

GENERAL PAC MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Attendance: Monica Skelton, Alana (Buffy) Barnesky, Marlene Tilbury, Penny Oliver, Sherri Murray, Alana Louttit, Donna Fletcher, Roberta Brown, Shannon Gervin, Sandra Clark, Linda Harmon, Leanne Bugg, Luanne Heath, and Maureen Baird.

Confirmation Of Minutes: Minutes were circulated, Shannon moved the minutes and _____ 2nd this.

Matters Arising From The Minutes: No matters arised.

Election of Secretary and Vice Chair: Alana (Buffy) Barnesky was nominated for secretary, Monica 2nd, and Alana accepted. Donna nominated Alana Louttit for vice chair, Sherri 2nd, and Alana accepted. The present positions are held by Shannon Gervin as Chair, Alana Louttit as Vice Chair, Roberta Brown as Treasurer, and Alana Barnesky as Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Our balance forward was \$1468.56 and we had .06 interest to bring a balance of \$1468.62. Term Deposits are \$2126.87, 1519.96, 2870.00, and 2145.69. Paid out term of \$24000.69 for the purchase of \$22000.00 electro lab, and reinvested the remaining.

Correspondence: Received a written resignation from Laurie Dalziel as secretary. Coaching Clinics - Volleyball coaching clinic if anyone is interested is Dec 3 & 4 for the technical part, and there is room for 25 people to attend. The theory part will be Feb 5 & 6. Shannon has the website for anyone interested.

Reports from the Committees:

Student Council: No Report.

Grades K-4: Grade 2 will be supporting the Christmas Cheer Board by creating a mitten tree at school, and collecting mittens, toques, scarves, etc. Students will be making posters to advertise around town. Mealworms are doing well, and they have witnessed a complete life cycle of almost all the students adopted larva.

Grades 5-8: Grade 5's had a successful bake sale and Halloween Hoot for UNICEF for their words into action. They raised \$392.52 for UNICEF. The K-6 end has started recycling. The grade 5's go around and pick up recyclables every second day. They are going to keep track of the bags of recyclables going out on pick up day. They will soon be practicing for the Christmas Concert.

Grade 6 Words into action they had a fundraising BBQ, and they were able to donate \$140.00 to the Terry Fox Foundation and \$140.00 to April Murray to purchase books for her students in Saikari, Kenya. They are also still collecting can tabs this year and so far have well over 20,000 tabs. This year instead of exchanging gifts they are going to donate money to World Vision and purchase an item(s) from their catalogue.

Middle Years Student Council had a successful Spirit Week and hope to organize a Christmas dance.

Grades 7/8 boys Volleyball had a successful year organized and managed by Laurie Dalziel, coached by Reid Loucks and Tanner Serruys. They lost to Waskada in the Zones. 7/8 girls volleyball had 20 girls, and made into 2 teams. They were coached by Maddi Loucks and Morgan Murray. Grade 8 Zone Volleyball made it to the B side finals.

Alice in Wonderland - Mrs. Greig and Ms. Baird were pleased with the cast and crew of this years musical production. They performed 2 nights and almost had a sold out crowd.

Grades 9-12: Senior Girls Volleyball got 2nd at Zones - they went to Wawanesa and won over Deloraine in the semi finals, and lost to Wawanesa in the finals. Band Concert will be held Dec 8/2010 at 7:00. There will be a parent band meeting on Nov 24/2010 at 7:00p.m. The Remembrance Day service was very successful. Grades 1, 2 & 3 read poems separately, Grade 4 & 5 had a song together, Grade 7 girls did poems, and the 8-12 band had 51 kids.

Principal: Once again the Words into Action is ongoing with recycling just getting up and going, delivering congregate meals, letters to veterans, visits to Lodge and PCH, collecting can tabs, helping in canteen.

Friday, November 19, 2010 is BLUE FRIDAY in support of Bullying Awareness Week. Everyone is to wear blue as a sign of peace and safety.

Received a staffing resignation from Laine Campbell.

Mentorship Program run by Bob Bell - we are getting a mentor as an EA. Start date is Nov 19, 2010.

Conferences will be Nov 23 (5:00-7:30) and Nov 24 (5:00-7:00).

Christmas concert dates are Dec 13/10 for Kindergarten, Gr 2, and Gr 4, and Dec 14/10 for Gr 1, 3, and 5 with a storm date of Dec 15/10 for both groups.

Last day of classes for Christmas break will be Dec 22/10 and resuming Jan 6/11.

Student council will plan an activity.

Assessments - working towards Guided Math in some areas. Also a reminder that everyone still has access to Mathletics.

Southwest Horizon: Penny was in attendance and let everyone know that herself and Al got the Trustee positions for our Ward. There are 7 new Trustees out of 9. They are just starting, and getting their committees going. Penny is on the Policy Committee, and Al is on the Health and Workplace Safety Committee.

Old Business: Letters to the oil companies. Everyone looked over to add or change anything in the letter. We have come up with 7 companies to send the letter to. Sherri made a motion that we mail the letters and Donna 2nd. Also mentioned that places like Piston Ring and Freightliner would give inputs to the units (ie. tool, etc.) but would not give cash.

Virtual Realities. We have only 3 signed up, but need a minimum of 12 to make it run. The plan is that we are having an intense, packed one evening course. Looking for ways to get the info out to parents. It was mentioned to send something in with the report cards, and putting it in the newsletter stating that it was not a 6 week course.

New Business: Setting goals for PAC. Ideas mentioned were guest speakers (presentations), grandparents read to class, mothers day celebration, authors, family fun night, literacy night, encourage arts in the school, sustainable development, art gallery evening. We are to think more on this, and will discuss more at the next meeting.

Defining Roles of Room Reps. Presenting parental and community perspectives and concerns on issues related to programs, school planning, budgeting, and management of the school. Also handed out was the 2009/2010 PAC Constitution. Contains a lot of PAC info.

Brainstorming Future Presentation Ideas. Ideas mentioned were programs from Child and Family Services - ie. parenting teens, siblings without rivalry, spirited teens, mom's and daughters. There isn't a huge cost to the parents wanting to take these courses. Also mentioned was to maybe connect with neighbouring PAC's. Teachers will also come to speak about new programs that are in the school. Possibly Mr. Kyle would give a presentation (like the time Dale Peake spoke on the 4 day school week). We thought maybe aim for something once a month.

Special Feature of the Meeting: Report Cards-Changes you will want to know about:

Report Cards will be going out on Thurs. Nov 18/2010. Grades 5-12 goal for assessments is reporting for the parents, they are working on improving on this. They are trying to give more info ie. instead of saying a mark on a test, they are telling us what the test is about, or on the assignments - what they are looking for. It is helping on knowing what the child in particular may be requiring more help with and what their strengths may be. Linda handed out a sample sheet of what the new assessment reports are telling us. There is formative marks - which are not included in the final marks, and there is summative marks - which are included in the final marks, also, personal assets. They are in the process of how they report, and everyone is working on it. If you have any questions ask at the conferences. After reports we will have feedback from parents at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: We agreed not to have a meeting in December as it is a very busy month, and we will probably have poor attendance, so we decided Monday, January 17, 2011.

Adjournment: Shannon adjourned the meeting at 8:10, Monica 2nd.