

MINUTES OF ECOLE DOROTHY LYNAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL
HELD November 19, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE:

Craig McMahon	Wayne Audette
Yani Petrova	Karen Barnett
Arlie Thompson	Crystal _____
Christie Breakingbury	Kim Grimwood
Suzanne Siemens	Cassandra Hall
Karen Birch	
Shelley Jelstad	
Kirsten Toppang Telford	

MEETING

1. Call to Order – 7:05 pm meeting called to order by Craig
2. Agenda adopted
3. Approved Minutes from October 22 PAC meeting. Wayne requested we note that the Budget for 2014/2015 was approved at the October PAC Meeting but was not reflected in the Minutes.
4. Chair Report: Craig McMahon
 - Ecole Dorothy Lynas School PAC constitution amendments:
 1. Part 2, Paragraph 3 – *“A person who is a parent of a student registered at Ecole Dorothy Lynas School is a voting member of the society” to change to “A person who is a parent or **caregiver** of a student registered at Ecole Dorothy Lynas School is a voting member of the society.”*
 2. Part 5, Paragraph 23 (4) states that “no executive member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms”. Proposed and voted this point to become a recommendation.
 - PAC Elections:
 1. Executive members elected:
 - Craig McMahon – Chair
 - Cassandra Hall – Vice Chair
 - Wayne Audette– Treasurer
 - Yani Petrova – Secretary
 2. Members at Large:

- Suzanne Siemens – also on fundraising committee
- Emina Dervisevic – also on CPF (Canadian Parents for French)
- Giulia Desrochers – also an SPC Rep (School Planning Council)
- Cheryl Learmonth – also on anaphylaxis committee

5. Budget Review:

1. The Actual funding budget (approx. \$ 55,000) exceeded the proposed budget (\$48,000) 2013/2014. The difference comes from a few of the fundraising activities such as Spring Carnival, Fun Food days and ArtCards for kids for which hadn't been made a provision in the proposed budget 2013/2014.
2. The Actual Expenditure Budget is 44% lower than proposed 2013/14 budget because of the \$ 23,000 for Technology that hasn't been addressed in 2014. The Principal Arlie Thompson and teachers are working hard on figuring out how that money should be spent. Under consideration is implementing a sound-field amplification system – Improving literacy, attention, participation and learning, helps kids stay focused and not only kids with identified hearing loss but all kids in the classroom.
3. The accumulated surplus is \$ 115,061 that will be driven down in the next few years. There was a suggestion from Suzanne that PAC Exec come up with a timeline for spending the surplus.
4. Wayne is going to take over the Gaming Grant application next year.

6. Principal's Report: Arlie Thompson

- A **new curriculum** is coming up. Teachers are working on the new draft in their collaboration time with a focus on the Core Competencies. The Core Competencies will build life-essential skills in students that will make them successful and accomplished - communication, personal and social responsibility, team work, thinking, creating, exploring, planning etc.
- There will not be a Christmas concert this year. The primary and intermediate choirs are rehearsing. They may perform for the school in the last week of classes.
- *NEW!* Shaw Wi-Fi hot spots in school! – Gym, MPR, Lobby, and Library. There is a limited access to students. You can use the guest network when signing in with your Shaw e-mail and password.
- Parent – Teacher Conferences Week of December 15 (15, 16 and 17 of December early dismissal on these dates).
- Scholastic Book fair is happening on December 2nd and 3rd in the MultiPurpose Room. The information was sent home last week (Nov 17 – 21).
- Band and Strings concerts are taking place on Dec 18 (Band) and 16 (Strings).
- Song writing workshop is taking place in January.
- Peer counselor training (for Grade 7) – teaches critical thinking, problem

- solving, building confidence. Around 80% of the students participated last year.
- Grade 7 – fundraising meeting on Wed Nov 26.

7. Committee Reports:

1. Welcome Back Night – It was a huge success thanks to Connie and Crew. They did fantastic job!
2. Spirit Wear – Suzanne, Fundraising: Over a 100 units have been ordered and will be delivered to families mid-December.
3. CPF –Emina:
 - French film festival is happening on February 26th (Thursday).
 - Windsor Secondary School is organizing Grade 12 graduation breakfast in May (there is no date set yet). Grade 7 French Immersion are invited to the event.
 - Boundary Elementary School is organizing French Bingo Night through CPF on Dec 4th, 7pm to 8:30pm. Bingo cards will be \$ 2 each.
 - New initiative of CPF in school - membership forms will be distributed through Dorothy Lynas office.
4. Family Fun Night – There was a suggestion as the Welcome Back Night did not have a talent show, that Family Fun Night might consider having a Talent Show.
 - a. Arlie and Christie suggested that all performance be reviewed by the Family Fun Night committee for lyrics and appropriate costumes.
 - b. Grade 2's and 5's parent are organizing the event. Shelley Jelstad (Head Class Rep) will send an email to these parents. More details are coming soon.
 - c. Date and Lead Volunteer needed. Shaireen will send some dates to Arlie to coordinate gym availability.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm

**The next PAC Meeting will take place Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 pm
in the MultiPurpose Room.**

HAPPY HOLLIDAYS!!!