

MINUTES

McKenzie Elementary School PAC Meeting

Date | time 1/16/2018 6:33 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Debbie Kostyk

In Attendance

Debbie Kostyk (chair), Michelle Cunningham, Jodie Longstaff, Lindsay Kennett, Debbie Bowden, Tracey Len, Kristen Kristiansen, Matt Christie, Joanna Snow, Stacey McCutcheon, Lisa May, Jen Wanless and Kristine Kusnyerik (recorder),

President/Vice Presidents Report – Debbie Kostyk/Michelle Cunningham

Debbie is back fulfilling all the president's duties. Michelle thanked everyone for all the hard work over the busy winter PAC season.

Treasurer Report – Kristen Kristiansen

Kristen reported that the PAC fundraisers are on par with last year or incurring slightly higher revenue

Old Business

1. Santa Shoppe - update on shopping and pamphlet ideas.
Post holiday shopping went well. Most of the shopping is complete. Jodie and Michelle will work on a pamphlet to be sent home with students next year introducing the Santa Shoppe and providing some suggestions for responsible consumerism.
2. Water bottles
200 water bottles with the school's mascot have been ordered and will arrive at the end of the month. They will be sold at PAC events at a cost of \$5 each.
3. PEFL Grant
Discussion ensued concerning retaining a speaker with the funds from the grant.

Debbie Kostyk **MOVED** to request that Orla Colgate speak at the school regarding reading and fixed growth mindset. **SECONDED** by Michelle Cunningham. **CARRIED**.

Lisa will contact Orla to confirm the \$200 cost and size of parent group she would like to present to. A date and location will then be decided and parents informed.

4. PAC long-term planning

A tentative date of April 5th has been selected for the PAC executive and members at large to meet for the purpose of long range planning.

5. Tree chipping event

The event was a success thank to Tracey Len, Debbie Kostyk, Bartlett Tree Service and the other volunteers that assisted with this fun event. Next year Tracy will approach merchants who sell Christmas Trees to see if they can assist in promoting our event and will ensure to add a “cut off time” for tree pick up. Our signage will need to be replaced next year.

6. Playground

Lisa and Joanna are meeting on Monday with the new grounds foreman. Trees will begin to be planted in March along the East side of the school field which will assist in reducing the water on the field. Plans for a rain garden are also being discussed. Potential grants that can be applied for are being tracked by the playground committee.

7. Stage and earthquake storage shed

The earthquake shed should be complete by May/June. Unfortunately the Task Team will not be able to construct a stage. Ms. Snow will inquire if volunteers would be permitted to build a stage if skilled parents/volunteer organizations

can be sourced. She will also ask Ms. Salido for her “wish list” for a new stage and confirm if there are any funds in the music budget to assist with this expense.

New Business

1. Grand-friends Day

Ms. Wanless will speak to the leadership team to assist in promoting this event which takes place Feb 25th from 10:20am to 12:00pm. The event is not a meet and greet but more of an unstructured event for grand friends to see the students class and a time for grand friends to them to read with the students. There will be coffee and cookies served at the school entrance. A few suggestions for next year is to involve the senior center nearby, start the event pre-recess and or move the event to the spring so that grand friends can experience some outdoor fun, and to create invites and or thank you notes for students to take home. This event will be discussed at the long range planning session in early April.

2. Book Fair

Is schedule and organized for the week of Feb 25th to Mach 1st.

3. Family Dance or Family Game Night

It was decided to hold the school dance on February 21st with the theme of HOLLYWOOD! Kids, parents and staff can dress in of and style and walk the red carpet. Lisa will lead this event with the assistance of Michelle (leading up) and Kristine organizing the concession. Debbie K will send out the sign up genius. Discussion will continue regarding plans for a Board Game Café event in April.

4. The Maker Faire

Will take place on May 2nd from 1-3:30pm. This event is organized by the SD61 Careers and Trades department and funded by an Industrial Training Authority Grant which will see kids learning trade skills from parents and community members. Parent who are hands on workers are encouraged to participate;

funds may be available to purchase supplies. One example from last year was a plumber that showed the kids basic pipe joinery skill; pipe pieces were on hand for 50-60 kids to try out the skill on their own.

5. SOGI

Matt Christie, McKenzie's SOGI rep, continues to look for ways to encourage acceptance of diversity at the school. He will be present at the student led conference Feb 28th to discuss his role and promote parents joining the SOGI committee to plan for such events as rainbow day which may be tied into a PAC spring event to be held May 31st. Michelle Cunningham and Jodie Longstaff have joined the committee and others are encouraged to join. Contact Matt or a PAC member for more information. The PAC will promote this group at the Dance.

6. Matt Christie is also leading a Forest Club which will see 16 students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 exploring surrounding forested areas from 2:45pm to 4pm each day starting in February (changed post meeting to April). Grade 2's will be invited to participate if spots remain. Parent volunteers are needed to ensure the running of this club. More details to follow via Facebook and or FreshGrade. Next year it was suggested this club be promoted at Kinder coffee.
7. Kristine, Debbie and Michelle will review pricing for Special Food Day; this fund-raiser will also be discussed as part of the long range planning.

8. Teachers Report – Jen Wanless

The faculty is busy preparing for Literacy Week. Students are encouraged to dress as their favorite book character next Wednesday.

Administrator's Report – Joanna Snow

Commencing February 4th students will need to pack in and pack out all garbage, composting and recycling. It was suggested parents include a large zip lock bag in their child's lunch kit to assist with this initiative. This change is a result of the school having a fruit fly infestation as a result of improper waste disposal.

Four practicum students will be assisting in various classes until April 18th.

Parent Danielle Edwards has offered to fundraise for the school. The PAC will contact her regarding leading their spring raffle. Thanks Danielle!

On Feb 21st from 6:30pm and 8:00pm at Spectrum school, Spectrum, Northridge and Marigold are hosting a presentation by Shannon Husk on gaming and technology addictions.

Ms. Snow will be meeting tomorrow with a representative of the PEACE program to learn more about their organization that educates on violence in the home.

The principal appraisal has been forwarded to all parents and staff who are encouraged to complete it by the deadline of January 25th.

Adjournment:

1/16/2018 8:30 PM

Post Meeting Discussion – It was clarified that although discussion ensued concerning the PAC assisting with funding of the Stream of Drams project at the November meeting a motion was never made. This item will be brought forward as a motion to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm.