

MINUTES

McKenzie Elementary School PAC Meeting

Date / time 11/10/2017 6:32 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Debbie

In Attendance:

Debbie Kostyk (chair), Kristine Kusnyerik, Andrea Jardim, Melanie Postle (recorder), Meghann Elliott, Stacey McCutcheon, Sue Webb, Joanna Snow, Lauren Williams, Debbie Bowden, Tracy Len, & Karin Froese.

Welcome and Introductions

President's Report: Debbie Kostyk

1. Time to refine fundraising, event, and objective goals
 - We need to build community not necessarily a fundraising committee
 - Open to support special food days, tree chipping, family bbq movie nights
 - Debbie requested volunteers for PAC initiatives (Santa Shoppe, Save Around Books, flower baskets, family dance and the Spring Fair); she explained that she doesn't have the time to organize and support them all on her own.
 - Can we incorporate some of the spring fair activities into the Fun Day?
2. Treasurers report (Kristen – absent)
 - \$1900 remaining in the general bank account
 - \$4332 left in the gaming account
 - We made \$600 on the BBQ
3. Old Business
 - Welcome Back BBQ
 - We need to organize earlier and look at how the evening flowed
 - Classroom visits will go first and the bbqers can start the bbq
4. New Business
 - Santa Shoppe and wrapping schedule
 - i. Looks like there will be volunteers to carry on with Santa Shoppe
 - Special Food Day
 - i. Will organize a little differently to make it more accessible to all of the parents
 - ii. An e-transfer will be available
 - iii. We can do more special food days, perhaps extra Subway days
 - iv. Special Food day orders will be done one at a time or all orders at a time
 - Movie Night
 - i. Born in China
 - ii. We have lots of volunteers
 - Request for funding for Story Studio literacy program
 - i. Jen Wanless with Inclusive Learning requested
 - ii. A number of staff who are focused on the writing and literacy process.

- iii. This week is our SWW
 - iv. Story Studio is a program that supports students to make books. It's a nonprofit organization who sends experts in to help students learn how to illustrate and write a book. Each student comes away with a book. It would serve two classes. This year it's Div 10 and Div 7
 - v. They like to come to schools that are in need of the funding; they ask that we request funding from our PAC
 - vi. Provincial organization and they book for the whole province.
 - vii. We have also been in contact with MyScoobi who publish books as well – it's at a cost.
 - viii. There is a requirement for Story Studio to request the funding from PAC and make a donation.
 - ix. Request to PAC is \$250-500.
 - 1. Motion: Debbie B to give \$250 for Story Studio, seconded by Lauren, passed unanimously
 - Nov 8 PAC meeting will be replaced by a presentation in childhood anxiety
 - i. All elementary schools in the Spectrum Family of schools are invited
 - ii. Presentation is from 6-8
 - iii. People must pre-register and there will be child minding
 - Call for nominations for new Vice President and/or Co-President
 - i. No takers
 - Picture Day
 - i. We have the option to go with the proof package – we will do this next year
5. Teacher's Report
- Thank you for class funds, field trips and school busses
6. Principal's Report
- School Wide Write – we take a theme and every student in the school follows the same lesson plan for writing. We read the students the Listening Walk. We will do an assessment on their writing and repeat this process in the spring to see improvements
 - Lock Down Drills – did one last week and it went well. Saanich police joined the drill and police were impressed with the job that we did.
 - Fire Drill tomorrow as part of Fire Prevention week
 - Pro-D October 20, provincial wide – large number of staff will be working on literacy
7. VP report: Mel –
- Whisper bike in each classroom. For self-regulating, while the teacher is reading, giving instruction; helps to focus, students work on the bike, practice riding a bike. This started as a pilot project two years ago...Denise Sparrow wrote a letter to Santa's Anonymous. Then it bloomed from there. Saanich School district is using as well.
 - Pumpkin Run Last Friday of October – names go into a draw for a pumpkin in each class.
 - November 1 -2 PT interviews. Forms will be coming home. Can't send too early.
 - Still asking for PAC classroom reps from each class.