

École North Oyster Elementary School
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Parent Advisory Council Agenda for March 2nd, 2016 6:30pm
Minutes - FINAL

Attendees: Candice McLean, Amanda McDonough, Jacqueline Dunn, Michael Fraser, Danielle Southwell, Fiona Steeves, Robyn Bagshaw, Amanda Lemon, Claire Brown, Liz Nicholson, Kristi Wright, Jen Morgan,

Call to Order @ 6:42 pm

Welcome and Conduct

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Candice, seconded to approve the agenda

Approval of Minutes from February 2nd meeting

Moved by Amanda L, seconded to approve the minutes

Principal's Report

- Bantham girl's volleyball team placed 4th this year
- Forest is getting damaged, degradation of soil, tree damage, issue is discussed with teachers
- Purchased some cord to rope off areas for regrowth
- Closing forest temporarily at one of the recesses
- Joyful literacy project - PLC group has been created
- All classes have implemented writing centre
- Communal assessments
- Question re assessments across district -
 - Joyful Literacy is above and beyond the district requirements but generally the teachers see the value in assessments for focusing on students who need additional support

Playspace

- Feedback from Tim Richards - playground safety expert
- Telethon update - Planning it for May - 1st or 2nd weekend
- Permission granted to hold telethon at call centre in Nanaimo and in Ladysmith (2 spots)
- Chek TV is interested in being involved which may boost income
- Telethon webpage - Michael has started a preliminary design
- Will advertise that donations can be made before the telethon occurs and will continue until after
- Discussion about website/ page design and children's photos
- Suggestion re donation button (could be something linked to paypal account or bank account)
- Possibly use school's paypal account, discussion about friends and family option
- Will look further into other donation buttons
- Discussion re who will be participating, who is going to be called (local businesses, friends and family)
- Suggestion to notify local police detachment re upcoming telethon
- Website if approved will allow for donations to come before telethon happens
- Discussion re the feasibility of parents donating their time and asking more of their connections
- Do not contact list?
 - Not for profit status - PAC is not a not for profit list
- Email link to website vs calling people
- No tax receipts for donations (we don't qualify) however donations can be made directly to the school for tax receipt benefits

- Discussion whether asking for money to be donated to school is allowed (not clear, fundraising events are separate)
- Question - re can PAC be non-profit
 - Yes- but then you have to file taxes and be assigned as non-profit forever
- Ecole Davis Rd was a 'society' - talk to Erin Anderson
- Question re timeframe - Sept/Oct may be better time frame?
 - Construction will have to happen in summer
 - Better to have funds now to predict budget for next year
- Another fundraiser will happen after summer
- Plans still need to be sent to tender to see what materials are required
- Suggestions to have specific equipment/materials be donated from local businesses
- No response from District re playground plan approval
- Discussion re advertising on school property
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Motion to support website - Amanda D, Seconded Amanda L
All in favour, motion passes

Motion to support telethon - Amanda D, seconded by Michael
All in favour, motion passes

Motion to have a Playspace fundraiser Burger/beer night date to be determined but before the end of June - Amanda D, Seconded by Danielle
All in favour, motion passes

Co-chair Report

Nothing to report

Hot lunch

- First lunch of new session was lower
- Soup day \$150 profit
- Dinners have been slow since Christmas
- In February the weather affected the profits since one dinner was cancelled - \$115 in profit
- Post spring break menu will be posted and will be sent out in advance
- Currently working on the exact number of kids still needing lunch on hot lunch days
- Ang Johnson will not be doing hot lunch next year
- Ideally two people will take it on
- Looking for someone to volunteer by the end of the year
- Next hot lunch is Friday March 17th (pancake day)
- Discussion re hot lunch planning and field trips
- Upcoming field trips are not always known so far in advance

Fundraising Report

- February Valentines Dance night - 162 people, \$762.63 in profit
Edible Plant sales - approximately \$700 profit
- Upcoming bottle drive - May 28
- No other fundraising events planned at this point
- Another dance may be planned after spring break
- Waiting to plan another movie night - 'Sing' may bring interest no timeline on when it is being released
- Movie licence is expired but renewal is already budgeted in
- Discussion re possible outdoor movie night in town in coordination with Ladysmith Intermediate
- Movie nights/dances in the spring aren't well received since people spend time outside rather than in gym

Treasurer's report

- PAC account needs more cheques- there were none purchased last year
- Motion to increase budget for PAC cheques supply budget to \$250 - Claire, Seconded by Amanda L
All in favour, motion passes

DPAC report

Presentation from Shapedown BC for children who have challenges with health/weight
Info is on SD68 website

- Concerns raised re program name and fat shaming
- Shapedown is considered a good program, but it has been recommended that the advertised language be changed.
- March 11 - Syrian potluck dinner
- BCCPAC AGM in May - DPAC will sponsor someone to go
- Discussion re reporting - inconsistencies from school to school, classroom to classroom
- General guidelines are two reportings per subject plus parent/teacher meeting and June report
- Question put to PAC from DPAC - how do you feel about the reporting? Feedback?
- Question to be put on ENO PAC webpage with feedback to be forwarded to SD68 page so it's not an open discussion online

Date for Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Meeting Adjourned (8:20)