

DR. D.W PENNER SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday Feb 7 2017

Attendance: Alana Sigurdson, (Chair), Jamie Campbell (Vice Chair) Andreja Aitken (Treasurer), Tanya St. Laurent (Secretary) and 10 additional parents. Great turnout!

Principal: Richard Rajotte **Teacher:** Kathy Grenier. Thank you both for coming.

Thanks to Olivia Sirtonski 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: Alana alanajo@shaw.ca and it will be brought to the table.

Call to order and introductions: Alana - Welcome and thank you all for coming!

- First order of business. According to our constitution we need to accept motion for Sam to resign. As a result of Sam stepping down- our constitution states that Alana will now take on the role of Chair. Jamie to motion to accept Sam to resign 2nd by Angela. Letter from Sam below.

Alana (Vice Chair), Tanya (Secretary), Andreja (Treasurer), Jamie Campbell (Past Chair), Rick (Principal)

I am just writing to let you know that effective immediately, I will be resigning from the position of Chairperson of Parent Council at Dr. Penner School. I have enjoyed working with all of you for the good of our school and I absolutely plan to contribute to the school and to PAC, just not in the capacity of Chairperson.

I will not be attending the executive meeting on Feb 7th (@6), so you all will have a chance to plan your steps moving forward. According to our Constitution Alana will take on the role of Chair for the remainder of the year. Alana will also send out the Feb PAC Meeting Agenda.

I thank you,

Samantha Sirtonski

- On behalf of PAC we would like to thank Sam for her contribution to our School. Alana presented Sam with flowers as a thank you!
- **Secretary's Report-** Tanya
 - Minutes from Oct meeting approved by: Sam 2nd by: Asmena

Treasurer's Report- Andrea

- Balance \$3000/ cheque given to the school to complete wish list- \$1700.00

- Thank you to Andreja for taking the time to bring everything up to date
- Financial report **approved by: Kuldeep Approved by- 2nd by: Sam**

Chair's Report- Alana

- Fun Lunch- is it a fundraiser or is it just fun. We needed to make a decision on what the purpose is. In terms of looking at numbers, looking at the costs of items and what their profits. Freezies bring in the most profit! Taco Bell was not a huge hit, but it was in September. We know Pizza is always the best seller. As PAC furthering our conversation about as a council are we comfortable as it being a service. Or is our Fun Lunch program going to be a Fundraiser for the school No changes to be made till September. Welcoming BBQ- our first one was packed!! Same as movie night- build community not to raise money, but bring families together. Comments- price things so you break even, still make it reasonable for families to participate.
- Idea- to bundle Fun Lunch options- Limit treats/ freezies, if parent doesn't order a child a freezie, there may be a reason why. Max limit to be included on next order form.
- Fun Lunch- Not a fundraiser but keep it as a Fun Lunch- cover costs and if we make a little bit that works too. Letter to go home in September welcome to Fun Lunch any profits go back to the school.
- MAPC AGM- Umbrella in which we fall. They bring things forward to the government, they are our bigger voice. They are helpful to us, backup or ask questions to. May 5 & 6
- Staff Appreciation Week Feb 17-24 Wild amazing things happening. If you are interested in helping out- if you are interested please sign up. Theme- details to come in backpacks and email as well! Always important to us, our staff is amazing! Great way to remind they how amazing they are.
- Movie Night- possibility of having 3 movie nights- seemed to be an interest. Last movie night was an older movie. Next Movie Night April 21, normally we do three Nov, Jan and April. They cost next to nothing to do. Just wondering on timing. We are going up against is March break- Spring Fling. Spring Fundraiser. By popular demand extra Movie Night- March 3rd! Tentative date.
- Call for resolution- every year they put this out. Looking for issues in schools. There is an application, would be voted on, impacting students in school. MAPC would advocate. Any thoughts? We do have an opportunity to have a voice outside our school as well.
- Rumors - Parents Night Out!! Tickets will be available till March 10th!
- PAC Annual General Meeting coming up in May- plan the year- elections. In March we need to appoint our Elections Officer email out the process. Collect the names and announce who is running for each position. Something to think about for next year- nice way to get involved. Think about taking on a different position for 2017/2018 year. When elected in May- June is a joint meeting- great opportunity to get involved and see the school in a different perspective.
- Darcy-s Arc- the Day Care have been working n a project- Cool to be Kind- raising money for Darcy's Arc. Ant bullying message. Posters, videos to promote this. Pet Supply Drive entered a contest-

prize win \$500 for the Day Care. The Senior Day Care students will be able to decide where the money goes. If you can support the Day Care!! Fun stuff!!

Summer Fiesta Spring Fling- Tamara

- Friday June 16 5-8 pm
- Games- foam party, laser tag dance party truck, bouncy house and slide/ piñata station/ water balloons, jar bar Games 4 u - all stations will be manned.

Principal's Report/School News- Rick Rajotte

- Mad Science 70 participants!! Rockets!!
- Lock down drill- one Wed March 1st- protocol/ intruder drill/ 2 different drills. Lock down- all students locked in room- kids go to closest room. Practice that, when we practice it- be quiet is the most important thing to be safe.
- Grade 6 transition- Feb 8th Grade 6's are walking over to Darwin school. Previous kids from Penner will talk to them. Parents are invited to attend Parent Conferences night at Darwin.
- Minnetonka will do the same thing- visit the school no date yet.
- Last week before Spring break grade six students decide which school they want.
- Kindergarten Information Night - March 2nd @7pm we have had fantastic kindergarten classes for the past year. Projection for next year is 23 students. Our school is growing. We know have 18 kids take a bus to our school every day. 132 students!!
- PIT process- if you live in Louis Riel School Division. Accept starting Feb/March Reason to come to our school. A parent can make a request to go to another school- first come-so its date and time stamped. Acceptance of a PIT comes down to numbers, K-3 needs to be 20 and under. Live outside school Division- Schools of Choice- it's harder, kids in Division get first crack.
- Report cards and conference- March 16th- Portfolios- start time and end time- come anytime you want. If you want to meet with the teacher you can schedule a meeting.
- Feb 3rd- Every year there are 10 days kids are not in school. Teacher doing admin stuff. Prof Development. Teachers were at Glenlawn Collegiate. Martin Brokenleg- does work on Circle of Courage. He talks about strengths of kids. The kids who need the most love will ask for it in the most unloving of ways.
- Pink Shirt Day Feb 22
- Grade 4 Immunization date changed to March 9th

Teacher Wish List

- \$800- buses- with granted Feb 7
- \$800- artist in the school- Wish Granted Jan Meeting
- \$300- Grade 6 Farewell- Wish Granted Feb 7
- \$600 Year end Field Trip wish granted Feb 7
- \$300 Patrols Wish granted Feb 7
- \$500 Butterfly Garden- Wish granted Feb 7

Upcoming Events Summary - Save the Dates:

Feb 16th- Fun Lunch Boston Pizza

Feb 20th- Louis Riel Day/No School

Feb 27^h- Mad Science

Feb 28th- Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm

March 2nd- Kindergarten Information Night @ 7:00pm

March 6th- Mad Science

March 7th- PAC Meeting @ 6:30 in the Library

March 13th Mad Science

March 16th- Parent Conferences

March 17th- No School

March 23 & 24th Kindergarten Registration week

March 27th Spring Break

Teachers Report- Kathy Grenier-I love to read!! Thank you in dance! Theme Canada 150! Students and staff are embracing learning about Canada. Started off with a fantastic assemble Ryan Price from Winnipeg. Tied in a book about Canada. The kids enjoyed the show, they are adorable. Every grade is picking a period of time between 1867. Kids are researching throughout Canadas History. They want to talk about NAFTA. When Yukon became a territory. Grade 1- historic 2016 baby Esmae was born. Kids are super excited! Feb 24th- Harry Bell will come in and talk about life before Canada. Another big thing- Librarian is helping us to use Green Screen. Doing this individually or groups. Picking topics they want to talk about- Canadian Landmarks, symbols. Green Screen Project. Giving kids a choice to find something they are interested in and talking about. Kids are running in the

gym- trying to travel across Canada. The week of Feb 13th- Treaty Education- coming to school reading to classes- Hastings powwow club coming to do hoop dancing. Making treaty medals/ cross grade making bannock, making medals. Very exciting!!

- The Citizenship Council- published a reference leaflet book- what activities have been happening in schools- who to contact if interested. Division wide resource available for take out in the Library.

Committee Reports

- **Fun Lunch- Asmeena & Allison-** Pizza Pizza lunch Jan 84 order 246.15 profit/ Pricing was different this year compared to last year. Note- Feb one flavour missing off form. We took off strawberry, raspberry and Kiwi to follow. Will soon only offer blue raspberry/ Green Lime
- This month Boston Pizza for Feb!!
- Movie Night- Dinner and Movie nice treat! Ice cream Profit from first movie night- \$75.00 2nd movie night \$30.00. Approx 70 people in attendance for both.
- **Adjournment**- motion to adjourn @8:10 pm motioned by Alana 2nd by Asmeena

Upcoming PAC Meetings

March 7 April 4 May 2 June 6

Next PAC Meeting March 7th@ 6:30-8pm. Free Babysitting.

New ideas and fresh faces always welcome!