

PAC Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2014

In Attendance: Claire T, Kim M, Sarah R, Krystal P, Deb T, Don Poelzer, Sarah P, Sarah T.

Admin Items: Adoption of November Minutes: Claire makes motion to accept, Sarah T seconds; motion accepted. Business arising from Nov Minutes: - Sledding: Don has posted sledding rules.

- Reverse Lunch Hour (play first, eat second): Don has brought issue to teachers at staff meeting. Teachers contract states “duty free lunch hour”, so they would not be available to settle kids in at eating time. Some schools have many C.E.A.s to help with this; JRES has few. Could more parent volunteers help? Don says liability issue arises if there were to be a fire or lockdown situation while parents are supervising inside the classrooms. Don will bring up at his Jan 8 principals' meeting. Don open to Autism advocate speaking at staff meeting re benefits of reverse lunch hours; details to be worked out. Parents concerned that K-2s too rushed in eating time; would like to see them allowed a few extra minutes.

- Security: outside doors near portable are being left unlocked to allow students access into the washrooms. Don says those doors may get locked and kids directed around to the front doors. Parents expressed concern over this; parent suggestion to possibly key card the side door(s) instead. Don will look into.

-3 Classes Missing Music (due to overcrowding): Sarah P has priced out classes with Drummer Dave to supplement music instruction for these classes. Teachers are pleased. The three classes are split grades, so could probably be redistributed into two age groups for the sessions. Sarah P makes motion for PAC to pay \$750 which includes 10 sessions for two groups. Kim M seconds; motion accepted.

-Blazer Tickets: many tickets still unsold; currently a \$500 loss for PAC. Sarah P to contact Lori S re giving some tickets to Bev and custodians as Christmas gifts. Order form to be re-sent to parents in the New Year in hopes of selling off the rest.

-Teacher Rep at PAC: Don presented our letter to teaching staff; well received. Will designate a rep each month. Rolynda Simpson to attend in January 2015.

-New totes for Hot Lunches: not sure of status; committee will check with Tasha.

-Drop Off Zone Crossing Guards: Don likes the idea and will manage the program. City will donate all signs/supplies. Don suggested a rotation of Grade 4 and 5s. Flag person may also be stationed further up the hill from the cross walk to call attention. 15 minutes before and after school. PAC may provide hot chocolates in the mornings. Pizza party for participants at year end.

Principal's Report:

- Special Needs/Designated Students Numbers: 25 ministry designated students in school, 44 more on watch list. Long wait list for testing. Designations increased from 8 to 25 in last two years. New designated students registered for January. Poses challenges for class placement; only 3 designated students allowed per class.

- Technology: JRES now has 72 Chromebooks, more computers than school had in computer lab. Time being shared out among the classrooms, Grades 5, 6, 7 require more time than lower grades. Benefits of Chromebook vs laptop: only \$280 each (Don has purchased some refurbished at only \$144), solid state; no moving parts, 7 second start up, everything stored online: can't forget your homework. Students encouraged to bring their own if they have them (not mandatory to have). Group Chromebook purchasing for parents?: Don will look into. Planning 5 iPads for primary classes. All classes now have Smartboards/projectors and teacher laptops.

-Informed Consent and Outside Media in School forms: Don to send these home to parents again in the New Year to ensure all students have them. BC is re-writing privacy laws; school consent forms must reflect this.

-Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) testing: Grades 4 and 7 to write in January. Online and paper based components. Only students with designations can be excused. Compares students across BC. Don looks at line results: what specific skills need work in our school. Compares this year's Grade 7s to their Grade 4 results.

-Christmas Concert Next Year: school is reserving Calvary Community Church. JRES gym too crowded and too many performances needed. Church holds 800 and afternoon and evening performance would be held. By donation. Busing would be needed for students for two days to complete rehearsals. Second week of Dec.

Financial Report:

- Teacher Incentives: \$75/classroom for teachers to buy books, goodies, prizes. Paid out of chequing. Two very gracious thank you notes received from teachers.
 - Silent Auction: huge success \$2233. Although cannot redo for Spring Carnival, can't canvas businesses again. May do 50/50 or raffle baskets instead.
 - Cookie Dough: \$2600. - Poinsettias \$1000. - Fundraiser year end results: \$9,548.48.
- Claire makes motion to accept financials, Sarah R seconds; motion accepted.

Communication:

- Thank you cards from Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Plut.
- Facebook settings changed: Admins must approve posts. Admins: Claire T, Amber H, Chantelle S, Tracy M.

Fundraising:

- Blazer Tickets: try selling some at Coffee House in January.
- Coffee/Tea sale: The Grind whole beans/ with Steeped Tea in New Year.
- Yoga/Zumba nights to be extended into New Year. Claire to book community room.

Entertainment Committee:

- Coffee House: Music on the Ridge: Main act is Doc and the Disorderlies. Looking for students from school to perform; auditions will be held. Community event. Don will order stage, backdrop and chairs.
- Family Movie Night: 3 pre-release Disney movies coming out soon. Committee to plan.
- Shakedown Annie Dance: Claire still waiting to hear from them.

Playground Committee:

- Claire met with SD 73 rep; positive response. District pays for prep of site. Work order must be placed well in advance. Installation may take place up to a year after requested. Equipment will be ordered through SD 73 for warranty purposes. Don suggested ordering equipment with a proprietary fastener so things can't be removed/vandalized with common tools. Current PAC funds could cover 3 pieces of equipment and 2 banks of swings.
- Work order to repaint lines on hard court, 4 squares games, etc: Claire to arrange through district rep.

Team Fundraising:

- School and PAC fundraising at the same time is causing tension among parents and teachers. Teachers/Principal wish list idea proposed to Don. He suggested instead that PAC does all fundraising and school gets a percentage. Requires more PAC discussion and possibly a survey question to parents.

Lunch Hour Clubs: Indoor activities during winter months.

- Yoga for primaries. 1 month. Parent volunteer.
- Farkle/Yahtzee board games. Parent volunteer.
- Primary intramurals. Don has received \$1000 grant to the school for equipment. Jan until Spring Break.
- Knitting club: had very successful one in the past. Could run if parent volunteer available.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 21, 2015. 6:30pm