

**MINUTES OF ECOLE DOROTHY LYNAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

HELD Oct 22, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Kirsten Bradshaw	Christie Breakingbury
KellyAnn Little	Craig McMahon
Arlie Thompson	Heather Daoust
Shaireen Merali	Yael Drinkle
Jon Thompson	Karen Barnett
Kim Grimwood	Peter Williams

MEETING

1. Call to Order – 7:00 meeting called to order by Craig
2. Agenda adopted
3. Approved Minutes from Sept 25th meeting.
4. Chair Report:
 - a. Elections for PAC Executive. The following volunteers have put their names forward:
Chair – Craig McMahon
Vice – Cassandra Hall
Treasurer – Mahesh Liyanage
Secretary – Shaireen Merali
Members-at-Large – Suzanne Siemens, Cheryl Learmonth & Emina Dervisevic

Craig asked if any others were interested in running for these positions. No other volunteers put their names forward. A motion was made to accept these volunteers' names for the roles above. All were in favour of the above being elected onto the PAC Exec.

Elections for SPC (School Planning Council). The following volunteers have put their names forward:

Kirsten Bradshaw, Giulia Desrochers, Cheryl Learmonth

Craig asked if any others were interested in running for these positions. No other volunteers put their names forward. Motion was made to accept these volunteers' names for the roles above. All were in favour of the above being elected onto the SPC.

- b. Acknowledgements: The PAC would like to thank the following for their time and effort:
 - Welcome Back Night: Leanna Dunn & Donna Ryder plus their team of Volunteers

- Basketball: Lisa Reid & Peter Williams
- Cross Country: Colleen Ross, Kevin Williams, Bergees Karmali and Lindsay Labrecque
- WE Day: Peter Williams and Michelle Hoodless for taking the kids to WE Day
- Memorial Garden volunteers for their ongoing work in creating Zarah`s Sunrise Garden
- Student Directory: Leila Kauko for collecting & verifying Student data and organizing it all into the directory software.
- Communications – Yael Drinkle for organizing all the Class Rep and for keeping us all up to date with her posts on the new PAC Website.

5. Report on Zarah`s Sunrise Garden– Arlie Thompson

- In honour of Zarah Norman-Miller, a garden has been designed by Sally Hocking based on a book called “Miss Rumphius”
- Students have assisted with the planting of crocuses; native plants and tulips will be planted by the parent community contained within a ring of cedar logs. Mosaic stepping stones will be embedded onto the tops of the cedar logs.
- A school celebration has been planned for Monday Oct 28 for those children close to Zarah. Work on a mural is in progress and birdhouses made by the students will be hung.
- Oct 28 evening – a lantern ceremony will take place at Panorama park from 6:30-7:30.

6. Principals Report:

- a. Final X-Country meet will take place at Cates Park on Wednesday Oct 23 and is being hosted by Dorothy Lynas.School
- b. Emergency drills – 2 fire drills and 1 earthquake drill practice done
Bomb Threat and Lock Down drills scheduled for later this term
- c. Thank you to those who participated in and organized the Welcome Back Night talent show.
- d. Thank you to the PAC for the funds allocated to the Staff Wish List
- e. Next Collaboration Day is Wed Oct 30
- f. ProD Day Oct 25th is Province wide – teachers will attend provincial networking workshops
- g. Anaphylaxis Training for staff has been completed – Arlie has met with parents of anaphylactic children and has created a management plan for each child. Safety measures are in place for each child.
- h. Kindergarten Registration ends Dec 20. Kindergarten tour for new families is Nov. 7.
- i. Remembrance Day Assembly – will take place Friday Nov 8th in the afternoon this year. Parents are invited to attend. The assembly is led by students. The time change will allow for the Gr 7's to go to the morning Seycove Remembrance Day Assembly in preparation for their transition and connection to Seycove next year. There will be a moment of silence at 11 am over the PA.

7. Teacher Reports:

- a. Peter Williams: WE Day update- Michelle Hoodless and Peter Williams took the kids to WE Day at Rogers Arena.

There is a 3 yr plan for students in Gr's 5-7 to incorporate WE Day ideals such as compassion, generosity and opportunity for youth into their daily learning.

Students attend meetings at lunch and recess to learn how to give their time and direct their efforts toward helping those in need.

Gr 5-7 Students can now sign up for 1 of these 5 initiatives:

- Scare Hunger Away – food is being collected at the school and through Cross Country running club for the North Shore Harvest Club – only one week left to donate food.
- Build a School House in a 3rd World Country - Kids will collect change to fund this cause.
- Christmas hampers will be given to needy families.
- One Drop Foundation – donations will be collected to fund a water well in a 3rd world village.
- Vow of Silence – April 17th – money raised goes to WE Create Change.

Jan 22 is WE Day at Dorothy Lynas and will be run by the Free the Children Committee – it will be fully student led, student run and will showcase student talent.

- b. Karen Barnett for Colleen Ross:

- Cross Country had the largest team ever with over 70 students signed up. Thank you to all the parents for your ongoing support.
- Compost news: we are waiting for the district to empty the compost bin
- Halloween is Thursday Oct 31 – the primary teachers are doing a parade for the kids
- Nov 1st will be Spirit PJ Day – (not mandatory) the Student Council and primary classes can wear PJ's to school.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Seycove Auction Dorothy Lynas Chair: Heather Daoust

Background: \$45,605 was generated last year. All 4 PACs (Dorothy Lynas, Cove Cliff, Sherwood and Seycove) received approx \$9000 each and the Seycove scholarships get approx. the same.

This year: Auction will take place March 1st in the Parkgate Gym.

- This year's theme is "Mardi Gras Masked Ball"
- 7:30-8:30 School band will be playing jazz. 8:30-9:00 Live Auction. 9:00 Live band and dancing.
- Catering will be done by Tivoli Catering.
- Logo and sign being designed
- New bar being built
- Committee is talking to several bands – we would prefer to go with a live band this year rather than a DJ.

- Sue Olssen and Lori Gunson are on board again to organize the auction baskets

Here are the **additions** we require to the team this year:

- 1) Decorating Committee: At least 4 volunteers to decorate the walls of the gym, make table centers for 35 tables. The event Chairperson would like to see this committee come from Dorothy Lynas. **Calling all creative, artistic, design aficionados who would be interested in creating their own team and heading it up.**
- 2) A volunteer to create ads for print and be the liaison between the Committee and the newspapers ie. NS News, Deep Cove Crier, etc
- 3) A volunteer to help Steve with Sponsorship.
- 4) Two more volunteers to join Kathy O. on Acquisitions.
- 5) Two volunteers to work the front desk at Parkgate the night of the Auction to greet people, enter winning bidders into the computer and processing credit cards at the end of the night.
- 6) A volunteer to order all the wine/beer/soda/martinis/ice. This person would check the bar a few times during the evening and go across the parking lot to get more something if we run out.

Please contact dlpacchair@gmail.com if you can offer your time to any of these positions and help make this year's Auction a huge success.

- b. Spring Carnival: Yael Drinkle.
Planning has begun on the 2013/2014 Spring Carnival. There will be monthly meetings the first Thursday evening of every month starting Nov 7.
For starters, the Committee will be asking parents to suggest which Charity they would like to support this year. Top 3 suggestions will go to a full school vote.
- c. CPF Canadian Parents for French: Emina Dervisevic.
 - Surviving French Immersion: CPF Workshop on Thursday Oct 24th at Cleveland Elementary, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Join CPF North Vancouver for this interactive workshop with Susan Owens, a noted French Immersion teacher with the North Vancouver School District. Mme Owens will share her knowledge and provide tips and resources for parents of Intermediate-age Early and Late French Immersion students.
 - French Film Festival – February 2014, stay tuned for more details.
 - Bon Nuit event planned for K students during the week of the French Film Festival, stay tuned for more details.
 - Membership Drive - \$10 to become a member of the CPF. There are many reasons for joining CPF, the most important being to ensure that FSL education in Canada is all that it can be for your child and for all children in Canada. Membership will give you access to tools, help and exclusive members-only resources besides membership in a strong community of parents and advocates across the country. Go to www.cpf.ca for more information.
 - Links to CPF website: DL and DL PAC online links to CPF will be reviewed to

ensure direct access.

d. iWalk Update: KellyAnn Little:

Re-cap of iWalk results:

The school increased their walking capacity by 28% which is 156 more students actively getting to school, by either walking, biking, carpooling, busing or simply parking away from the school and walking in.

Mme. Tremblay's class increased by 24%

Mme. Labrecque's class increased by 25%

Mr. K. William's class increased by 29%

Mme. Lalonde's class increased by 44%

M. Marion's class increased by 52%

Mme. Voth's class increased by 60%

So the winner of the Golden Scooter is Mm.Voth's class.

It was a successful event. The office received 109 coloring sheets back which were hung in the front hall.

Kelly Ann will speak w Arlie and Mme Tremblay asking if the teachers would like to continue some form of program encouraging actively getting to school through out the school year.

e. Traffic Committee: Karen Barnett –

- Update: Brochures have been distributed around the school although it might be good if they were also sent home in backpacks through the school.
- New community student volunteers are setting out cones on Shone/Percy each morning (Thanks Noah and Ryan!!!)
- Email contact has been attempted with the district to update them on our actions and follow up on our requests to them but still no response. Committee will try again.
- We are still witnessing some very dangerous driving behaviour and parents have now started using the Shone/Percy cone area as a drop off zone and doing u-turns, backing up in driveways etc...this remains a serious issue for the entire neighbourhood and most especially for smaller children who cannot easily dodge nor be seen by the drivers. We are not sure what more we can do about this as a committee and indeed, some parents get aggressive when approached.
- Christie Breakingbury's class has put together a video clip regarding traffic safety. We will get a link set up to it on the PAC Website.
- Suggestion: Can we set up a Kiss n Fly system where by older kids receive younger kids from their kids and assist them onto the school property

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next PAC Meeting is a morning meeting: Wednesday, November 20th at 9-10 am
in the MultiPurpose Room. Children are welcome!