

DR. D.W PENNER SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday March 6th, 2018

Attendance: Alana Sigurdson, (Chair), Kuldeep Sahota (Vice Chair), Michelle Marinelli (Treasurer), Tanya St. Laurent (Secretary), Allison Rempel, Shannon Gross, Mark Turman, Shelby Turman, Ron F, Janis Brady, Sonia Marrone

Principal: Rick Rajotte

Daycare: Ashley Peters

Teacher: Mr. Brian Graeb

Thanks to Olivia Sirtonski for babysitting.

Quorum- met

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 Sigurdson at alanaajo@shaw.ca and it will be brought to the table.

Call to order: Alana Sigurdson - Call to order 6:35pm Welcome, thank you for giving up a night to be here. We have a packed agenda. Always remember we are here for our kids and our friend's kids. Engaged community support of kids. Please come back and bring a friend.

New Business- No new Business to report

Secretary's Report- Tanya

- Minutes from January 9th meeting motion to approve as presented- approved by Mark 2nd by Shelby
- Minutes from February 6th Meeting motion to approve as presented- approved by Michelle 2nd by Janice
- **Treasurer's Report- Michelle**
- Balance \$2969.00
- February Fun Lunch profit \$317.00
- Activity Night budget \$125 spent \$66.00
- Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented from January 9th meeting approved by - Shannon 2nd by Allison
- Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented from Feb 6th Meeting approved by- Janice 2nd by Sonia

Chair's Report- Alana

- **LRSD Budget Meeting-** Rick and Alana attended the meeting. Final Budget numbers will be released on March 15th. Louis Riel received 3.5% increase in their budget. Extra support in classroom thru EA's. New families/ new challenges. The Division is growing, next year they are expecting an additional 495 students into the division. Discussion on amalgamating School Divisions together. Louis Riel and Pembina Trails, Winnipeg and St. James School Division, and leave Transcona River East on its own.
- **Elections-** Election Officer is Sonia Marrone. The elections are held in May at our AGM (Annual General Meeting). Constitution was just changed in January. The change was made for Executive positions that you agree to a two-year term in that position to help with consistency within the Executive. Vice Chair and Treasurer will stay closed/ Chair and Secretary will be open for election. Sonia will be sending an email/ letter asking for nominations. You can also nominate yourself. Those who choose to run in the election will be asked to write a brief summary of who they are and why they are interested in the position.
- **Staff Appreciation-** Dr. Seuss theme, it was very neat! Thank you to everyone who contributed. Thank you to Allison, Kuldeep and Shannon for chairing this event!! The decorations are still up, very well received!!
- **Family Activity Night-** Activity night Feb 23rd was a great success!! Our focus this year is to get people into the school. Great turn out approx 40 families came out. Great opportunity for parents to sit and talk. Not a lot of Grade 5/6. Looking for ideas to get them engaged!! Next Activity Night March 21st!
- **Spring Fundraiser:** Danelli Pizza and cheese cake/ No response from them. Little Caesars Fundraiser pack your own pizza. Pep and Cheese option \$27/ pk of 3 for cheese and \$29 for pk of 3 for pepperoni. \$5.00 per pack profit. Min 100 orders for free delivery. Seems to be an expensive price point. We will stick with Kernels popcorn as our spring fundraiser \$1.00/ bag sell \$2.00, Alana to organize. All funds raised will go towards the Year End Field Trip. PAC will be ordering between 50-75 bags to sell at the upcoming movie night. The Fundraiser will run from March 7th- March 21st. Watch for a letter to go home in back packs soon!!
- **Ice Cream Social and Dance-** May 4th Pre- order your Sundae, Just Dance will be up on the big screen, if nice out open Gym doors and play outside.
- **Spring Fling-** Friday June 8th. Year end celebration party!! All families and students invited!! New kindergartens are also invited to attend!! Tamara- Chair/ Sonia- Co Chair/ Tanya- Executive representative/ Allison & Shelby! If you are interested in helping please email Alana and she will put you in contact with one of the members already on the committee!! We will be setting up a meeting in the next week to get things moving!!
- **Principal's Report/School News-** Rick
- Monday this week was the best outdoor recess ever!! The kids rolled, jumped and played in the snow!! We were missing a 1/3 of our students that day as we received over 22 cm of snow over 24hrs.

- **Kinder Registration-** Full House!! 18 families attended!! Lots of questions, every family that attended was new to the school.
- **Olympics-** out door event delayed till next week due to weather.
- **Grade 6 Transition-** students/parents/guardians will be able to tour Darwin(Dakota Collegiate for your high school) and Minnetonka (Glenlawn Collegiate for your high school) schools. A letter will be sent home at the end of March to check off which school your child will attend in the fall.
- **Mad Science-** 3rd year running!! 1/3 of students are participating
- **March Report cards** go home March 8th/ Student led conferences held March 15 from 4:30-7:30
- **March 16th** PD day
- **Pink Shirt Day** April 11th
- **Year End Field Trip-** Fort Whyte Alive June 19th
- Rick announced his retirement in June. Email to families to follow. We are very grateful to have had you, and your support. Very fortunate and happy for you Rick!

Teacher's Report- Mr. Graeb

- Transition time for Grade 6 students. Choice of Darwin or Minnetonka. Letters to come home end of March. They will also be trying out musical instruments for band to see which instrument is best suited for them.
- 5/6's Practical Arts Pilot Program at Darwin. Students have the opportunity to try out, sewing, cooking, Graphic arts.... The Grade 5/6 class made puppets in sewing class. They are now taking those puppets and making their own puppet show.
- **Standing Committee Reports**

Fun Lunch- Allison

- Feb Fun Lunch- Hot dogs and mac & cheese was a hit!! Profit \$317 approx 90 families ordered
- March - Boston Pizza/ April & May- A&W and Subway with Menchie's and June will be pizza.

New Business: Alana opened the floor on who to get more people out to parent council meetings. Suggestions included: put it out differently- let parents know how voting impacts the school, take a new approach. Come to the meeting to find out what's going on in the school.

Upcoming Events Summary March/ April - Save the Date:

- **March 8th- Reports go home**
- **March 15-Student Led Conferences**
- **March 16th- No School PD Day**
- **March 19th- March 23rd Kinder Registration week**

- March 20th- Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm
- March 21st Activity Night
- March 22nd- Fun Lunch Boston Pizza
- March 23rd- Last day of classes before Spring Break
- April 2nd- Classes resume
- April 3rd- PAC Meeting

Adjournment- 7:45pm

Next Meeting: April 3rd @ 6:30pm

Free Babysitting

New ideas and fresh faces always welcome!

May 1/ June 5