

DR. D.W PENNER SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES **Tuesday January 5th 2016**

Attendance: **Jamie Campbell (Chair)**, Jodie Zurbyk (Treasurer) and Tanya St. Laurent (Secretary) and 13 additional parents!!

Principal: Richard Rajotte

Teacher: Mrs. Darla Alsip

Thanks to Rachel 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.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

Secretary's Report- Tanya St. Laurent

- Last month's minutes approved by: Debbie, 2nd by: Joy

Treasurer's Report- Jodie Zurbyk

- Current balance **\$5502.00** in the bank
- **\$300 Profit** from the Lacoste Poinsettia Fundraiser, thank you to all who participated.
- **\$2550- the teacher's Wish List has been granted!! (Cheque written 1/5/16)**
- We had asked the teachers for additional wish list items. They have asked for money to support Artist in the school as the school didn't receive the grant from the MB Arts council. The project they are doing it will run for two weeks which will be an additional \$1500. Normally classes are one week in length. The students will be making a Mosaic piece which will be displayed in the Library. Stay tuned.....
- A motion to approve \$1500 to cover the additional costs- All in favor/ none opposed
- Cheque written to the school for \$4050.00 which leaves us \$1452.00 in our account.
- Financial report **approved by: Gabby 2nd by: Chantal**

Presidents Report- Jamie

- Thank you to everyone for your continuous support!
- I love to Read Month- February. Talked about having a book drive. We'd like to collect Children's books the last two weeks of February and have a book sale at parent conferences in March!! A great way to recycle your books!! Books will be sold for \$1.00 each. Alana to look into getting bookmarks

from the Wpg Jets and Bombers. All proceeds from the same will go to purchase new books for our school Library.

- ****Save the Date**** Spring Fling will be on Friday June 10th this year-. An Animal theme is in the works. Super Dogs Agility, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Food and more. Stay tuned for more details to follow....
- Spring Fling Committee- Sam & Tamara to spear head the committee. The committee consists of Alana, Jodie, Alison & Tanya. Anyone else interested in joining please let Sam or Tamara know!!!
- Staff Appreciation Feb 8th- Feb 12th- Alana to spear head and organize. Tanya will do any Costco runs, Joy to help, Debbie will help out Feb 12th, Chantal has offered to make, prep help in any way she can.
- Feb 6th MAPC Breakfast meeting. Jamie will be attending anyone else interested please contact Jamie. He will be sending out another email with more details.
- Hot Lunch- Sam..... Our lovely Hot Lunch Lady..... will be stepping down September 2016. These are some BIG Shoes to fill!!! She has done a beyond AMAZING job!!! She has held the position for the past 4 years and is ready for a change. Anyone interested to see what is involved can contact Sam. She is more than willing to pass along as much information as she can. The position can also be a job share. One person to coordinate and one person to be physically on hand at hot lunch. Alison has expressed interest in the position but cannot be physically at hot lunch every month. But is more than willing to do the behind the scenes stuff. This position does take up time approx 10 hours a month. Food Handlers Certificate is also recommended, In the past this cost has been covered by the school or PAC.

Principal's Report/School News- Rick Rajotte

- Winter Concert was Fabulous!!! Best part o the show is to have the whole school on stage at one time. With 20 more students this year, it was a little tight. But sure we could fit another 20 if we had to. Mr. Funk did a great job!! Hilarious Job!!!
- Update on the Butterfly Garden- A lady from the City of Winnipeg came out and did say that our current Outdoor Classroom space will work, however a better spot would offer more sunshine (approx 20 feet east of the current location) If we are able to have the rocks moved this location would be ideal If not- PAC/ School would be responsible to get the space ready for planting, soil ready. The idea would be to have the rocks set up in a half moon shape- then 10 feet space then the garden. The students would help in planting the plants. The City of Wpg would maintain the garden for the first year. The Butterfly Garden takes up a 10x15 space between the path and fence. This does not take away from the soccer field in any way. Approx cost to the School/PAC \$350.00 plus getting the space ready.
- Nutrition Grant \$1500- With this Grant we have had fruit available in the hallways, oranges/ apples/ bananas/ vegetables- such as carrots and celery in zip lock bags. This week we offered cheerios in zip lock bags. We may also offer soup at lunch one day. They came in to give suggestions and ideas.
- Artist in the School- Demetrious will be coming in to make a Mosaic piece with the students. This is broken glass and tiles. The students will help design this piece and it will be displayed in the Library. The theme we are going with is that the Library is the heart of the school. The 7 teachings will be incorporated as well. If you are in the school the second week of Jan stop in and check out the wall in the Library.
- Mad Science- coming in Jan 11th to give a presentation to the students. Get them excited and will send home information. It will be held at the school Mondays @ 3:45 starting Feb 7th.
- Parent conference in November- did you like the format? Most parents were very happy with the new format. Learnt about the classroom dynamic, candid conversation, format well received, the teachers liked it as well.

- March Conference s will be over 2 days- Portfolio style
- The Theme for I love to Read Month in February isI love to read Recipe's. Each classroom has picked a Country and will make food from that country and have a potluck. A Chef will be visiting the school, Books about food will be read as well, such as Green Eggs and Ham.
- Kindergarten Information Night- March 1st!!! Registration takes place at the end of March
- Victor Major and St. George will be taking in Syrian Refugees. They have a lull program designed for students with Disrupted learning.
- Joy attending the Citizen ship Tea at the Board office along with Torrance & Hayden, and Kathy Grenier. Harry Bell is developing an Active Citizen Group across the school division. There were parents/ teachers/ students from all grade levels that attending. Anyone interested in being part of the committee name were put into a hat a name drawn to see form the group. Joy was lucky enough to have her name drawn!!! She shared a video and will be giving PAC monthly updates from Feb to June. More collaboration between schools and more awareness. Do more and do more together is the goal!

Important dates for January / February

- **January 20th- Grade 5/6 Max Bell**
- **January 21st- Hot Lunch Pizza Pizza**
- **January 22nd Movie Night- Hotel Transylvania 2**
- **January 26th- Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm**
- **Feb 5th- No School Professional Learning Day**
- **Feb 19th- Parents Night Out at Rumors!! 7:45 pm \$15.00 a ticket seven dollars goes back to the school. Tickets available at Movie Night!!!**
- **Feb 23rd- Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm**
- **March 1st- Kindergarten Information Night.**

Teachers Report- Mrs.Darla Alsip

- Thank you for having me!! Happy to be here!! Just to give a little background- came from a small school, taught Grade 2 for 10 years, took a break to raise my three kids. Decided to get back into teaching so started off subbing out of town, then took this part time positions as a great way to jump back in, Mrs. Shangraux is a great partner!!!

Committee Reports:

Hot Lunch: Sam

- Hot lunch Jan 21st- Pizza Pizza!! They provided some sample pizza for the meeting! It was delicious!!
- Next Hot Lunch we will offer- Grilled Cheese option/ Chicken Nuggets with steamed brown rice and steamed corn. (The Lunch Lady)

Movie Night- Esther

- Last movie night there were approx 110 people in attendance/ Veggie and dip option didn't go over, will not be offered at the next movie night

- Movie will be.....Hotel Transylvania 2..... Doors will open @ 6:00pm the movie will start @ 6:30pm
- Posters will go up this week, Volunteers always welcome!!!

Lacoste Fundraiser- Tamara:

- \$300 profit
- Limited color choices, offered too late in the month- most people had already purchased their poinsettia's elsewhere.

*****Just a reminder about Parents Night Out*******

Feb 19th @ 7:45pm most people are going early for dinner- doors open at 6:30pm

Tickets are \$15.00 per person with \$7.00 going back to the school. Tickets will be made available at Movie Night, and are only available till Feb 10th!! Get your tickets while supplies last!!!

New Business:

- Recall on Bothwell Cheese- Shredded Mozzarella. 4 Families were affected by this. A letter will be going home. If you still have your unopened package Bothwell will exchange it for a new one.

Adjournment- motion to adjourn @8:05pm