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McKenzie Elementary School PAC Meeting

Date | time 12/12/2018 6:39 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Michelle Cunningham

In Attendance

Michelle Cunningham (chair), Jodie Longstaff, Lindsay Kennett, Sunny Jun, Debbie Bowden, Tracey Len, and Kristine Kusnyerik (recorder)

Vice-President Report – Michelle Cunningham

She thanked the PAC for their hard work.

Treasurer Report – not present

Movie Night/Santa Shop revenue – will be updated in January.

Old Business

Movie Night – There was a great turnout and the kids seem to have enjoyed themselves. Kristine will create a check sheet to assist in the running of the event including reviewing the entrance fee notes and highlighting that the gym doors should remain closed and locked until the event start time and set up is complete. Lindsay will look into the possibility of having popcorn donated from a local movie theatre (as another option if Kernel prices were to increase).

Santa Shoppe – Was a success thanks to the committee led by Lauren. A huge thank you to all to volunteers that made this event possible including Mrs. Snow. Jodie has volunteered to organize this event next year and will commence shopping post Christmas with the help of Lindsay and Michelle. Lauren will circulate the final inventory shortly. Sunny will discuss with the teachers their thoughts on “educating the children on consumerism”. It was discussed that a pamphlet could be circulated pre event that could include some discussion points for parents to have with their children. **To be discussed in January.**

In early 2019 the PAC will hold a long term planning session (date to be determined); parent input will be collected post session via way of a survey or comment box. At this session such items as fundraising goals, volunteer acquisition (ex. Could external volunteers be sourced such as the Pathways program) and retention can be discussed/brainstormed. **To be discussed in January.**

Water Bottles – It was **MOVED** by Michelle Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Jodie Longstaff

That 250 water bottles with McKenzie’s logo on them be purchased from Passion Sports at a total cost of \$977.20. **CARRIED**

PEFL Grant Ideas – Tracy will organize this evening with the assistance of Michelle. A speaker is still being sourced. Some potential topics discussed were: a parent’s sex ed night led by Island Health; Stranger Danger; inviting one of the past speakers to return; safety and social media (The White Hatter). If you have a suggestion for a speaker or topic please pass them along to Tracy or Michelle.

Playground Updates - Lisa will provide an update in January

SOGI Rep – Matt would like to hold an information night for parents. It was discussed that Thursday, January 17th or 24th could work as potential dates. He will also be leading a forest expedition club from 2:45-4pm once a week for nine weeks which will see up to 16 kids exploring in nearby nature. Parent volunteers are needed. More info to follow.

New Business

Special Food Day – Debbie will touch base with Joanna to see if there are leadership students that can lend a hand.

Tree Chipping – Tracy has organized this event to take place January 5th & 6th. Posters will be circulate, signage posted and Bartlett tree chipping reminded. She has advertised the event on most social media. Sunny will forward the event info to surrounding schools.

Admin Report Principal/Vice Principal –Sunny Jun

Stream of Dreams – It was requested that the PAC assist with this initiative that would see wood salmon painted by the students and attached to the school fence at a cost of \$3359.15. It was discussed that the PAC could only contribute \$500 this year however may be able to plan for these funds in a future year. Michelle will contact Ms. Jardim with options. Any final decisions will be approved by the executive or brought back to a future meeting for discussion/approval. It was suggested a form be created for teachers to use to request PAC funds and that request deadlines be implemented to align with PAC budget planning. To be discussed in January.

Middle Years Development Inventory - UBC is working with the district to measure students social and emotional wellbeing. Information will be sent to parents where they can opt their children out of this study if they so choose.

A **\$1000 learning enhancement grant** has been received and will be used to include lower incident students in our classroom (autism and other disabilities). Also a **\$1000 modern language learning grant** was awarded which will work with parents of ELL students to better link them with the school.

A **\$3200.00 Breakfast with Beethoven** grant was received which will stock classrooms with healthy snacks for teachers to distribute to students without a snack or only treats; this grant will also support the breakfast program. \$1000 will be allocated to a music therapist to work with low incident students.

Fresh Grade Info Night – only one parent attended.

Reading Information Night for Parents – Lisa is working with Joanna to organize this event. To be discussed in January.

Winter Concert – All organized and ready to go.

The SD 61 Superintendant is looking for parent input on the budget. Michelle will post a link to a **survey** on the PAC Facebook page for parents to complete by January 10th.

Recycling – It was discussed that students are encouraged to take their recycling home with them. It was noted that many of the apple sauce containers given to students as part of the breakfast program are thrown in the garbage. Lindsay will speak to Ms. Wanless to see if the leadership students can assist with rinsing the cups and recycling them.

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Next Meeting: January 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm.