

PAC MEETING NOTES 2nd April 2012

1. **School Council presented a proposal to PAC** - Requesting a motion to allow the council to set up a table for books & crafts at the Spring Fling and use funds raised to purchase a cosposting bin for the Gordon Gardens. Motion Seconded by Karen Wood.
2. **Thanks to all parents Direct donation raised \$6,000** - \$1,000 to go to sports equipment (each class to get balls)
3. **Technology** - school would like wifi for all classes, but due to the structure of the school and lockers (metallic interference) multiple routers are required at \$500 per router. Discussions raised about the desire / need for children to be learning with laptops. Challenge for Gordon is the ability for teachers to teach unless children have access to computers at a ratio of two children per one computer. School board will only support computers purchased through their system. To enable Gordon with fully integrated technology a significant shift is required which may only really be achievable with the build of the new school, with flexible class layouts, integrated wifi etc. Margaret fully supports Smart Boards as the primary push, because it is technology accessible to the full class. Gordon Intermediate need 2 more smart boards and elementary require more. Margaret emphasised that technology is a tool, not THE only element to learning. **PAC proposed a motion for the purchase of two more smart board from funds raised would be good, for the school. Margaret to investigate the cost to provide Wifi to intermediates, 2, the library and lunch room. Voting to be held next meeting.**
4. **Job Action** - April 17 /18th teacher vote to stop all extra circicula activities. Teachers that volunteer will not be allowed to volunteer. This would impact field trips, Talent shows, Graduations etc. There will be report cards at the end of the year. The Quebec trip will occur.
5. **Sex eductation (Body science)** - School nurse no longer providing sex education. School needs to find new person to provide speeches. Any parents able or know of someone who may do a presentation would be appreciated. Please forward to Margaret Davison. **PAC raised motion for some direct donation to go to Sex education.**