

**Juniper Ridge Elementary School
Parents Advisory Council Meeting
MINUTES
March 13, 2012 6:30-7:45pm
JRES Staff Room**

1. ADMIN ITEMS

Those in attendance at the meeting were:

Karey Gray, PAC Member, SPC, DPAC
Sandra Maskell, PAC Member, One-to-One Reading, Safe Arrival
Gurdeep Pannu, JRES Principal
Chantelle Stone, PAC Chair

ADOPTED Minutes of January 10, 2012 PAC Meeting

ADOPTED Agenda for March 13, 2012 Meeting

PAC Contact List was shared with members to check for accuracy – an electronic copy will be sent via email to enable open communication between members.

2. STANDING REPORTS

Principals Report – Gurdeep Pannu

- Parent teacher interviews were held in February – there was a good turnout – parents are reminded that they can always set up an appointment with teachers if they are wanting more information about their child(ren)
- Kindergarten registration was held the first week of March – we have 36 K students registered and there will probably be a few more come September.
- Staffing levels will be set as soon as possible to make finalizing easier in September
- Provincial picture is unsettled, and that is carrying over to all members of JRES including teacher, students, and staff
- Continuing to move forward, hoping for a resolution soon, and dealing with any issues as they arise.
- At the last District Board Meeting it was decided that no extracurricular activities will be offered by teachers moving forward (this decision will affect mostly secondary and intermediate students)
- There will be fewer field trips this year as a result of the strike action
- Union will continue to provide direction
- Gurdeep expressed thanks for the hot lunch PAC organized – it was appreciated by all
- Lost and found displayed in main hall – all items left will be donated to charity end of week
- School FSA results (attached) were discussed – this test is only one piece of the assessment process. It is used with other types of assessments to set out goals for the next school year.
- School Improvement Plan – due to the strike action, SPC is not meeting, but a report must be submitted by law – all committee members will be contacted by Gurdeep to sign a report that contains as much information as possible at this time.
- As discussed at the last meeting, Gurdeep has arranged for handicap signage to be posted this spring.

Treasurer's Report – Lori Sison via email

- No changes in Gaming account.
- PAC account increase due to Froggy's Fundraiser. We raised the following:
 - \$1278.40 collected
 - \$817.75 cost of food
 - \$88.74 cost of juice boxes
 - Total raised \$371.91.
- Lori suggested that we consider charging more for the juice boxes next time. She suggested we charge \$0.75 or even a \$1.00. Consideration will be made when we prepare for the next hot lunch

day in April.

- Gurdeep mentioned that a cheque will be coming from School District – our allotment for the 2012-13 school year.

3. PAC PROGRAMS

Safe Arrival - Carmeliza Hurst

Everything is running smoothly with Safe Arrival

One-to-One Reading – Pamela Thomson

Since Pamela started working full time, Mrs. Dean has agreed to finish coordinating the One-to-One Reading program. We have seven volunteers this session, down from 9 last session. They are reading with the grade ones.

Campbell's Soup Labels

Stacey continues to count and send in our numbers to Campbell's so our school can collect points for supplies. She suggested perhaps we do a classroom challenge where the class that brings in the most Labels for Education wins a prize...pizza party or something! We will discuss this further at the May Meeting and maybe do something for a week or two in June!

4. PAC COMMUNICATION

The PAC Blog site is active and will hopefully be used as a tool for open communication, information, and polling of our parent community. It can be accessed by entering <http://jrespac.wordpress.com/> into your web browser.

5. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

BCCPAC Annual Conference – May 25-27th, 2012

*The BCCPAC annual conference is coming up in May. Chantelle will contact the District PAC to see if any funding is available for local parents to attend. Please let Chantelle know if you are interested in attending.

6. FUNDRAISING

Lunch Days – Chantelle Stone

- Chantelle & Lori organized the last Mexican Leap Day Lunch which was a great success. We netted just over \$370 for PAC with very little work on the lunch day itself.
- A huge thank you to Lori who put in many hours collecting and counting money and compiling orders.
- The next Hot Lunch day will be Wednesday, April 25th and we will try the Italian menu from Senor Froggy's this time

Fundraising Ideas – Brainstorm

- Chantelle presented several fundraising options that have come into the PAC mailbox in the last month.
- **Among them are the Smencils (scented enviro friendly pencils), DFS (which is a catalogue fundraiser of various household and gift items), Fun Factor bouncy castle fundraising, Canadian Wildlife Federation calendars, Vesey's Bulbs, Country Garden Greenhouse baskets, and Stofer Images (which transfers children's art to cards, coasters, buttons and more!)**
- PAC members agreed that it was too late for bulbs this year, but that spring baskets are popular and the vendor is local.
- Chantelle will contact the vendor to determine timing of the baskets and how the fundraiser will work logistically.
- Hoping to have the fundraiser up and running by mid to late April.
- The committee was also very interested in the Stofer Images for a pre-Christmas fundraiser, where our kids can make art that can be turned into Christmas cards and gifts for family members.

- It was agreed that we would aim for an early November start (once the magazine fundraiser is over), so we can have a late November delivery of the art work and cards in time for Christmas.

7. EVENTS

Shakewood Annie's Family Dance – March 28th & 29th

- As part of her Principal's Report, Gurdeep mentioned that the school was looking forward Shakewood Annie this year. She indicated that some lesson times were changed to accommodate school schedule. The dance lessons will be as follows:
 - K, 1, 2 will be from 9:55-10:40am
 - 3, 4, 5 will be from 11:05-11:50am
 - 6 & 7 will be from 1:15-2:00pm
- Popcorn & Water Sales – Leadership students should be ok to run it but we will have parents on standby in case they cannot
- Gurdeep would like some help with purchasing water – On March 27th – Karey offered to help
- Leadership money has purchased popcorn – all money raised will go back to Student Leadership
- Parent Volunteers required 5:30-6:30 for set up and to man the door; and at 7:30-8:30 for take down.
- The prizes collected will be used as door prizes and no raffle will be added to the event. The event is not about fundraising, but about bringing the community together for a fun evening!
- Chantelle will post signs this week reminding parents about the event and encouraging attendance!

Staff Appreciation

*Nancy Owens is starting to think about coordinating the Staff Appreciation luncheon again this year. Pamela had offered to Co-coordinate with her, but since she is working, she may not be able to assist. We will solicit PAC members to help Nancy with this event which will take place in MAY.

8. **NEXT MEETING DATE** Tuesday, May 8th, 2012 Time TBA