



PAC meeting minutes. April 29th 2013

Present: principal, PAC co-chairs, 11 parents

Spring Fling – May 4th

Last minute needs – email will go out tomorrow to ask for volunteers to fill the empty slots.

Margaret general school update

- Track and field is starting up.
- Heritage fair – many Gordon students were there, mostly grade 6 and 7s.
- Destination Imagination grade 9 team (previous Gordon students) did a presentation on Gordon School and its demolition.
- Smart boards are now in every classroom. Teachers had a workshop on smart board use on their ProD Day.
- Teachers are sharing lessons they have done with students using technology that engaged the students.
- Schools have been asked to enhance their Aboriginal curriculum content.
- School calendar – 2 weeks spring break
- LIF (Learning Improvement Funds) were used last year to reduce class size. This year we can't make smaller classes as we are fully enrolled (450 students). We are applying for the LIF for a full time non-enrolling teacher who has a background with special needs kids. We have many special needs students, as well as many students without a designation, but needing support.
- Seismic upgrade is 2 million over budget, and they are brainstorming how to reduce it. There will be a separate seismic meeting for parents to hear what happens.

Upcoming PAC Activities / Discussions

Sports Day

PAC will provide snack. Possibly have pizza to buy for sports day lunch. The sports activities are until lunch, and students are in their classes for the afternoon.

Speakers for next Year

- Jessica Wollen will be asked to come back again next year. Sheila made a motion to set aside \$2K for Jessica Wollen to come back again next year.
 - Sandy Clark, a parent at the school, and author of "The Worry Dragons" has agreed to talk about anxiety management for kids at a PAC meeting next year.
 - Aboriginal speaker.
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Teacher Farewell Gifts

Proposal to standardize gift amount: minimum \$30, with \$10 increment for each year at Gordon, maximum \$100. Agreement that this was a good idea.

PAC roles next year

Activity	Volunteer	Activity	Volunteer
Welcome Back Coffee morning		Recycling	Ask Myla
Database input		Lost and Found	Greening parent
Volunteer Coordinator		Popcorn	MJ?
Direct Drive	(Run for longer)	Winter Fair coffee stand	
Cash Cards	Sheila	Spring Fling Coordinator	
Hot lunch / Sushi		New Playground committee	Alex Sinclair and Aaron Dudley, Beth Calkin?
Safe Arrival	Anna??	Babysitting coordinator	Elke
Book Fair?	(Skip again)		

Playground fundraising – needs to start next year. Steering committee should start meeting next year, then present ideas to PAC. Maybe collaborate with parks board, as many members of the community use the playground as well.

Motions

- Safeway cards loan \$10,000. Motion to loan for next year by Ingrid Sulston.
 - Jessie Wollen – \$2000 next year – Sheila made a motion – see above.
 - Gymnastics with Sergei (\$2000 this year). Motion made by Kevin McKewan to spend \$2000 next year.
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