

**PAC Meeting Minutes
February 10 2010**

Meeting begins: 3:00-

Attendance: Corinne Labas, Mary Vassilopoulos, Dianna King, Ann Rahme, Liz Laidlaw, Mike Silverton (teacher rep and Principal rep) Patty Loewen, Mary Pady, Betty Murray

**1. Review February 10 2010 Agenda-
ADD- Other: Raffle**

2. Accept January 13 2010 minutes-all reviewed

Motion to accept minutes Dianna King
Motion to accept minutes second by Liz
All approve
Minutes approved

3. Reports

5.1 Principal's Report-Mike Silverton reads

Cilaire Elementary School

Principal's Report to PAC

Date: February 10, 2010

School Events for:

February 10	PAC meeting
February 11	Valentine Dance – Grades 5-7
February 12	“Wear Red to support Canada’s Olympians” Spirit Day
February 12	Jump Rope for Heart
February 14	Valentine’s Day
February 17	Hot Lunch
February 22	Pro-D Day
February 23	Implementation Day
February 25	WRAP Fair and Book Fair
March 6 - 14	Spring Break
March 14	Day Light Saving Time starts.
March 16	Swimming – Division 8
March 18	Swimming – Division 7
March 23	Swimming – Division 8
March 30	Swimming – Division 8

Full Day Kindergarten Update

In our school district, full-day Kindergarten will be offered at 18 elementary schools starting next September. Our school is one of the schools selected to offer full-day Kindergarten. Many of the details are still being worked out and I will provide more information as the school receives them.

Haiti Relief Fundraiser

Thank you for your donations to Cilaire's Haiti Relief effort. The school raised over \$1020.00 which has been donated to the Canadian Red Cross. Super effort!

Sports Update

Volleyball season has now ended. Our bantam teams completed very successful seasons. Our bantam boys finished first in the district (small schools) and our bantam girls played very well finishing third in the district. We have now started basketball. Thank you to Mr. Silverton (bantam girls), Mr. Hird (peewee boys), and Mr. Ireland (bantam boys and peewee girls) along with two Woodlands students (peewee girls) for offering to coach our teams. The first games of the season are strting this week.

Dogs on School Property

In the January newsletter, I asked that people who walk/bring their dog to school when they drop off and pick up their children to please ensure that they keep their dog on the leash. This is not only a school board regulation (please see the posted signs) but also a city by-law. In spite of all this, we still saw parents exercising their dogs off-leash on the school grounds during school time and with students on the playgrounds. After this was again mentioned in the February newsletter that went out on Monday, we have generally noticed compliance with this request. Could you please help us by spreading the word and even reminding those parents that you might see whose dogs are off-leash about this? I would hate to have a child bitten by one of these "friendly" dogs. Many thanks.

Options for Sexual Health

These sessions have just concluded. By all accounts they were well received by staff and students and provided some excellent instruction to our students. The staff, through me, provided feedback which included suggestions for improvement. I discussed the issue/suggestion from the last PAC meeting, re: separate (male/female) classes for the younger grades with Dr Claire Vanston, who was the presenter. Her response was that while this could be done, she is following the provincial curriculum guidelines which suggest that these classes be taught co-ed. From my observations of the sessions, I felt that once the students got over their initial discomfort, they were actively involved in all of the discussions and had an opportunity to ask questions anonymously through the use of question box. Thank you again for supporting this program.

Professional Days

As you are probably aware, there are two professional development days this month – February 22nd and 23rd. The 22nd is a district day while the 23rd is a school based one. At Cilaire on the 23rd, we will be dividing the day into two parts – the morning looking at our school goal of questioning and the afternoon looking at how to use the SMARTBoard in our classes. For the afternoon session, we are borrowing an extra SMARTBoard from McGirr.

5.2 Treasurer's Report-Dianna King-see attached

Budget 2009-2010					AS of January 18th, 2010
Cilaire PAC Budget					
EXPENSE CATEGORIES	Description	General	Gaming Direct Access & Bingo Affiliation Grant	Working Budget 2009/2010	
Business Expenses		175		175	89.91
Bursary		250		250	250
Band/Music Program		1000		1000	488.94
Gifts	teacher/staff leaving	250		250	
Classroom Fund 2009-2010	(\$12.00 per student) based on 200 students	2400		2400	2496
<i>Family Studies</i>	workshops for 5 to 7 classes -relationships	1800		1800	
Fun Day		800		800	
Grade 7 grad	gr7 year end Festivities	300		300	
<i>Kiosk</i>	restocking		700	700	550.9
Learning resources	assist school in accomplishing current goals eg: Acc. Reading		1000	1000	454.29
Library Fund	books & reading supplies		1000	1000	988.68
Non-core supp.	Learning Assistance & fine Arts eg: trips to symphony, jazzfest		600	600	
<i>Principal's Fund</i>	visiting authors, workshops, fine arts performances		1500	1500	1523.04
Social Events	Special events for students & parents	200		200	
Sports equipment	replacing & upgrading		500	500	
Student assistance	supplement Inner City funding	500		500	
<i>Student planners</i>	To assist students with personal planning		800	800	879.78
Transportation	Bus transportation	2500		2500	627.03
Miscellaneous Student Leadership Program			500	500	
Special Project	Computer Smart Board		1000		1000
P.E. Learning outcomes	swimming	2400		2400	
Total		\$ 12,575.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 19,175.00	9348.57

-question at last meeting was can we afford popcorn machine?
-we are close on budget, we might have to take money from somewhere else to fund, if we need extra funds we can cash in our GIC of \$3000.

-as everyone is aware of we only have \$7500 to spend this year and a budget of close to over \$9000.

-we will need to cut the budget in half

-popcorn maker should be commercial style it would last longer, prefer used to new. Everyone will continue to look for this item eg. Craigslist and Costco can be good sources as well.

-we could do a popcorn sale every Friday as a test?

5.4 DPAC Report-no report

5.5 School Planning Council-no meeting this month

5.6 Teacher's Report-Mike Silverton

-WRAP fair underway

-academic period, big push

-weekly runs are going well

-kids are a bit restless spring fever has hit early this year due to the mild weather

5. Fundraisers:

a) Popcorn machine-Arlene

-will continue to look for a commercial grade machine

b) Bottle depot fundraiser-Mary

Thank you to everyone that donated bottles today! We made a 92.05 for our school today! What a great event!

Thank you to the great volunteer work of Jeff Mushenski for helping with the hauling and sorting of the bottles! I couldn't of done it without your help.

Thank you to those that helped and donated bottles.

Watch for the next bottle drop on March 17 2010

Mark your calendars!

If anyone is interested in helping sort bottles at the depot or aiding in transport of the bottles please contact me at the PAC email cilairepac@live.com.

-Mary will contact the Bottle depot representative that we are aiming for a final cheque to be sent in May 2010

c) Fairway market-

Mary

the grand total of receipts for 07 was \$169045.62

for 08 was \$146253.01

from Sept - Dec 08 was \$73845.20

from Sept - Dec 09 was \$66133.49

Has dropped quite a bit and have not received many receipts after Xmas.

If you send a circular around Cilaire those who do not have children in school can drop off receipts in my mail box at 14 Cilaire Drive. I have a number of friends without children doing that now.

Shirley Lance

- Decided to add a note in with the Plant sale to the neighbours to let them know about this ongoing event

-Dianna King-The Fairway Market income to- date for 2009-2010 is \$1443.56. And Last year was \$1920.90. In October we deposited two cheques. I put the entire amount towards this year. (one of the cheques we received over the summer so it is technically last years. So if we aim to raise closer to \$3000. this year , I think the two year average will be okay.)

d) Swimming inquiry by Jeff Mushenski- Mary V

-inquiry if PAC is funding swimming this year for the primary students?

-yes all primary grades have been funded for \$2400 this year from the budget

-Corinne would like to add a note for parents with the permission slip that requires them to identify the level that their child is at to avoid confusion and loss of lesson time at the pool. Corinne will contact Mike Ireland about this

e) Fun Day-Mary V

-Rath Trevor beach this year

-suggests that due to budget limitations that the PAC does not sponsor a pizza lunch for students this day. Cost to PAC was \$615.36 last year including water, Pizza and snacks

-decided by all present that we would still provide the snack using the items from the Earthquake kiosk and perhaps purchase some watermelons?

f) Plant Sale-Betty and Mary

-May 1 2010

-Hanging Basket pre order went out and due back to us February 25

-Volunteer checklist was sent out

-aiming to sell 50 pre order basket

-PAC would purchase 10 to sell at plant sale

-need a lot of help!!!

g) Band feedback

-do we need to send out a parent survey?

-or shall we leave it for one more year

-could be an informative letter, Mike talked to the parents last year perhaps could canvass them again?-more discussion needed

-perhaps could play at the parent tea?

-could we have Mrs Jubenville come to a meeting ?

h) Purdy's-Liz

-do we want to do an Easter fundraiser?

Purdy's will give us the 25% profit with a minimum \$250 order (before taxes). So that's ten orders of \$25 or six or seven orders at \$40 ... we could probably make it. I don't feel strongly one way or another - i will buy some Purdy's chocolates for my family from the store or through this. We could do this exclusively by email letting folks know that they can pick up a brochure at the office, rather than send home flyers that shatter the reality of the Easter Bunny. I understand that people might feel overwhelmed by another fundraiser, and I don't want to take away any steam away from our bigger focus of a golf tournament or raffle, but I guess if people don't want the product, they certainly won't feel obligated to make a purchase.

- Discussion continues on this topic
- Firm decision has not yet been made
- note our profit from the Christmas fundraiser was \$680.25

Other:

i)Raffle-Patty

- letters to businesses went out with no response
- need connections!
- discussion on this topic leads to a new idea- Golf Tournament at Nanaimo Golf and Country Club
- great response on this new idea!
- Patty and Chris will organize this and let us know what is needed.
- tax receipts can be given
- gift bags and also silent auction?

**Meeting adjourned at 4:10 by Liz
Second by Corinne**

Next meeting March 3 2010