

Dr. Penner P. A. C. Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 9, 2019

Attendees: Alana Sigurdson (Chair); Sonia Marrone (note taker); Michelle Marinelli; Nicole Magee (Principal); Lori Hildebrandt (Physical Education teacher); Samantha R; Afua M; Heather W; Kamalvir B.

1- Call to Order, Welcome, Treaty Acknowledgment, and Introductions – Alana Sigurdson

- Welcome and treaty acknowledgement and introductions

2- New Business

- Request for new business for discussion from the floor – no new business brought forward

3- Secretary's Report – Review & Approval of PAC meeting Minutes from Sept– Sonia Marrone made a motion to accept September minutes, Michelle seconded, motion carried

4- Finances / Treasurer's Report –Michelle Marinelli

- Review & Approval of Financial Report to date
- Payment to Peak of the Market, donation for Terry Fox Foundation and purchases for Thanksgiving meal
- Balance as of October 4th is \$2, 221.95
- October will be a very busy month for expenses and incoming finances
- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Michelle – Afua made the motion, Michelle seconded, motion carried

5- Teacher Report- Mrs. Hildebrandt

- Many parents have received positive feedback about Mrs. H's tenure with Dr. Penner
- Dr. Penner came in second place in the division for cross-country
- Wants to develop a regular intramural schedule, there will be increased intramural activities as children age (one event for first graders and increasing with each grade)
- Mrs. H wants to increase focus on fitness and functional exercises to build this area of physical education such as Bosu balls
- Applied for a grant to build fitness equipment for fitness club
- Mrs. H was accepted into the technology mentorship program with LRSD office to improve technology in the gymnasium as a way to enhance fitness and update technology in the gym
- Enrolled Dr. Penner into "Jump Rope for Heart" – school gets a kick back and money raised for Heart & Stroke
- Panda Logo – Dr. Penner needs a logo for events such as cross-country meets to develop school identity (Panda nation, Panda Club)
- Discussed after school mini tournament to increase Grade Six involvement in sports
- Mrs. H has a Twitter Account under @activepenner where she posts events and initiatives that are happening in the school and gymnasium
- There will be a learning event for other teachers to create a Twitter account to engage parents

6- President's Report – Alana Sigurdson

- Fall Fundraiser Report: Peak of Market Vegetable fundraiser. Fundraising was slightly less than last year but given all of the events occurring, this was considered a success. Total was \$670.00. This is an easy fundraiser, PoM was easy to work with as a company, vegetables are a consumable product and the cost of the food is much less than the store
- Thanksgiving Lunch: Mrs. Dessender is the teacher contact for this year; Windsor Park Collegiate is cooking the turkey and making the gravy through their school restaurant; each class has signed up to contribute to the meal; assembly is at 11am; kinders and first graders will be served first; volunteers are still needed as well as a parent who is willing to be mentored to know how to run this event
- Volunteer opportunities at PAC: parents are highly valued by the school staff and also by kids, seeing their parents volunteer with PAC and/or at events
 - Fun Lunch Co-Chair: we need another parent volunteer in order to offer a second hot lunch each month. We are still recruiting for a co-chair
 - Movie Night Co-Chairs: Sonia Marrone and Shannon Gross
 - Halloween Dance: excellent committee meeting last week (Alana, Samantha, Jen, Heather and Michelle), made some changes this year, less focus on dance and more activities in the gym since students seem to prefer activities and games. Quieter activities will be in the library (colouring); witch and cauldron will likely be in the school yard contingent upon a permit approval for having a fire. October 24 is the Halloween party. The school got very warm during last year's event – Nicole Mager to enquire about temperature control with John (maintenance), will need an itemized list of activities that will be offered during the event

6- Principal's Report – Mrs. Mager (see attached report)

- **Sandi Nemeth** was voted as Vice Chair of LRSD Board
- Facility updates happening around the school
- Whiteboard being installed in the office
- Library update is almost complete
- \$1400 raised for Terry Fox – impressive given Dr. Penner is a small school (150 students)
- Orange Shirt Day – group photo posted on Twitter and in Mrs. Mager's report
- Thanksgiving lunch on October 11, no school on October 14
- Vision and Hearing screening on October 23
- Hot lunch is October 24
- Halloween Dance October 24
- October 25 – every teacher in Manitoba will attend Professional Development and can choose what they want to learn on this day
- Staff meeting happening at Minnetonka School, networking with partner schools
- Developing a Panda logo for the school: consultation with parents, students and teaching staff
 - i. What do you think the logo should stand for? Characteristics of the panda should represent the school – colours, attributes, characteristics; parents felt that logo could be updated, but should still reflect attributes of being warm, welcoming, and inclusive. Could there be some change to reflect both welcoming, warm as well as courage, strength, resilience. Discussed other possibilities for a logo such as other animals. Mrs. Mager will enquire about these possibilities. Parents can check with former Penner students about their recollection of the Penner logo. All

of this information will be collected to develop a narrative and a story about Dr. Penner and developing an identity around a logo. Parents can contact Mrs. Mager to share ideas and thoughts about a logo. Goal is to complete this project before the end of the year and order school clothing in 2020.

- ii. Please let Annette McLeod know if your child is ill or absent from school
- iii. All school conferences will be booked through the Conference Manager to reduce use of paper and for parents to use the parent portal
- iv. Tyler application can be downloaded to your Smart Phone. Parents can also access tech support. Mrs. Mager will send information to parents about how to access the portal using a step-by-step instructions and assistance will be available at parent teacher conferences

8- Committee Reports

- Fun Lunch – Shannon Gross: fun lunch made a profit of \$99.80. Healthy Hunger will continue to be used. Parents can order hot lunches on Healthy Hunger until December into one order, so that multiple orders are not needed.

9 – Adjournment: motion to adjourn the meeting by Michelle, Afua seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

10- Next Meeting: November 12, 2019