



P.A.C. Meeting 6 Minutes, March 30th 2015

1. Welcome from P.A.C. Co-Chairs

- The meeting started at 19:08.
- Jane and Karen welcomed everyone. Attendance: eight parents, three administrators/teachers (Margaret, Nancy, Alison).
- The minutes of the February 23rd PAC meeting were adopted.

2. Principal Update – Margaret

- An assembly was held regarding the bus behaviour contracts, and contracts are being returned. The assembly also reminded students about not playing soccer in the basketball area and garbage busting. The school song was sung. Margaret is forming a grade six citizenship group. Karen suggested contacting Kits community centre citizenship group for ideas. Younger students are working with Broadway Business Group on “what I love about my neighbourhood”, to be displayed in stores on Broadway.
- **Brick Sale** – An event is proposed late May or early June. Margaret and Nancy are to propose a date and time.
- **Seismic progress** – There will be a meeting this Thursday to discuss progress with the project team.
- **Class activities** – Heritage Fair was fantastic. The judges were impressed at the progress year on year. The volunteers were thrilled. Alison said students warmed to the judges. There is to be a poetry cafe with four divisions.

3. Playground Fundraising

- **We still need one or more coordinators for Playground Committee.**
- Upcoming activities:
 - **Sun Run April 19th** – Sign up for the School Team. Paula sent out pledge sheets. There are no fees, unlike the Bike-a-Thon.
 - **Bike-a-Thon** – To be held at QE Annex on **Sunday May 24th 1-4pm** in place of the Spring Fling. A pledge website is being set up. Pledges will be for all laps completed not per lap. Side activities will be provided, such as bike decoration, pop corn and snow cones as long as we have enough volunteers. Information is going out via class reps. Note that student names will be visible on the website. Jane can see more student information, to award prizes per division to go to the class teacher for class needs. There will also be random individual draws. We need first aid volunteers. The bike course will stay in the Annex grounds. We are trying to get Pedal Heads to bring their obstacle course. There will be transport up to the Annex, and stickers for those who bike up. Each participant will be given a passport for activity stamps, to be entered in the draw when full. The event is open to all comers for fund raising.
 - **Brick Sale** – Date still to be agreed pending VSB and builder agreement.



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4. PAC Activities

- **School Sports Day** – Friday, May 15th. Traditionally PAC has given snacks etc, but a coordinator and three additional parent volunteers are needed. Parents debated what snacks should be given. A level of objection was raised to freezies on health grounds. Nicole is to see what Costco has. There will be 250 students at a dollar per student. We will be asking for one volunteer per division.
- **May PAC Meeting (AGM)** – Monday, May 25th. **New PAC Chairs and Executive to be voted in.**
- **Hot Lunches update** – Food options were discussed. Denise estimated roughly 30 students are having hot lunches.
- **Year at a Glance Calendar** – Do we keep this next year? The feeling was yes. Margaret and Jane are to meet to discuss. The PIE meeting dates are needed by the end of May.
- **QEA PAC Liaison update** – Erin
 - Five new garden beds were built at the Annex – Thanks to Liane and all volunteers.
- **Coffee Mornings** – The next PAC Coffee Morning is Friday April 17th. Friday May 8th is the last. **We need a coordinator.**
- Nancy mentioned the Annex Spring Fling is June 4th 5–7pm.
- Cash Cards provide PAC with a rebate on face value. Contact Sheila Kirkby at sheilakirkby@gmail.com

5. Motions & Votes

- **Motion** to fund up to \$15,000 Safeway grocery card purchase to enable cash card fundraising giving 8% return. Proposed Frank. Seconded Nicole.
- **Motion** to fund up to \$2,500 for Author visits next school year. (Same amount as provided annually for past three years.) Proposed Carmen. Seconded Bea.
- **Motion** to provide QE Annex with a fixed amount (to-be-agreed) from hot lunches to fund QEA playground equipment. Deferred to next meeting pending input from Nancy.
- **Motion** PAC to donate funds for Mindfulness speaker to be organized by PIE group (up to \$250). Proposed Frank. Seconded Bea. Short of quorum of eight required for vote since co-chairs cannot vote.

The meeting ended at 20:14.

Monday, March 30th, 2015
