

GENERAL PAC MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011

Attendance: Penny Oliver, Sherri Murray, Alana Louttit, Roberta Brown, Shannon Gervin, Sandra Clark, Jennifer Harmon, Buffy Barnesky, Vicki Renwick, Cindy Beyak, Jennifer Snyder, Janis Slack, Janis Greig, Tracy Lee, and Val Caldwell.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m.

Confirmation Of Minutes: Minutes were circulated, Sherri moved the minutes and Jen Harmon 2nd this.

Matters Arising From The Minutes: No matters arised. 2nd by Alana

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 donation of \$32.00 from the Royal Bank for their Blue Jean Day on December 24, 2010. Also received a donation from Sunrise Credit Union Limited - Melita Branch of \$250.00. The Manitoba Association of Parent Council will be holding a breakfast on Jan 22, 2011 from 9:30-1:00 and admission is free. If we are unable to have anyone attend we can get a manual on Volunteerism in the Schools.

Reports from the Committees:

Student Council: They have booked MADD for April 15 for grades 7-12. They are planning on getting Robert Georget in 2012. A gym blast is being planned for grades 9-12 on Feb 14 from 10:00-noon. Also, planning a pep rally for basketball and hockey soon. They are also planning on making a contribution towards the canteen for the popcorn machine.

Grades K-4: Grade 2 have been reading Flat Stanley. They have been writing to pen pals, and have had a few exciting responses. They have got Triops from Drum Heller (Another class "pet"). They said goodbye to their mealworms in December. They have counted up their collections with a total of 3551 Campbell Soup Labels, 3225g of tabs, and 1332 lids. Terracycling (Jammers and juice pouches) have been totalled at 810, plus 40 Capri sun pouches.

Grade 3 have their plans underway for the annual Grade 3 Train Trip.

Grade 4 are starting with math stations placed around their classroom. One station is manipulative, second is computer, and the third is the paper and pencil station.

The Prairie Vision Exchange will be performing Paperbag Princess on March 9. The Arts Council will be sponsoring this, and we will be inviting Waskada and Pierson.

Grades 5-8: Grade 5's have reported that the recycling is going great. Just a reminder to the parents to remind their children to rinse out the items before putting in the recycling bin. Some of the Grade 5's are reading for the Battle of the Books, and some are curling on Tuesday nights.

Grades 5 and 6 will be attending the Willy Wonka production in Brandon on Tuesday Feb 8. On Monday Feb. 14 grades 5-8 will be having a gym blast in the afternoon to kick off their Milk Spirit Week which will run for the week of Feb. 14 - 18.

Grade 8's will be attending the Optimist Band Festival in Winnipeg on Feb 18, and a Wellness Day in Hartney on Feb. 23. The Grade 8 Words into Action Project will be the 30 hour famine to be held in April.

Grades 9-12:

The semester is wrapping up with exams starting next week. They had an intramural sign up sheet in the office for someone to organize some noon activities, but had no one sign up.

Principal: They had Oak Hammond Marsh at the school on Jan 12, also had Val Caldwell come to talk to the Grades 5 and 7 on Virtual Realities. Exams will be Jan 24-27. A tobacco survey for grades 6's on Feb 10. Optimal Festival for grades 8-12 in Winnipeg on Feb 18. Grades 11 and 12 will be going skiing on Feb 8 for Phys Ed.

Carrie Elliott has been hired permanently. We have received resignations from Kathy McKague and Laurie Dalziel. Donna McNish is subbing until Laurie's position is filled. We are planning on hiring one more half time, every other day. The mentor in place is Amber Green.

There is a new Assessment Policy regarding deducting marks for cheating or late/missed assignments and principal's decision regarding retention K-8. This policy can be found on the Manitoba Education website.

There is a PD Day on Jan 31. There will be a speaker coming for K-6 teachers on Daily Café, and Janis Slack will be doing a SAFE TALK for 7-12's.

Southwest Horizon: Penny was in attendance and let us know that in December they attended a 2 day Trustee meeting which had about 35-40 people and it entailed a lot of training. In January they had a full day of training in Brandon. Also, in January they had a retirement supper for all of the past Trustees. There will also be a Budget meeting in March.

Old Business: Discussed some short term, long term goals, and future presentations that we would like to offer to our school. Some suggestions were having the RCMP &/or councillors come in to do a drug and alcohol presentation, having teachers come to PAC meetings to show and inform parents of new items in their classrooms (ie. smart boards, digi blocks etc.), and also on topics they are teaching our children, and show the parents the way they are doing things. Also suggested was have a Grandparent Read with kids day in Feb in conjunction with Love to Read Month. PAC is also interested in having Janis Slack do her SAFE TALK presentation at one of our meetings.

The letter being sent to oil companies in regards to donations towards our electro labs was proof read, and agreed to be sent out to the companies.

New Business: The popcorn machine in the Canteen had stopped working and needed to be replaced. Vicki moved that PAC donate \$250.00 towards the canteen popcorn machine, 2nd by Jen Harmon.

Special Features of the Meeting: Career and Technology presentation by Cindy Beyak:

Cindy gave a presentation on the Electro labs that our school has to offer. She informed us of some of the projects that they have been working on, and had mentioned that she could use a bit of help with the Electronics Lab on reading the schematics.

Also she talked about the Apprenticeship program available to grades 10-12 (16 years of age). This can earn up to 8 academic high school credits. The other thing she talked on was the Internship program.

Courses that CFS offer to Rural Communities presented by Val Caldwell:

Val spoke to grades 5 & 7 students last Friday and would now like to speak to parents on Virtual Realities. It is about 2-2 1/2 hour presentation that will be held on Feb 8 at 7:00p.m. at the school, and there is no charge for this course. Please call the school by Feb 4th to register. Jen Snyder moved that PAC will cover the cost of water and cookies for this evening presentation, 2nd by Sherri.

CFS will also be presenting Super Nanny which is a 6 week course that will be on Tuesday's starting Feb 15 at the school from 6:30-9:00. The course will not run unless we have a minimum of 4 people and a maximum of 20 people. Please register by calling the school or the CFS Office by Feb 8. Vicki made a motion that PAC will also supply the water and cookies, 2nd by Jen Snyder.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2011 at 7:00.

Adjournment: Jen Harmon adjourned the meeting at 9:00, Janis Slack 2nd.