

DR. D.W PENNER SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday October 3 2017

Attendance: Alana Sigurdson, (Chair), Kuldeep Sahota (Vice Chair), Tanya St. Laurent (Secretary), Brigitte Reimer, Jonathan Neufeld, Michelle Marinelli, Allison Rempel

Principal: Rick Rajotte

Teacher: Ailsa Desender Gr. 1/2

Thanks to Torri 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 Sigurdson at alana.jo@shaw.ca and it will be brought to the table.

Call to order : Alana Sigurdson - - Welcome and thank you all for taking the time to come.

New Business- Nothing to report

Secretary's Report- Tanya

- Minutes from September meeting as presented approved by: Michelle and 2nd by Jonathan

Treasurer's Report- Alana

- Successful Fun Lunch! 343.22 profit
- Welcome back BBQ- Profit \$56.10
- Balance as of Oct 3 2017 \$2868.99
- Financial Report approved by: Michelle and 2nd by Kuldeep

Chair's Report- Alana

- Back to School BBQ a success! Families got together, Old School style, kids played on the playground. Lots of smiling faces, simple event to put together to welcome families back.
- Thanksgiving Lunch- Friday Oct 6, most beautiful event at the school. There will be a short assembly in the gym, all students and staff gather in the gym to share a meal together and to share what they are thankful for. PAC always provides the turkey, halal turkey & rice. The rest of the meal is made by the students. Each classroom participates by making a part of the meal. **Volunteers** are needed for this event! If you are able please contact Alana to help out!
- Goals for this year- Review the Constitution. A Committee has been formed to review and make changes. This committee will meet at the end of the month.

- **SCIP Grant**- we have applied for this grant. We have been lucky to have been awarded this to help fund our year end Spring Fling. Fingers Crossed!
- **Riel- Evate- Winter Clothing Drive/ Halloween Social** put on by the LRSD. Help people less fortunate in our community. This year they have opened up the Halloween Social to schools. Tickets are \$20 must be over 18 years of age to attend.
- **Manitoba Ed & Training**- Released two documents - Creating Racism - free Schools/ Your Child is learning at School and how you can help. Check out this link: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/K12/abedu/index.html
- **Penner Wear** has been ordered! 12 Unit min order, we received 7 orders at the Welcome Back BBQ. The school will purchase some extras to help us meet the min.
- **Parent Council Election- Treasurer Position** is now open as Jamie Campbell has left our school. As per our constitution the position must be left vacant for 2 weeks. There are three candidates who have put their names forward for the Treasurer position. An election by secret ballot was held and the successful candidate for the position of Treasurer is Michelle Marinelli. Thank you to the parents who stepped-forward to submit their names to run for this position.

Principal's Report/School News- Rick Rajotte

- **Enrollment**- 139/ September 30th always an important day. Attendance on this date determines budget for the school year.
- **Terry Fox**- We raised \$962.17! Quite remarkable! Gr 1-6 walked in the community holding Terry Fox & Canadian Flags!
- **Emergency Procedures**- Every school is required to do 10 Fire Drills per year. We normally do them in warmer months: Oct/ May & June. Schools are also required to do 2 lock down drills per year. Our Emergency Evacuation location is Sterling Mennonite Church on Dakota.
- **Year End Field Trip**- TBD not date chosen yet. Might be in May instead of June this year.
- **WE Day**- Our School will not be participating this year as all current grade 6 students have had an opportunity to participate in the past.
- **Professional Development Day- Province Wide**- There are 10 No School Days a year. 6 of which are Province Wide.
- **Communication**-Dr. Penner website, twitter- follow Dr. Penner, Syner Voice messages, PAC Facebook page!
- **Report Cards**- Report cards have changed from letter grades (A, B, C, D) to Grades 1-6 students graded by number (1,2,3,4) in different categories. K- is graded by narrative report. The Manitoba Education website has an article- Provincial Report Card Info for Parents available in many languages. Teachers assess students based on the Triangulation of Data: What the student does (products)/ Observation-interaction of student learning/ Conversation with students about what they have learnt.

Upcoming Events Summary Oct/ Nov - Save the Date:

- October 6- Thanksgiving Lunch
- October 20th- No School
- October 24th- Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm
- October 26th- Fun Lunch Boston Pizza (Volunteers needed to make this a success!!)
- October 27th- Halloween Dance 6:00pm-8:30pm
- November 7th- PAC Meeting @ 6:30
- November 17th- Movie Night
- November 24- No School
- November 28th- Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm

Committee Reports

Fun Lunch- Allison

- Very Successful first Fun Lunch of the year! 96 orders came in! Double from last September! \$636.00 collected profit \$343.22 Kids loved it! Can't go wrong with Pizza & Menchies!
- **Calling all Volunteers!!!** We did not have enough volunteers; we only had 3 parents come to help. We need a min of 7 volunteers. If we don't get more volunteers PAC will not be able to offer Fun Lunch throughout the year. Please consider volunteering for this Fun event!
- **Movie Night November 17th**- options are: Despicable ME 3/ Cars 3/ Emoji Movie

Fall Fundraiser- Michelle

- Kernels Popcorn/ Colbri Bags/ Bothwell Cheese- order forms to arrive in backpacks early next week! The Fundraiser will run from Oct 16- Oct 30 Pickup date at Parent Conferences in November. We are fundraising to purchase new books for the Library.

Halloween Dance- Alana for Tamara

- No Silent Auction this year/ No Fortune Teller/ Will need **volunteers** to help on the day and night of the event to make this a success. Looking for teachers to volunteer to read Spooky Stories in the Library. Halloween Dance order forms will be in backpacks Monday! Whole Pizzas & drinks can be pre-ordered, canteen will be open that night as well. Lots of Fun!! Always a well attended event! All children and adults are encouraged to dress in costumes for this event!!

Teacher Report Ailsa Desender:

- Big shout out to River Park Flooring! They donated 2 mats for the Gr. 1 / 2 classroom. The class made some big thank you cards and walked them over to say Thank you! When they got there they had one more carpet for them☺. The third carpet is in the Kinder room.
- United Way Drive is underway! Gift Card Survivor, Soup Day, Red T-shirt Day, Jar Guessing just a few of the events planned.

Adjournment- motion to adjourn Michelle 2nd Kuldeep @8:00 pm

Next Meeting November 7

Free Babysitting

New ideas and fresh faces always welcome!

Nov 7/ Dec 5/ Jan 9/ Feb 6/ March 6/ April 3/ May 1/ June 5