

DR. D.W PENNER SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES **Tuesday November 3 2015**

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

**Principal:** Richard Rajotte

Teacher: Mrs. Grenier

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](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, let's get started!

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

- Last month's minutes approved by: Joy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tamara

**Treasurer's Report- Jodie Zurbyk**

- Current balance **\$3824.29** in the bank
- **\$763.00 Profit** from the Halloween dance- these events are meant to get everyone together, what a great community event to bring families together.
- **Thanksgiving Luncheon**- due to the growing number of students and multiculturalism in our school it would be a good idea to increase the budget from \$200 to \$350, something to consider for next year.
- Financial report **approved by: Sherry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miss Kyla**

**Presidents Report- Jamie**

- Thank you to everyone for all your support and efforts put into the Halloween Dance this year! I am in Awe how everyone comes together to make it happen.
- 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.
- First Movie Night will be Nov 20<sup>th</sup>- Movie License has already been processed.
- Winter Concert- Gingerbread cookies will be available once again. This year they will be at no charge to make sure all children go home with one. We will be asking for a donation for the Christmas Cheer Board instead. There will also be a draw for a Christmas blow up Yoda and R2D2. Jamie to apply for

the license for this raffle along with a Donation of goodies from Hickory Farms. We will also be selling popcorn once again at the concert. Tamara to pick up.

- As an option we are offering a Group order from Lacoste for poinsettias, swags and wreaths for the holiday season. These will be available to order till Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. The school will receive a 35% profit from the Poinsettia orders placed. They will be made available for pick up the day of the Winter Concert (December 10<sup>th</sup>) this is a no pressure fundraiser, if you wish to participate that's great! Tamara will be organizing this Fundraiser! Keep an eye out in backpacks for the ordering info!
- Math in Schools- Khalid will be presenting Nov 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-12:30
- Louis Riel School Division has once again paid our annual MAPC(MB Association of Parent Council) fees
- No PAC meeting in December due to the busy time of month
- December 6<sup>th</sup>- there will be Gingerbread decorating party at Jodie's house, all welcome to come out and show their creative side- an email will follow with all the details

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

- Thank you re: Halloween Dance- Parent Council and parent community are to be congratulated for an amazing evening of fun for our students.
- Anxiety Overview – talking to staff about it, good idea to show parents, these slides are from a school Psychologist. There are many resources available : book by Patricia Pearson – Anxiety Yours and Mine( 2 on hand to borrow from Mr. Rajotte) Anxiety Clinic PH# 204-958-9600/ There is a Free APP- Mind Shift/ ADAM- great resource for adults and teenagers / John Walker <http://crfh.ca/index.php/john-walker-bio/>
- Learning At Home website - In its efforts to continue supporting parents and students, Manitoba Ed has develop a new website that offers homework support to middle years students. The site provides links to over 200 videos and animations that explain challenging concepts in the areas of Mathematics and Science. Go to <http://www.manitoba.ca/mylearningathome> for more information.
- Winter Concert December 10 @ 6:30 p.m. There will be a matinee performance in the a.m., time to be determined
- Winter Weather Guidelines- Outdoors physical activity is essential to the well-being of all students, but their safety is paramount when inclement weather arises. Students may be allowed outside for a max of 15 mins when the wind chill reaches –27. They will remain indoors when the wind chill reaches –30. School administrators will make decisions about recess during inclement weather based on the forecasts provided by Environment Canada with weather readings observed at the Winnipeg Richardson International Airport Weather Station. Busses stop running at –45
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup>- No school- Marian Small Fellowship. For more information go to <http://www.onetwoinfinity.ca/>
- Another great Education website to check out is <http://www.discoveryeducation.ca/Canada/>
- Citizen Council is being put together one member of each parent council is invited to attend on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30am. Joy has volunteered to attend.
- All Grade 5/6 students will be attending WE day on Monday Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, it's getting bigger and bigger
- Last year the 5/6 class raised over \$6000 to purchase goats for families. You can't buy a ticket to WE day, you have to earn it. Pay it forward! The 5/6 students are in the process of putting something together to raise money for United Way.
- All Louis Riel Families can download Microsoft Office 2013 for Free!! As long as you have your child's username and password you will be able to complete the download on the Louis Riel Website

### **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 November- December**

- **November 6<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Day – no school**
- **November 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Ceremony @1:00 p.m.**
- **November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day – no school**
- **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**
- **November 25<sup>th</sup> & November 26<sup>th</sup>- Parent Conferences 4:30pm-7: 30 pm**
- **November 27<sup>th</sup>- No School**
- **December 10<sup>th</sup> – Winter Concert @ 6:30 p.m. ( matinee time TBD)**
- **December 18<sup>th</sup>- last day of classes before Winter Break**
- **Classes resume Jan 4 2015**

### **Teachers Report- Mrs. Grenier**

- In light of Citizenship and what it means to our Grade 1 students. Mrs. Grenier shared some artwork and samples of how the grade one students are showing citizenship in everyday situations. They are also taking part in the Roots of Empathy Program. They are learning to deal with crying.
- Citizenship is a Divisional initiative, Harry Bell who is a former teacher of Penner is heading the Committee. A video was shown, you can check out this video on the Louis Riel Website.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3wjpWPzZmc&feature=youtu.be>

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Halloween Dance Feedback:**

- Great Night! Suggestions- Cookies were quite large, maybe make them smaller
- Try to reduce the amount of sugar products offered at our events throughout the year

- In general try to make things a little healthier

#### **A little insight from Miss Kyla on how the kids were the day after the Halloween Dance...**

Great evening!! Amazing, I look forward to it every year!! Maybe something to keep in mind for next year that we don't have the dance on a Thursday with the SAG day following. Kids still have to get up early for Daycare the next day. It makes for a really long day. They are up late the night before then up early the next day. Staff was prepared that the kids would be pretty tired and kept it a low key day. But if we can avoid it that would be helpful for all! Next Year Halloween falls on a Monday because of leap year. Options would be Oct 21 or Oct 28<sup>th</sup> as they are both Fridays.

#### **Hot Lunch: Sam**

- Boston Pizza was a hit!! A number of people have requested that we have them again.
- Profit \$433.63
- 98 kids participated/ 11 staff/ 3 parents
- 51 Boston Pizza Kids cards were sold
- Next Month- Hot Dogs / Veggie Dogs and Halal Dogs **forms due back Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Movie Night- Esther**

- Movie will be Inside Out Doors will open @ 6:00pm the movie will start @ 6:30pm
- Blurb will go out on the syner voice system, as well as a note in backpacks, as well as an email from Jamie
- Tamara will order the popcorn, Rick to set up the projector, Jodie will be there but late, the more volunteers the better
- Veggies & Dip will also be available at the canteen (trial run), along with our usual snack foods

#### **Fall Fundraiser- Allison:**

- 283 Units of Bothwell Cheese sold!!! Profit \$566.00- marble cheese was the most popular
- Tupperware- 47 items sold Profit \$380.00
- **Total Fundraiser Profit\$ 950.00**
- 35 families participated!!! Thank you to everyone for their support!

**Adjournment-** motion to adjourn @8:10pm

**Happy Holidays!**

**Next PAC meeting will be January 5 2015**