

Dr. Penner P. A. C. Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 11, 2020

Present: Alana Sigurdson (Chair); Sonia Marrone (note taker); Kuldeep Sahota (Vice Chair); Nicole Mager (principal); Darla Alsip; Shannon Gross; Janis Brady; Afua Mante; Clay Ash

1- Call to Order, Treaty Acknowledgment, and Introductions – Alana Sigurdson

2- New Business

- No new business for discussion from the floor

3- Secretary's Report – Sonia Marrone

- Review & Approval of PAC meeting Minutes from January, Sonia made the motion to accept the minutes from January 2020, Kuldeep seconded, motion carried.

4- Finances / Treasurer's Report –Michelle Marinelli

- Review & Approval of Financial Report for January
- Balance as of February 11, 2020 is \$1742.28
- Proceeds from movie Night look lower than they actually were as there were additional expenses, revenue will be higher at next event
- Shannon made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Kuldeep seconded, motion carried

5- Teacher Report- Darla Alsip "I Love to Read Canadian Week": decided to make this a week long event. Note has gone home explaining the week's event, starting with a Cozy Read with parents and children on Tuesday February 18. Poster was distributed to announce the "I Read Canadian Day" which features Canadian authors. I Love to Read month is a national reading event across the country. Darla Alsip is an early literacy teacher and works primarily with Grades 1 and 2 students completing early literacy assessments and reading interventions for the early years students. Mrs. Alsip is also teaching the afternoon kindergarten class during Mrs. Floyd's absence until Spring break.

6- President's Report – Alana Sigurdson

- Fundraising Update
 - Business Sponsorship of Entrance-Way Refresh project: information has gone out to families, share the information broadly, Mom's Pantry can be purchased online or by paper; for Hoffman's the only way to order is via paper. All proceeds will go towards funding the entrance of the school. Alana would like to approach the local businesses to sponsor specific items for the entrance way such as Vista Dental, Co-Op, etc. Clay agreed to assist with this project. If there are other parents are comfortable and knowledgeable about campaigning and approaching businesses in this regard, please contact Alana Sigurdson.
- LRSD Budget Consultation meeting: this occurred tonight (February 11, 2020), parents can access the minutes from the meeting on the LRSD website to stay informed about budgetary decisions particularly in light of the upcoming changes with Manitoba Education.
- Year End Celebration Discussion: this event is booked for Friday, June 5. This is the PAC's biggest event and is supported by the LRSD SCIP grant of \$2000. Last year, the organizers took the approach of organizing activities that were run by an outside party and required

minimal family volunteers. This will likely be the same approach for this year given the challenges of volunteer recruitment. Janis requested that one new event is switched in each year to keep it interesting. Clay requested having extra water, a hose, or a sprinkler available if there is a foam pit so kids can wash their eyes out after finishing with the foam pit. Discussed keeping the food simple and affordable such as hot dogs.

- Principals of Darwin and Minnetonka visited with parents tonight to inform them of their options for Grade 7. Meeting was informative and helpful.

7- Principal's Report – Mrs. Mager: showed parents a rendering of the proposed front entrance renovation/refresh which would cost approximately \$8000 to make it more welcoming and warm. This cost would also include a sign with the school logo with the word WELCOME in the various languages represented in the school. Mrs. Mager brought notes of gratitude from teachers for the huge display of appreciation for Staff Appreciation Week. Divisional update is included in Principal's report including budgetary information. Jay Stoller is the Artist in the School and is an African drumming specialist and will be spending the week in the school. All parents are invited on Friday, February 14 at 2:15pm at Dr. Penner. I LOVE to READ week is next week (www.ireadcanadian.com). There is a games club for Grades 1 and 2 and Board Game club for older grades. There is also a new Drawing Club for grades 4 to 6. There is a movement group for the Family of Schools at Samuel Burland School for students with special needs. There were 25 students from all over the school division to attend the Movement Group at Dr. Penner. The Fruit Bowl is a huge hit and parents have continued to donate money for this endeavour. The fruit is gone each day and the stigma of asking for food is gone as all students are taking fruit from the bowl. Parents can feel free to donate and discussed putting a marked donation box in the office so parents can see that donations will continue to be accepted. Staff meeting on February 25, 2020 (early dismissal).

8- Committee Reports

- Staff Appreciation Week- Kuldeep Sahota provided an update. There were many donations from families. Wednesday is a family potluck day. Kuldeep and Shannon noted that there was excellent parent involvement and donations as well as a lot of returned heart messages from students.
- Fun Lunch – Shannon Gross & Kuldeep Sahota: Shannon reported that the last 2 lunches were Pita Pit and Subway which went well. Sales were down slightly but combined with the extra lunch was more than what PAC would normally raise for the month. Kuldeep and Shannon will continue to offer 2 Fun Lunches per month. Recommended that pizza is offered once per month given the popularity of pizza.
- Family Movie Night Report: turn out was much lower than other years. Mrs. Mager offered some feedback such as offering an earlier start date and offering the movie night on a Thursday night rather than a Friday night. Another idea is to not offer pizza given the higher cost. Discussed various ideas to improve attendance for next year. Alana will be asking the Grade Six class to organize the March Movie Night and will poll students about which evening they would prefer and about food options for the movie night.

9- New Business – no new business

10- Adjournment @ 7:50pm – Kuldeep made the motion and Shannon seconded, motion carried

11- Next Meeting: March 10, 2020