave at approx. 9:10 am and travel by School District 68 school bus to the Galaxy Theatre at Nanaimo North Town Centre Mall. The movies will begin at approximately 9:45 am. We are hoping to see the new release The Princess and the Frog for all students Kindergarten to Grade 3 and either Planet 51 or the Fantastic Mr. Fox for all students Grade 4 – Grade 7. Please keep in mind that these selections are tentative.

Sports Update

We are now into our fourth week of volleyball. All four of our teams – Peewee (boys and girls) and Bantam (boys and girls) - are doing very well in their league games. There will be no games next week but play resumes the week back in January with play-offs for the bantam teams starting the week of January 18th. I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Mr. Drexhage, Mr. Gillies, Mrs. Hagarty-Rogers, Ms. Scott, Ms. Jones (student teacher), and Mrs. Isaachsen (parent) (as well as myself) for offering to coach.

SMART Board Update

We have now received the cart for the SMART Board and everything is assembled and ready to go. Mr. Silverton has demonstrated features of the board to two primary classes and the students and their teachers are excited to use this. As well, Mr. Silverton will be doing some in-service for all staff on the use of the SMART Board in January. One "little" clitch – Once we got everything assembled it will now not fit into the elevator as we first thought. We feel that it is light enough so that it can be carried up and down the stairs.

Options for Sexual Health

I have been in contact with Natalie Chelsom, who would be the person coming to Cilaire to give the sessions. We have set up a schedule that will begin in late January and end in early February. The PAC has budgeted \$1800 for these sessions. To keep within this budget, the following schedule has been set-up:

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Mon Jan 11th 9:30 am Gr. 4 10:45 am Gr. 7 1:00 pm Gr. 6	Mon Jan 18th 9:30 am Gr. 4 10:45 am Gr. 7	Mon Jan 25th 9:30 am Gr. 6 10:45 am Gr. 7 1:00 pm Gr. 5	Mon Feb 1st 9:30 am Gr.6 10:45 am Gr. 7 1:00 pm Gr. 5
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Thanks to PAC for providing the funding for these worthwhile sessions.

FSA Update

It is that time of year that to remind parents and to provide some information about the Foundation Skills Assessments that will be administered in schools from January 18th through February 26, 2010. The clear directive from the Ministry is that FSA is proceeding as per the previous two years with very little change. One change to note is that the Ministry of Education has extended the assessment time by two weeks because of the Olympic Games.

5.2 Treasurer's Report-Dianna King

- position still open!
- need a person that is willing to learn or is familiar with 'Simply Accounting program'
- Mike will add the newsletter

5.4 DPAC Report-no report

5.5 School Planning Council-Corinne and Liz report

- went over school plan
- Staff shared what is going on in class and how its meeting the goals
 - eg. Class field trip to Metis Days-class was very well behaved
 - Museum field trip was well received and the grade 5 students were good listeners and found the field trip helpful
 - comment from EA visiting school was that it is a very positive school and Happy!
 - discussion: should we decrease our goals to just one? No consensus that we keep the same

5.6 Teacher's Report-Mike Silverton

-demo of smart board , very cool ! The board is having an influence in many classrooms. Mrs Hancock's learning assistance classroom is enjoying the variation of learning, and has found a students are thriving with the 'new ' learning.

-1st term was a late start. Practicum students in their final year were in attendance in many classrooms this term. Staff are entering the '12pds of Christmas' ! Thank you to Mrs. Ludvigson for keeping the staff organized.

5. Fundraisers:

a) Olympic Programs-Diana

-profit of \$128 ! Excellent

b) Popcorn machine-Arlene

- will look into purchasing a machine for the new year
- Mike S agreed could be a fundraiser eg. Popcorn every Friday

c) Bottle depot fundraiser-Mary

- Mary V and Jeff Muchenski worked on this project again. Thank you to Jeff for all his hard work.
- Was a great success today raised \$86.45
- Next Date January 13 2009.

d) Hot Lunch-

- Mike Silverton had a hot lunch that raised \$200 for the classroom using Pizza Hut.

*teachers can organize classroom hot lunches from various restaurants offering healthy choices

e) Other:

1) Purdy's summary-Liz

- \$550 profit with only 17 orders
- Excellent work!

-Thank you to Liz for a great fundraiser. A couple of parents are still interested in placing an order. Liz will confirm with them and then perhaps do a last chance order that is due December 14? Will let Mary V know if she would like something sent out.

2) School wide runs

-Diana: concern that there is not enough supervision with the runs and the younger students are unsupervised.

- ideas on how to supervise?

-Mike Ireland will discuss safety with the students again, and reinforce it.

- Mike S-sweepers grade 7's make sure that all the children return.

-perhaps a letter can be sent home to the neighbours about the runs to inform them?

-agreed that this will be done by Mary V and distributed by parents in the New Year, runs are Wed 11:30 and Friday 1ish. Phrase the letter as a Thank you.

- need more parents to volunteers.

3) Fundraiser idea-Micha

- Book Sale from Mulberry books (Parksville)

-Adult and childrens book available for pre order all proceeds are given as an in store credit for use by the school

-Mike Ireland- we do something similar here with the Scholastic Book Fair during the WRAP fair.

-Perhaps we could try it as Winter fundraiser next year before the holidays? Yes all agreed that it would be a good idea, Micha will approach us with the details next year.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:05 by Corinne Labas

Second by Arlene Deptuck

All in favour

Meeting adjourned- Next meeting January 13 2010