

DR. D.W PENNER SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES **Tuesday October 6 2015**

**Attendance: Jamie Campbell (Chair)**, Alana Sigurdson, (Vice Chair), Jodie Zurbyk (Treasurer) and Tanya St. Laurent (Secretary) and 20 additional parents!!

**Principal:** Richard Rajotte

Teacher: Mr. Graeb

Special guest: Christine Melnick and her assistant Usur

Thanks to Savannah for babysitting

All parents are invited to attend. Any ideas, thoughts and suggestions are always welcome. If you cannot attend but have a question or an idea you would like discussed at the next meeting, please email: Jamie Campbell [Campbell.Campbell.jamie@wpg.sysco.ca](mailto:Campbell.jamie@wpg.sysco.ca) and it will be brought to the table.

**Call to order and introductions:** Jamie- Welcome and thank you all for coming! Nice to see so many new faces. Awesome and Overwhelming turnout!! 20% of our school has turned out tonight!!

Special Guest- Christine Melnick MLA for area- Great packed PAC tonight!! Great to see the vitality of the community. Christine usually attends our first meeting to offer up the Legacy Book Project for the Grade 6 Farewell. It's a \$100 max and children choose books they like to leave for the students coming up into the next grade. They can dedicate and sign the book. These books are then presented at the graduation, it makes kids feel empowered, and it's a way for them to pay it forward. Jamie to call Christine's office and speak with Yvonne in regards to the Legacy Program.

Christine also shared her Share the Magic Program. This program collects new and used books to be given away. Dr. Penner gave over 800 books one year.

**Secretary's Report- Tanya St. Laurent**

- Last month's minutes approved by: Chantal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry

**Treasurer's Report- Jodie Zurbyk**

- Current balance **\$3240.00**
- **No budget for the Halloween Dance, to be added \$500**
- **BBQ was fantastic!! Break even event, great turn out!**
- Financial report **approved by: Chantal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joy**

**Presidents Report- Jamie**

- Welcome BBQ what an amazing turnout! Thank you to everyone who was able to come out! All about getting families together, nice to see all the kids playing! First annual event, a new tradition in the making....
- Thank you to Rick for buying more hot dogs!
- All email communication will be BCC due to the privacy act
- 40 families on the email list so far we have approx 90 families in our school
- Tuesday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>- Louis Riel School Division is having a brainstorming meeting open to PAC and families. Anyone who like to attend can contact Jamie. We can have up to 5 people attend.
- Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching 2015/16 Minister's award- please take the time to nominate one of wonderful staff for this award!!
- Movie Nights- There will be three this year. The first one will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of getting our Movie License originally \$250 but they are charging us \$200 for the year. Kids can wear their PJ's, bring their favorite stuffy, bring a blanket and pillow and watch a movie in the gym. The canteen is open with snacks, draw for a movie basket and a draw for the best seat in the house. Siblings are also welcome, parental supervision is required.
- At the end of the school year we have our Annual Spring Fling with Fire truck, mascots, foam party, petting zoo, our traditional candy toss and water balloon toss. The last couple of years we have been luck to receive a SCIP grant from the Division. This will be the third year in a row that we will have received the grant!! Expect to be part of another awesome Penner Event in June!!
- Looking into an Adult Fundraiser at Rumors Comedy Club. Looking at Jan/ Feb dates and not on a Jets game night if at all possible. \$14 per ticket with ½ the cost going back to the school. If we sell 100 tickets we are allowed to do a 50/50 draw or silent auction.
- Sam to organize Gingerbread cookie decorating once again for the Winter Concert December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30. We usually sell the cookies for \$1.00 each. We also have a Christmas blow up Darth Vader and Yoda to raffle (Thanks to Tamara for already picking these up)
- Allison has mentioned that she may be able to get us a commercial kitchen to decorate the gingerbread cookies.
- Facebook page has been set up- Welcome all parents to like our page- Dr. D W Penner Advisory Council- the idea is go get info out to the parents. Reminders for Halloween forms, hot lunch, meetings, and no pictures of the kids will be posted.
- Babysitting- would like to rotate sitters, both girls will be invited to attend the next meeting. Good to have two in case we run into a large crowd again like tonight. There were lots of kids!!!

#### **Principal's Report/School News- Rick Rajotte**

- Enrollment- 131 Students

- September 30<sup>th</sup> is a big day, our enrollment number matters the most this day, as the budget is set to your enrolment number this date. We were projected to have 122 students and we have 131 so we will be getting more money.
- New Staff – Kerry Milligan E.A.
- Terry Fox run – over \$800 was raised
- Citizenship Initiative – visit by High School students on Thursday re: citizenship opportunities/activities
- Emergency Procedures – Fire Drill, Lockdown Drill
- Year-end field trip to Lower Fort Garry – June 29 2015
- We Day – Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – our grade 5/6 students in Mr. Graeb will be attending
- Global T.V. book donation
- Marian Small P.D.
- Province wide, there are 10 admin days in total. In the City of Winnipeg, 8 of those days are common amongst other schools to make it easier for parents
- This year will be the shortest school year- 193 days
- **Teacher wish list**
  - • \$700 for buses
  - • \$750 for Artists in the School
  - • \$300 for Grade 6 farewell
  - • \$500 for year-end field trip
  - • \$300 for patrols
- **Important dates for October/November 2014**
  - • **October 9<sup>th</sup> -Thanksgiving Meal**
  - • **October 12<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Day- No School**
  - • **October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Halloween Dance**
  - • **October 23<sup>th</sup>- SAGE- No School**
  - • **October 29<sup>nd</sup> – Hot Lunch \*\*Please note date change\*\***
  - • **October 27<sup>th</sup>- Early Dismissal @ 2:30 Staff Meeting**
  - • **November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Picture Retakes**
  - • **November 3<sup>rd</sup> - PAC Meeting @ 6:30**
  - • **November 6<sup>th</sup>- No School Professional Learning**
  - • **November 10<sup>th</sup>- Remembrance Day Assembly p.m.**
  - • **November 11<sup>th</sup>- Remembrance Day**
  - • **November 16<sup>th</sup> – WE Day**
  - • **November 19<sup>th</sup>- Reports go home**
  - **November 19<sup>th</sup>- Hot Lunch**
  - **November 20<sup>th</sup> - Movie Night**

- **November 24<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal @ 2:30 Staff Meeting**
- **November 26<sup>th</sup> – Progress Conferences**
- **November 27<sup>th</sup> - No School Professional Learning**

**Teachers Report- Mr. Graeb**

- Preparing for a Student vote for the election. The students are trying to determine who they would vote for. Researching the process, higher level of thinking
- WE Day, we have been approved for as many tickets as we need. The students earn the right to go. They are involved in Local Fundraising and National Fundraising
- Patrols- recruiting new patrols and any parent (s) who would like to help coordinate special events. All patrols report to the BLDG prior to their shift.

**Committee Reports:**

**Hot Lunch: Sam**

- Hot Lunch- October 29<sup>th</sup> will be Boston Pizza! 8 different options will be available.
- Boston Pizza is extending their fundraiser for us. You can purchase a \$5 Kids Meal Card- this card gives you 5 free kids' meals when an adult meal is purchased. The proceeds from the cards go Big Brothers/ Big Sisters and others.
- Volunteers for Hot Lunch always welcome, we like to have a min of 2 helpers per cart. So 10 helpers in total, no volunteer will be turned away!!
- Halloween Dance update: Cookies have been ordered, DJ has been booked, cupcakes have been made
- Forms Due back Oct 8

**Fall Fundraiser- Allison:**

- Brought seven different options. There was a parent vote- Tupperware- 40% off all sales go back to the school and Bothwell Cheese- \$8.75 an item with \$2.00 per item being given back to the school. Please look for order forms and information in coming to back packs soon.

**Thanksgiving Luncheon- Joy**

- Great Community Event, The kids prepare the meal and decorate their place setting for what they are thankful for. , PAC buys the turkey and buns. All the students, teacher has lunch together in the gym. The volunteers serve the food, and enjoy the leftovers and then clean up.
- Grade K/1 make the butter/ Grade 2- pumpkin tarts/ Grade 3- wash the celery and, cut the cucumbers/ Grade 4/5- cranberry sauce/ Grade 5/6- make the stuffing

**Adjournment- motion to adjourn @8:25pm**

**Next PAC Meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!**