

PAC Meeting Minutes January 13 2010

Meeting begins: 3pm

Attendance: Arlene Deptuck, Mary Vassilopoulos, Dianna King, Mike Ireland, Corinne Labas, Liz Laidlaw, Patty Loewen, Ann Rahme, Micha Prins, Alana Gaetz

1. Nominations and Elections for new Executive

- PAC co-chairperson
Nomination: Arlene Deptuck
Accepts nomination
All in favour
Position filled
- PAC co-chairperson
Nomination: Corinne Labas
Accepts nomination
All in favour
Position filled
- Treasurer
Nomination: Dianna King, Alana Gaetz, Connie Hunt(not present)
Alana Gaetz accepts nomination with Dianne mentoring the position
All in favour
Position filled
- Secretary
Nominations: Mary Vassilopoulos
Accepts
All in favour
Position filled
- District PAC Representative (DPAC)
Nominations: Chris Loewen
Accepts position by telephone vote
All in favour
Position filled
- School Planning Council (SPC)
Nominations: Ann Rhame, Corinne Labas, Liz Laidlaw, Patty Loewen
(Please note this position only allows for three candidates)
Corinne Labas declines the nomination
Ann Rhame, Liz Laidlaw, Patty Loewen accept position
All in favour
Position filled.

Elections completed-All positions filled

2. Review January 13 2010 Agenda-accepted with no changes
3. Accept December 9 2009 minutes-all reviewed
 - Motion to accept minutes by Corinne
 - Motion to accept minutes second by Arlene
 - All approve
 - Minutes approved

4. Reports
 - 5.1 Principal's Report
 Cilaire Elementary School
 Principal's Report to PAC

Date: January 13, 2010

School Events for:

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 19	Woodlands Band (9:00 am)
January 20	PAC Hot Lunch
January 21	Family Reading Night
January 22	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
January 22	Byte Camp begins
January 25	OPT for Health Education – Grades 5, 6, 7
January 28	Ready, Set, Learn
February 1	OPT for Health Education – Grades 5, 6, 7
February 10	PAC meeting
February 12	Jump Rope for Heart
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 22	Pro-D Day
February 23	Implementation Day
February 25	WRAP Fair
March 6 - 14	Spring Break

Christmas Concert

I think that, overall, the Christmas concert went over well. The staff appreciated your understanding of the need to reschedule the concert from December 15th. At least we didn't have to reschedule it to January as we did last year, but I know that everyone enjoyed the performances put on by the staff and the students.

Sports Update

We are now into our final 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. Play-offs for the bantam teams start 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.

Staffing Update

I have been informed that Mrs. Williams will be off on medical leave until the end of the school year. Mrs. Wright will continue in the kindergarten class as her replacement.

Full Day Kindergarten Update

At the time of this writing, we do not know whether Cilaire will be getting full day kindergarten or not. We hope to know before the end of January.

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. I will give out a brochure to parents in attendance and answer any further questions people might have.

Options for Sexual Health

These sessions started this past Monday and have been well received by the classes so far. Schedule:

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.

Questions/ Comments:

Arlene-all parents enjoyed the concert and that each class had its own ideas, it was excellent!

Micha: OPT session for grade 4's discussion about some students being too shy to ask questions? Perhaps a separate session for each gender?

Discussion-questions were given to the teacher and then to the instructor -perhaps an option for next year?

Mike Ireland Additions:

-on snow day crew from Facilities and Maintenance arrived to measure the floor in the downstairs classrooms.

-perhaps will be changed sooner than later?

-but also indicates that we are a long way from being replaced

-it looks as if the lighting will be completed (upgrades began last year), also the AC is on the list as well.

-PAC needs to be pro active, budget cuts will be deep next year and programs will be lost etc.

-no schools slated for closure within the future.

-FSA information included for PAC

-feels neutral exam that gives us an accurate view of where we are as a school, unfortunately because the information becomes public the Fraser institute can also obtain this information and conduct its rankings.

*note information has been added in print/paper format to the minutes

5.2 Treasurer's Report- Dianna

-Hot lunch? Will contact Joseph for the information

-we didn't get the direct access grant; we were declined because we received one in March.

5.4 DPAC Report-none

5.5 School Planning Council-none

5.6 Teacher's Report-none

5. Fundraisers:

a) Popcorn machine-Arlene

-cost \$650-750

-Dianna will look at the numbers and will let PAC know next month

b) Bottle depot fundraiser-Mary

We made an 81.50 for our school today! Thank you to the great volunteer work of Miki Kukeila, Patty Loewen, Arlene Deptuck, Also for Jeff Mushenski who helped by picking up the neighbourhood bottles and taking them into the depot.

c) Letter for Cilaire Neighborhoods Re: school runs

-Response from the neighbors as a result:

Darlene Ludvigson had a phone call from a Mr. M. Reville at 219 Cilaire Dr (756-3116) He has bottles to donate to the bottle drive but would like someone to pick them up from his house.

-Stephanie Mushenski picked up the bottles.

d) Other:

i) Fairway market receipts-

-parent responsible for this fundraiser (Karen Anderson not present) reports that the numbers are down for the receipts, and can we issue a letter to the neighbourhood?

Discussion and concern that we will overtax our donor Fairway market

-lets find out the numbers and then decide.

-Mary will contact Karen by email.

ii) Email from Patty Loewen Fundraising idea.

Thanks for this Mary. As I read through the notes I noticed the email re. possible auction ideas. I wanted to add that my son's hockey team just did a raffle - only 3 prizes - Canucks tickets (donated), \$200 Woodgrove gc (donated) and \$100 as card - and they raised \$4000 dollars! Even if we had to spend \$800 on prizes...and this was just 15 boys and their parents! People seem to really like the idea of buying tickets. Let me know if you want me to pursue this idea and present at next PAC If we did something in the new year - even auction-type - people will have xmas gifts they probably wouldn't mind re-gifting :) Patty

-Patty present to move this idea forward

-discussion that the Raffle committee has been formed of Patty, Liz, Micha

-discussion that we need a large fundraising idea for the spring other than the Plant Sale

-Patty will be in contact with the PAC and will send out a letter calling for large prize donations. Will also contact Walmart as

possible raffle donor, as done in the past at McGirr elementary

-also an incentive for students needs to be decided. Perhaps pizza for the classroom and an iPod Nano for the student?

Patty will keep us informed and will request volunteers

lii) WRAP fair questions from Patty and Micha

Mike Ireland-discussion that this event coincides with our school goals of literacy

-some parents would prefer a Science Fair, but this is just as much work for the students/parents and there is a lot that must be done at home because 30 individual experiments can't be executed in the classroom effectively.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:15 by Corinne Labas

Second by Mary Vassilopoulos

All in favour

Meeting adjourned- Next meeting February 10 2010