

## JRES PAC Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2015

**In Attendance:** Sarah P, Sarah R, Tracy M, Claire T, Sarah T, Tracy M, Theresa N, Kyla L, Kim M, no Admin rep available, Rolynda Simpson (teacher rep).

### **Admin Items:**

- April minutes adopted: Sarah P makes motion, Claire T seconds. Motion carried.
- Classroom Chairs update: New chairs have been ordered for two classrooms. School is funding.
- Crossing Guards update: Colleen Lepik from the City of Kamloops attended the meeting. Outlined the Kamloops Safer School Travel Program. Proactive safety program that looks at Engineering, Education, and Enforcement of travel in a particular neighbourhood. Takes about 1 year working with school, auxiliary RCMP, bylaws, and ICBC to analyze the neighbourhood and implement the program. School/PAC leads the process with a designated leader: Tracy Meldrum has volunteered. City will provide an orthomap of the area and a parent survey template to get started. PAC will plot stats on the map. City will provide cones and vests for crossing guards; school has stop signs. Group learning sessions for pedestrian safety will be arranged for students, as well as crossing guard training for Grade 4s and 5s with parent volunteers. Claire T. makes motion to start the program. Tracy M. seconds. Motion carried. Informational table at Year End Carnival?
- Ford Drive4UR School Event: Ford will donate \$20 to school for everyone that takes a test drive at Dearborn Ford on June 3 at 5pm. Promoted on PAC facebook and website.

### **Principal's Report:** (given by Rolynda Simpson in Don's absence.)

- Don Poelzer and Krista Halland to meet with new PAC executive next week to ratify new three year school plan. The plan is the basis for the direction of school growth over the next three years. Some Pro D days are school based and focussed on the goals in the school plan.
- Learning Initiative Fund (L.I.F.) has been applied to for an increase in learning assistance and support staff for 2015/2016 school year. 1) Learning Assistance Resource Teacher (L.A.R.T.) 0.6 position. JRES currently has L.A.R.T.s filling 1.4 positions. The increase would allow one position to be focussed on behaviour, and the other position to be focussed on academics.  
2) Certified Education Assistant 1.0 position.

**Teacher Rep Report:** (Rolynda Simpson) -Will remind staff about Ford Drive4UR School event. -Passed along some Wish Lists from the teachers as requested by PAC. Some wish lists centered around project based learning (developing learning around a theme; more student-directed).  
- Spoke to intermediates about expected behaviour during movie nights.  
-Parent Tea, June 19, all parents welcome.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Gaming Account: \$11,548. We have 36 months to spend these funds.
- Recent events successful: Movie Night still made \$165 despite low attendance. Track and Field concession \$791.64. Junk 4 Jungle Gym \$873.30.
- Total raised this year \$24,747.43. Double from last year.

### **Communication:**

- PAC web page costs: add to budget for next year.

### **Fundraising:**

- Junk 4 Jungle Gym: Very successful: \$873.30. Could be made an annual event. Suggestion to work with Community Service Group in the future.
- Calendar for 2015/2016 school year: PAC to plan fundraisers a year in advance to coordinate/compromise with admin and teachers.

### **Entertainment:**

- **Spring Carnival:** - DATE CHANGED to June 18 as per teacher feedback. - Approx. 65 volunteers needed. Volunteer list is currently out with Grade 10s at Valleyview. Teacher rep says some teachers may volunteer when list is made available at JRES. Parents, teens, community members needed to fill other spots. - Teacher rep suggested themed silent auction baskets per class for carnival.  
- Lions Club concession: PAC will contact to see if they will run their concession at the carnival. This would free up a good number of parent volunteers for other positions. - Games, cake walk, bouncy castles, cotton candy, etc.

**Playground Committee:** Donation Letters: committee doing follow-up. Good response: \$5,000 received from letter campaign. Will send out letters again in the Fall. Playground fundraising closes at end of December 2015.

**June Swap:** Postponed. Will be rescheduled for Fall and combined with a winter gear swap.

**Proposed Bylaw Change:** JRES PAC bylaws Article V is out of date in comparison to district PAC policies. The update is centred around removing school administrator as a signing officer on PAC accounts and ensuring there are three PAC executives able to sign. A revised version was presented and is being circulated to parents via email, website, and facebook until the June meeting when the change will be voted on.

**Hot Lunch Committee:** Discussion on continuing with the online ordering Munch a Lunch program. Free trial so far. Seems to be very well-received by parents. Simplifies managing hot lunch funds. \$300/year. PayPal charges 2.9% and a \$0.30 flat rate per transaction. Adds little additional cost per family when several lunches are paid for on one transaction. Committee will increase food prices by \$0.25 to off-set the cost. Kim M makes motion to sign up for program, Claire T seconds. Motion carried.

**Students & Office Phone Usage:** Policy needs to be clarified with admin. Students/parents unsure of policy on students using phone after school. Tabled until next meeting.

**Teacher Wish Lists:** At PAC's request, teachers have begun submitting wish lists to us for classroom resources. The lists are varied, including books, math sets, science kits, photography equipment, art supplies, kites, sports equipment, etc. PAC will canvass any teachers that have not responded to make sure everyone has an opportunity to make requests. PAC will compile the lists to see where there is cross-over and start to determine what amount of funds could be put toward the items.

**School Email List:** New district rules indicate that the school cannot use it's parent email list to request money (i.e. promote fundraisers). Could PAC still send emails via the school if they were kept neutral, just directing parents to PAC website/facebook, without a direct request for funds? Tabled until next meeting.

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch:** Coordinator needed: Tracy M and Sarah R will work together on it. Event is posted on Volunteer Spot: Set-up/clean-up positions, foods needed, door prizes to be donated, etc.

**Election of PAC Executive for 2015/2016 School Year:**

New Chairperson: Tracy Meldrum

Returning Vice Chairperson: Tracy Morgan

New Treasurer: Sarah Riley

New Secretary: Theresa Nernberg

New District PAC Rep: Claire Tosoff

**Next Meeting: June 17, 2015, 6:30pm (staff room or library)**