

**PAC Meeting Minutes
November 18 2009**

Meeting begins 3:00

Attendance: Arlene Deptuck, Mary Vassilopoulos, Diana King, Corinne Labas, Betty Murray, Jamie Rogers (teacher Rep) Mike Ireland, Tina Hales, Micha Prins, Liz Laidlaw. Special guest Francine Frisson

1. Review November 18 2009 Agenda

ADD: under Other:

- email from Leslie Domino
- Letter from Natasha Ficket
- Purdy's –Liz
- Plant Sale-Betty
- Dec-Fundraiser-Diana
- Funfair-June –Tina
- Kiosk refilled summary list attached

2. Accept October 14 2009 minutes-all reviewed

- Motion to accept minutes –Liz
- Motion to second by Corinne
- voted by all present
- Minutes approved

3. Reports

5.1 Principal's Report-

Cilaire Elementary School

Principal's Report to PAC

November 18, 2009

School Events for

November 19	Photo Retakes
December 4	First Term Reports go home
December 7	1:15 pm – Fine Arts Performance – Axis Theatre
December 9	PAC Mtg. – 3:00 pm – Library
December 15	Christmas Concert
December 18	Movie Day
December 18	Last day of classes
January 4	School reopens from the Winter Break

BIG THANK YOU

I just wanted to acknowledge and thank the PAC for the all of the work and organization that you did around the extremely successful Halloween Family Dance. By my

calculations, there were over 200 people in attendance. This was a terrific community builder on top of the great fun it provided for those that attended.

SPC/School Goals Update

The SPC did not meet this month but I wanted to bring you up-to-date with the Schools Goals.

Maureen Hancock, Deirdre Glaros, and I are currently in the process of developing action research-type questions for the Network of Performance Based Schools and the Healthy Schools Network. These questions will be formed based on our school's goals of literacy (Asking Questions and Making Inferences) and social responsibility (Healthy Living). Based on data that we have or will have collected in the fall and then again collected in the spring, we hope to be able to show our school improvement in these areas. Like last year, the school is aligning our school goals with our research questions for the Network of Performance Based Schools and the Healthy Schools Network, so that we can "kill two birds with one stone". For being part of these two groups and doing these two action research questions, the school will receive \$1500 to be used in the following year to further literacy and healthy living at Cilaire.

As you may have noticed in the last newsletter, I included items around the school action plan, providing suggestions/tips that parents can do at home with their children. I hope to make this a monthly item(s). As well, like last year, I hope to "publish" at least one piece of student writing each month in the newsletter. I hope that by adding these two items to each newsletter that we can provide more of a focus on our School Plan to all members of our school community.

Sports Update

We have just completed a very successful set of fall sports. The Bantam girls' soccer team won the district small schools championship by defeating Frank J Ney, 2-1, in the championship game on Thursday, November 5th. Cilaire finished first in the small schools division at the district cross-country meet held on the 5th as well. We came out ahead of Pauline Haarer, 36 points to 27. We had over 40 runners running (5 per team – Bantam boys and girls, PeeWee boys and girls, and Tyke boys and girls plus other runners who finished in the top 20 at the zone meet). I am sure that this is a reflection on the effectiveness of our school-wide running program. The Bantam boys' football team finished a successful season losing in the first round of the play-offs to Frank J Ney.

We have now just started with volleyball. Practices have started this past week and we have entered teams in all four divisions – PeeWee (boys and girls) and Bantam (boys and girls). I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Mr. Drexhage, Mr. Gillies, Mrs. Hagarty-Rogers, Ms. Scott, and Ms. Jones (student teacher) (as well as myself) for offering to coach.

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 ☺.

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:

Grade 7 – 4 sessions	\$600
Grade 6 – 3 sessions	\$450
Grade 5 – 2 sessions	\$300
Grade 4 – 2 sessions	<u>\$300</u>
Total	\$1650 plus mileage

Thanks to PAC for providing the funding for these worthwhile sessions.

5.2 Treasurer's Report-Diana King

Magazine sales total funds raised \$1454.37
 October Hot lunch total funds raised \$ 133.04
 Halloween Dance Total funds raised \$700.93
 Parent Donation \$100
 Total funds raised for September/October \$2399.34

Next year will still be tight, we will be ok for this year but next year...

5.4 DPAC Report-no report

5.5 School Planning Council-no report

5.6 Teacher's Report- Jamie Rogers

- Teaches in Mike Silverton's class on Tuesday afternoons and in Ken Hird's class on Wednesdays.
- Halloween went well without incident, costumes were great, both the student dance and the family dance went well both were well attended and everyone had a great time
- Remembrance Day-students enjoyed having a Veteran in attendance, the grade 5/6 class gave a presentation on why we take time to celebrate Remembrance Day
- Accelerated Reader-staff would really like to acknowledge our appreciation for the support both financially through the PAC as well as as parental support at home

- Staff are busy preparing report cards due out Dec 4

Special Guest:

Francine Frisson, assistant superintendent is attending this meeting. As the former principal of NDSS Francine has extensive experience in the educational system, having taught in all levels of the school system. She will be observing our Principal, Mike Ireland, as he interacts with parents but would be willing to answer questions that parents might have as well. Discussion continued after the meeting about our Principal Mike Ireland, this discussion will not be included in the minutes. Confidential appraisals were available for those that were not present to fill out.

Questions and Discussion with Francine Frisson during the meeting:

- District working with less funding and is going over their books monthly to see what can be done.
- even projects that have begun are being completed with district funds not the anticipated or promised ministry funding
- District will be ok for this year but next year will be extremely difficult
- Reserves are being used
- Diana question for Francine- GST exempt (we are able to claim the GST and get the funds back) will HST exempt ?
- Response: not sure as of yet, there is a meeting this evening that will answer this question
- Diana: will it beneficial to close for two weeks?
- Response: some districts do this but it isn't something that they have planned for this year. There are many ways to execute this, but the savings is only in the utilities.

Francine: process of evaluation that will take place after the meeting is routine and part of the appraisal of a Principal after two years of placement.

5. Fundraisers:

a) Smart board-summary-Mike

- still not yet set up, cart has yet to arrive should be here soon.

b) Movie Night-summary

- next PAC sponsored movie night is Jan 14 2010
- Mary V will keep the rice krispies in the freezer and the bottle water in her garage until this time
- those present feel that these items will keep well until then

c) Dance-summary

- was a great turnout and a fun event had by all
- Deposits \$779.18
- 71.75
- Expenses -100
- Total funds raised \$700.93

d) Popcorn machine purchase-Arlene

- not present to comment

e) Lecture for Parents –summary Mary Vassilopoulos

- Lecture was cancelled due to lack of response only 2 parents expressed interest via email to attend this event
- Leanne Sladde has offered to do this event again in the spring,
- Thank you to Leanne for offering to reschedule this event.

f) Bottle Depot fundraiser-summary-Mary

- Was a great success today raised \$93.80
- will continue to do this event monthly until the end of the year
- Next date Dec 9 2009 and Jan 13 2010 second Wed of every month to coincide with the PAC meetings
- Thank you to Jeff Muchenski that helped sort and haul the bottles and to Patty Loewen that made a sign and helped out in the parking lot

g) BINGO-summary Mary

- Leslie Domino and Mary V completed to volunteer/community sessions at Playtime Bingo downtown, in order to fulfill our gaming funds requirements
- Thank you to Leslie Domino for all her years of volunteering for this event, your time is greatly appreciated.

f) Other:

I. -email from Helana Porter

hi Mary I don't know if this idea will be of any help but it worked at Veronica's last school. We got parents to donate items that they don't want anymore and had an auction. We also bought little things like candles and bubblebath etc from Walmart, and auctioned them off for more than they were worth. For ex if we bought a candle for \$5 we 'd auction it off starting at \$10. It made quite a bit of money for her old school. One Grandma knitted a baby set and it went for \$40. We had starbucks mugs with coffee going for \$20. Anyway it's a thought. Happy Halloween Helana Porter

- fundraising ideas auction? With donated items?
- could be a spring idea

II. -email from Lesley Domino

Hi Mary

Here is the information about the company that Dover uses for their poinsettias sale. They got the name from the organizers at Brechin School, so other schools have used it.

If you need any help, let me know. It sounds pretty easy, but I haven't contacted them.

Thanks

Lesley

<http://www.plants4nonprofit.com/poinsettia/downloads/>

- Poinsetta sales? We are a bit late for this fundraiser but could be done next year?

III. -Letter from Natasha Ficket

- would like to offer a bursary for 2010 for one of my former students rather than any student graduating from Cilaire
- Diana will follow up with this, Mary will hold the letter

IV. -Purdy's -Liz

-still ongoing, only 5 orders placed so far, will see if can extend the date. Approx \$250 raised

V. **-Plant Sale-Betty**

-would we like to do Hanging Baskets again?

-those present agree that this was a good idea

-perhaps charge a bit more this year ? \$30 per basket

-also should we buy more to sell at the plant sale? Last year we had 10 extra, perhaps 20?

-also charge more for the plants donated

-need more help prior to the event, labeling etc. no plant experience necessary

-Micha Pins will volunteer

-table set up with cash in the middle and tables all around

-easier for the assistance and for cash payments

-Betty will email them again and have the forms ready for the end of February for the Hanging Baskets.

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VI. **-Dec-Fundraiser-Diana**

-Olympic brochure fundraiser-should be shipped to our school this week. Diana will need some assistance with this.

VII. **-Funfair-June –Tina**

-suggests we do a Fun Fair this year instead of Rath Trevor Beach, something different to include the older kids and perhaps those children that are not interested in the beach activities.

-She will begin organizing this event in the new year and contact the PAC for assistance

VIII. **-Kiosk refilled summary list attached**

-Thank you to those that volunteered to restock the Emergency Kiosk

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 3:50 by Corinne Labas

Second by Mary Vassilopoulos

All in favour

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting December 9 2009