

DR. D.W PENNER SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 13 2016

Attendance: Sam Sirtonski (Chair), Alana Sigurdson, (Vice Chair), Andreja Aitken (Treasurer), Tanya St. Laurent (Secretary), Kyla Ritchie (Day Care) and 11 additional parents. Great turnout!

Principal: Richard Rajotte **Teacher:** Lois Mackay 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 @ sugarmenow@shaw.ca and it will be brought to the table.

Call to order and introductions: Sam/ Alana- Welcome and thank you all for coming! Sam introduced herself to the group as well as the rest of the executive.

All schools fundraise- we are lucky we have great relationships with the staff which makes it that much easier to raise funds!! We always support putting money towards putting money towards field trips; the beautiful mosaic in the library, funds for this was supported by PAC contributions as well. The Curling equipment was also purchased by PAC. We are working hard on building community in our school.

In terms of what we do. Rick may bring ideas to Pac from the parents. We are a pretty dynamic PAC. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to ask any one of us.

Secretary's Report- Tanya

- Minutes from May 31st Meeting- motion to approve by: Chantal 2ND Asmena

Treasurer's Report- Andrea

- Current balance \$2205.00
- Financial report **approved by: Approved by- Tamara 2nd by Asmena**
- September meeting we approve our budget for all of our events- Adjusting Thanksgiving lunch from \$300-\$350 / Spring Fling- \$2700 the \$2000 is provided by the SCIP Grant. Hopefully we can get that again. Sam/ Rick to apply. Motion on the budget -Tamara 2nd by Chantal. All in favor - none opposed.

Presidents Report- Sam

- We need to discuss Movie Night. We have three movie nights- License will expire in November- Sam to ask Jamie if he will re new the license once again. Rick has already done the permits for all movie nights Nov 18/ Jan 20/ April 21. We also need to have someone in charge of requesting the lottery license- Asmena to ask Khalid if he will do this again for us this year. This license is required for any

type of raffles or silent auction we do throughout the school year. They normally need to be requested 3 weeks prior to the event.

- **Fall Fundraiser-** Tamara to organize- Bothwell Cheese/ Hickory Farms-meat cheese, candies, gift boxes, and all sorts of good things. An email will come out with some ideas to see what is interesting!! Then we can decide on two fall fundraisers!!
- **Welcome back BBQ Thursday Sept 15.** Great way to meet new families and reconnect with families we lost in touch with over the summer. Bring lawn chair. 2\$ gets you a hotdog (veggie & halal options), chips and a lemonade.
- Thanks to **Mr. Rajotte for arranging permits** for movie nights, Halloween Dance (Oct 28 and Spring Fling June 15)
- **Thanksgiving luncheon. Looking for volunteer to head** the PAC portion of the event. The luncheon is planned for Friday October 7. This year we will incorporate rice into the meal once again (Thanks Asmeena!) We will repeat the vegetarian option, halal turkey along with regular turkey. Alana to contact Scott's to get Turkeys and buns. Alana will also contact Arts and Tech to make sure they can still cook our turkey's and order the chilli. **We need lots of volunteers** to set up serving carts and butter buns, whip cream the tarts, etc. in the morning and to serve the kids their lunch. **If you can volunteer please contact Alana at: alanaajo@shaw.ca**
- Thanks again to **Esther** for coordinating the **movie nights** again. Tamara has offered to help her co-chair the job this year. There will be three movie nights (Nov 18- Finding Dora/ Jan 20- Secret Life of Pets, April 21- TBD)
- **SCIP Grant** - we will be reapplying this year for our Spring Community BBQ once again. Sam & Rick to apply for grant. If awarded we will use this Grant for the Year end Spring Fling.
- **Halloween Dance-** every year we have a fabulous Halloween Dance- pre sell pizza (Boston Pizza). Tamara is leading this event. She is looking for someone to lead with her!! If you are interested please contact Alana!! We will be looking for **volunteers** to help out- decorating during the day. Cookie decorating station/ ghost bowling/ we have a fortune teller- charge a small fee which is donated to United Way. **We need 2 volunteers to spear head silent auction!!!**

Tamara booked the DJ!! We have a signed Jets jersey to raffle off. Tamara to send off an email to recruit helpers!!! This event needs lots of **volunteers** the night of, so we hope to see you all out, in costume and helping make a success. More info to follow.

- **Penner Wear-** still for sale!!! Samples available at the BBQ!!! Really lucky with timing as the Division went into partnership with a company to have shirts made. Very affordable for families to purchase. We are charging exactly what they cost. Get as many kids in Penner wear as we can!! We are taking orders till next week. They will be in by end of October.
- **Butterfly Garden-** Please check it out!!! Updates to be posted on our Face Book page!!!

Principal's Report/School News- Rick Rajotte

- Butterfly Garden- the students designed it. The kids created a walkway through the garden. We decided to move the rocks around the garden. The rocks signify the 12 hours. We grow plants to attract butterflies.

The space became much bigger, which increased the cost. We planted the garden so it would grow over summer. The Day Care was in charge of watering the plants, but with all the rain they didn't have to water much after all. Next spring we are going to grow the plants from seed in the school. PAC we will put up a plaque to acknowledge the contributions to the creation of the garden..

- 125 students in our school this year!!! Last year 131. 25 kids in Kindergarten!!! We actually only have two new students in the school. Last year this time we had 18 new students.
- **Cross Country** running club. Students 4-6. Three track meets. Great participation at the races!! The practices are all on lunch hour.
- Lunch program has changed slightly- students eat lunch in their rooms.
- All of our rooms now have a function to them. One is used for sensory and movement needs. One classroom used for work with staff to work with students. One room is a divisional EAL program. All the rooms in the school are now occupied.
- **Mad Science**- Being offered again!!! Program offered students 1-6. Afterschool program cost approx. \$80. Over half of our students signed up last year. This will be offered after January.
- **\$1200 Child Nutrition Grant**- The school will provide nutritional snacks
- School pics Sept 26
- School web page/ Face Book/ Twitter check it out!!! Sign up on the BBQ to get on Twitter
- G20- 20 Countries largest Canada ranks# 3 / G8 Canada ranks #2. One of the things that makes us do so well. The concept of equity. No matter what area your school is in.
- We have a wonderful Day Care in our school lead by Kyla. It's wonderful to work together. Some of the kids are here from 7am till 6 at night. They run a great program and work with the school.
- **Computers**- we have two computer carts with laptops (24 on a cart) 48 laptops to serve our kids. Plus we have 15 iPADS. We are well served by the school division.

Teachers Report- Lois Mackay

- Terry Fox Run Friday Sept 30th. We are Terry Fox!!
- School Wide event Sept 30th- details to follow
- Rick to check into Museum as a field trip to see Terry Fox exhibit.
- Artist in the school. The kids designed it. 7 teachings, caring & kindness. This year we are going to venture a different way....we wanted to infuse music. Japanese drum show. Open workshop a 30 mins show. Teach the kids how to drum. We get Rubbermaid garbage bins from the Division and the kids will be the show in the end. Jan 23-Jan 27.

Committee Reports:

Fun Lunch: Asmena & Allison

- Munch a lunch- super easy!!! Tomorrow is the last day to order for September!
- With the online system you can pay on line or pay cash or cheque to the school as well. We can also put fundraising on there. You can also sign up as a volunteer and order yourself a hot lunch!!
- So far we have 30 orders that have come in. Normally we have 80 orders. First time doing Taco Thursday. Next month Boston Pizza- allowed us to add bugs and cheese dish!! Pizza, pasta. Subway in November/ McDonalds in December. Vegetarian options also available.

New Business: Alana -

- Volunteers for BBQ needed contact Alana via Email: alanaajo@shaw.ca

Adjournment- motion to adjourn @7:55 pm motioned by Alana 2nd by Sam

Upcoming Events Summary - Save the Dates:

Sept 19th- Professional Learning Day

Sept 26th- Picture Day

Sept 27th- Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm

Sept 30th- Terry Fox Torch Run

October 4th- PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

October 7th- Thanksgiving Meal

October 15th- Fun Lunch

October 21st- No School

October 25th- Early Dismissal

October 28th- Halloween Dance

Next Upcoming PAC Meetings

October 4 November 1 January 10 February 7 March 7 April 4 May 2 June 6

Next PAC Meeting October 4 @ 6:30-8pm. Free Babysitting.

New ideas and fresh faces always welcome!