

DR. D.W PENNER SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday November 1 2016

Attendance: Sam Sirtonski (Chair), Alana Sigurdson, (Vice Chair), Andreja Aitken (Treasurer),

Tanya St. Laurent (Secretary), Kyla Ritchie (Day Care) Jamie Campbell (Past Chair) 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: Sam Sirtonski at ssirtonski@shaw.ca and it will be brought to the table.

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

- New Business- Halloween Costumes- Can kids wear them to school, Rick would prefer if the kids wear them to the dance. Kids were excited for the dance and to wear their costumes. Would rather leave it the way it is, so they are not losing two days of classes. One to the dance and one for Halloween.
- Munch a 'lunch to be discussed.

Secretary's Report- Tanya

- Minutes from Oct 3rd meeting approved by: Jamie 2nd by: Kuldeep.

Treasurer's Report- Andrea

- Up to date except for the Halloween Dance- Current Balance \$1891.00 pending \$700 for Penner Wear \$1100 approx. once the Penner Wear is paid for
- Why did we choose Mr Bones Pizza when on the other side of the city? Why not support local?- Answer-not happy with the pizza in the past, went with the Halloween theme ;had a skeleton on the box, price was right. Tried something different.
- Financial report **approved by: Approved by- Alana 2nd by: Asmena**

Chair's Report- Sam

- Halloween Dance was great as always!! Big thank you to Tamara for doing a fabulous job! Thank you to Hal and Roberta for their help in the daytime as well!! Thank you to all our volunteers who made this night a success!
- Sandy Nemeth sent info for the Budget date Nov 22 at the Division office @7pm. If interested in attending please let Sam know.

- Tues Nov 8th @ 6:00 Citizenship talk Tanya and Kuldeep to attend.
- Sam, Mrs. McLeod, and two students from Penner went to Citizenship event at the board office- Picnic theme event. 39 different schools. How they involve their students and parents in their school various ways including: Collecting drink tabs, Terry Fox Run, Butterfly Garden, Outdoor classroom, Hampers for Harvest, United Way, New- buddy bunch- kids that are shy, they can sit on the bench older students will approach them and make them feel welcome. Part of their leadership program. Marker recycle program battery recycle program.
- Parent Question to Rick-Treaty education- how they were formed- Sept did the orange shirt day- not enough time to prep- so Penner did not participate. 150th birthday of Canada so kids now the history of Canada. Starting with Treaty package at a K-6 level. Teach how things started at the beginning. Residential School Education when will it part of the curriculum? Opportunity to shape the kids.
- MAPC- invitation Mental Health Nov 19th time 9-12:30 two spots open if anyone would like to attend.

Vice Chair's Report- Alana

- Update on Thanksgiving lunch!! It was super awesome!! So many parents willing to step in that day. Went off without a hitch. Kids were thankful, awesome experience to have in our school every year. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time! Make adjustments to qty's for next year. Bring awareness to Bruce at St. Vital Market gave us all the turkeys at cost. The student made a thank you card for him! The Grade 2 class made a thank you poster, made a book for Arts and Tech. We bring them coffee and donuts the morning of as they don't charge us to cook our turkeys. Grade 1 made thank you card for Asmeena who made the amazing rice. Nothing was wasted. Offering a protein- chili option. Stuffing was discussed- every class makes part of the meal trying to figure out what else they can make as it's not very popular amongst the kids. Have the Grade 6 six class have a Leadership role as an option as well. Last year increased out budget for the lunch, we didn't go over on anything.
- Clothing order update- Supposed to be ready tomorrow. The yellow on the Pandas eyes were not showing up. Should be corrected. Stay tuned!!!
- Now have had two bigger events we have used the online volunteer spot. Making sure it's helpful for parents. Thank you to our volunteers.
- If you have older kids and younger kids- don't pick up tattoos, and shiny stickers on the ground- things are being laced with fentanyl. Issue in Windsor Park, Please be aware.

Principal's Report/School News- Rick Rajotte

- Halloween Dance and Thanksgiving Lunch!! Of course we do these things that are so great in my three years here!! Benefit of having a small school! We could never do a thanksgiving lunch with 400 kids. Winter concert having the whole school on stage at the same time.
- Enrollment 130!!! 10 new students!!

- Winter Concert- Winter Musical- centered Around the North Pole- Santa, Mrs. Claus participate in the Reindeer games. Antler toss, North Pole vault.
- **WINTER CONCERT DATE HAS BEEN Changed DEC21 @ 6:30 PM**
- 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
- 5/6 Class Nov 18 WE Day
- Microsoft Office is free to all Scholl Division
- Parent Teacher Conference book online 15 mins conference **parent and teacher only.**
- Literacy- Sight Words every day- Gr2 and up- learn key words. Daily practice helps these kids. 100 words continual practice big success to help in their reading. 4-6 first hour in the afternoon do reading groups and word work- Word Work- test kids on what words they do not know how to spell. Patterns- they need to understand patterns in words. Groups of 4-6 kids. Learning word blends. In groups based on their level of reading. They enjoy working with kids in other classrooms. Logical way to study word. Spelling words are random words.
- Remembrance Day Service Nov 10 @1:00 (approx 40 mins)
- Parent Question-Does the province assess Grades 3 & 7. Yes- it's a one on one assessment. Not detailed report. Checklist. Does the school Division report on various schools in Division? Yes. Rick has a copy.

Teacher Wish List

- \$800- buses
- \$800- artist in the school
- \$300- Grade 6 Farewell
- \$600 Year end Field Trip
- \$300 Patrols
- \$500 Butterfly Garden

Upcoming Events Summary - Save the Dates:

November 3rd- Picture Retakes

November 4- No School

November 10th- Remembrance Day Assembly @ 1:00pm

Nov 11th- Remembrance Day- No School

Nov 17th- Fun Lunch- Subway

Nov 17- Report Cards Go Home

Nov 18th- WE Day Grade 5/6 class

Nov 18th- Movie Night!! Doors open @ 6:00pm Movie starts @ 6:30pm- Finding Dorie

Nov 22nd- Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm

Nov 23 & 24 Parent Conferences

Nov 25- Professional Development Day- No School

Dec 6th- PAC Meeting @ 6:30 in the Library

December 8th- Fun Lunch

December 21st- Winter Concert

December 22- Last Day of Classes before Winter Break Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm

Teachers Report- Kathy Grenier-Kids going out of their way to make sure kids are included, kids noticing more if kids have been it for a long tie. Kids with special needs- kids are taking an interest and supporting kids with their communication.

Committee Reports

- **Fun Lunch- Asmeena & Allison- Great Boston Pizza lunch!! Profit \$177.00**
- **Munch A Lunch- online Munch a lunch program as a three month trial \$300 for the school year (10 months)** Every time a parent orders thirty cents is charged to the school 2.9 percent for credit card. Feel for the size of our school it is felt that it is an unnecessary cost to the school. Hidden fundraiser to help contribute to the school. For the amount we are paying in fees its unnecessary expense. From a Treasure point of view- Oct Boston \$177 last year \$450 in profit. On average 80 participants per lunch orders. Only 105 students that can order food, school staff and Daycare staff. Lunch did get more simplified this year. There are still three treat options to choose from. The other part- when this decision last year= we were in the position that there was no one to step up to run Fun Lunch. Most people are ordering more than one lunch a month. If we fix it now we can get all the kinks out. We need to educate our users so they are aware of the cost. Minutes from last year we estimated 20 percent doing paper form. The extra .50 charge needs to be communicated. Fundraising you assume you are paying more. 241 orders .23 cents per order.

- Move to a vote- if we keep the Munch a Lunch program there is a \$250 charge due Dec 1st show of hands to keep the program- 4 parents. Show of hands not to continue the Munch a Lunch Program- 9 parents not to keep. Munch a lunch is no longer as of Nov 17th. Division is looking at doing an online way of paying school fees Rick to check into.
- **Fall Fundraiser-** Tamara to organize- Bothwell Cheese- \$2 profit per item sold/ Colibri reusable snack bags- \$8.00 each \$4.00 profit back to the school/ Ron Paul Poinsettia profit \$7-15 per order. You can even get your Christmas tree!! Order forms to come out this week! Pick up Nov 23/24
- **Movie Night-** Nov 18th Dinner and a Movie!! Finding Dorie!! Pre order(so we have an idea of how many hot dogs we will need) not pre pay.

Adjournment- motion to adjourn @8:20 pm motioned by Andrija 2nd by Asmeena

Upcoming PAC Meetings

December 6 January 10 February 7 March 7 April 4 May 2 June 6

Next PAC Meeting December 6 @ 6:30-8pm. Free Babysitting.

New ideas and fresh faces always welcome!