

DPAC MONTHLY MEETING: 1 NOV 2012

Introductions. Cheryl called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. *Thanks to James Hansen and Marla Margetts for attending!*

Approval of Oct 5, 2012, Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept by Amber Layton, seconded by Alaine Polinsky.

Old Business

School Wear (Amber)

Team Wear. Today is the last day to get orders in. Have about \$2500 in orders (but no profit because not a fundraiser). Hats and shorts will be in the Spring. *Thanks to Amber for organizing!*

Craft Club (Amber)

There were about 40 kids originally but now up to 45. Going really well. Unfortunately no room for any more kids.

Coupon Books (Sheena)

About \$3050 profit.

Magazine Drive (Sheena)

Profit about same as last year (maybe bit lower). Please continue to buy through Rogers (under "3375" for Doncaster School)

Cookie Dough (Sheena)

Tasty Batters. Approximately \$900 was raised that will go to the school for sports wear.

Campbells Labels

Thanks to Shawna Miller for collecting all the labels.

Also looking at cutting out labels from chocolate milk from hot lunch day. This is a lot of work and any volunteers would be appreciated.

Big thanks to Sheena for all of the help with the fundraisers!

Folk Dance (October 25th) (Cheryl)

Big success for the families that attend. But, unfortunately, not too many families attended so will likely run at \$300+ loss. Good news that Les Corneuillers (spelling) uses their money to fund a trip to a third world country.

Discussion around why attendance down. For example, having this on a Friday or on a night before a Pro-D day; Cost (because right after fundraisers).

New Business

Craft Fair (Alaine)

Sold out! 85 tables this year (compared with 70 last year) which is great because still competing with Saanich Fair this year. Approximately 10 people on the waiting list.

Volunteers from the Leadership program at Reynolds (*thank you Heather Coey and students from Reynolds!*). Next year might not ask parents to volunteer but will use all Reynolds students since they need the hours for their program.

Catherine Du Bois and Craig Hickie volunteered to do the Servedy this year. *Thanks Catherine and Craig!*

Central Middle School asked to send a note to the Crafters for their newly-formed craft fair this year (Dec 1st). Because it's too late to get these into advertising mediums, Alaine will send them this year only to the Crafters (not sending the Crafters info to Central). *Thanks Alaine for all of your hard work!*

Dance Club (Charene)

Has started and a lot of children attended. Usually starts with a lot of interest but numbers may wane through the year. So remind your children in grades 1 through 3 to go every other Monday (listen for the announcement in the morning). Some kind of performance at the end of the year. *Thanks Liz Tinga!*

Lice Check (Charene for Alexis)

Went really well in October (because lots of parents helped!). Fewer than 10 cases in the school. Ideas to use student helpers to get the classes into the multi-purpose room on day of. *Thanks Alexis and all the parents that helped with lice check!*

Movie Night (November 16th) (Dawn)

Servedy will be open: Popcorn, goody bags, selling the water bottles (\$10) etc. Bring your blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, etc. (6:30pm)

Hot Lunch (Wendy Huibers)

Some delays on hot lunch day this week. Internal problem with Villages that involve new people, wrong time, and pizza wasn't divided by Division. But it all worked out in the end.

Discussion ensued – that some kids ate pizza and didn't order it, etc. If there are kids who don't get their lunch and ask for reimbursement they will be reimbursed. What happened to Booster Juice? Just didn't make roster this time because lots of waste (booster juice styro + own pizza box). Will likely come in the New Year (a lot of people are asking for it).

End of Year Dance (Emily Berry)

CalTire loans out a giant BBQ that's half a car (will donate buns, chips, etc.) but it has to be by donation (not a set price).

Cheryl wonders about the donation component – how do we pre-order? Just can pre-order by donation? (Emily to check). The school keeps the donations (\$).

Emily's husband would do the cooking but will need a call for volunteers. *Thanks very much Emily!*

Principal's Report (James)

Report Cards

Beginning of December. Grade 4 parents don't be surprised because your child gets *grades* this year. Reminder C+ is good, B is very good and A is great.

Weather

More rain than usual this year (especially last two weeks of October). Reminder kids go out (generally) every day. Please send your children in proper rain gear (especially foot wear). Think about sending your kids an extra change of clothes in their backpacks.

Growth Plan

Done with School Planning Council (SPC), it has three goals around literacy, math and healthy living/green initiatives. The full growth plan will be available online.

Tech Update

Have two new smart boards in the school: have arrived and will be installed likely next week. Total smart boards will total five. Teachers are working together to on how to integrate the boards into their classroom and amongst classes. The smart boards that just arrived will go in Mme Prendergast and Mrs Chapman.

Grounds

Looking into clean-up of invasive plants in the southeast corner, maybe some shrubbery clean-up (while still retaining as a garry oak forest). Trees might be put up in the primary playground and in front of the school (for future shade). Might extend walkway into stage area in courtyard etc. These will be discussions over the next year (PAC will have the option to be involved or not). It was suggested that larger trees be installed in the primary playground because twice in the past small trees have been there and have been destroyed by children climbing/playing on them.

Sports

Soccer – have had first Jamboree for Grade 5, second one coming up on Nov 13th. About 20 kids coming and each child should be able to go to at least one Jamboree.

Cross-country – very successful season. Approximately 65 kids from Grade 3 through 5. Meets were held every other Monday for about four Mondays. Split up into zones but all zones came together for the finale October 21st. *Thanks to the parents who helped out with supporting the kids, checking in/out, etc.*

Basketball – Will start in the New Year (maybe have practices in December). Jamborees approx January/Feb. For grade 5s (grade 4s if there is space but grade 5 goes to games).

Hockey – New Year. For grade 5s (grade 4s if there is space but grade 5 goes to games).

VP Report

Lunch Monitors – are planning the pizza party (that PAC pays for) as a big thank you to the grade 5s for

helping with their “little buddies” and discussions will ensue regarding the next term (whether/not they want to change up classrooms,etc). *A parent wanted to specifically thank the lunch monitors for forgoing their own lunch to hand out the pizza to the kids this week at the pizza lunch.*

Question: Memo

District policy – must have criminal record check if you are volunteering alone with the kids. If the teachers want one for times when you're with the Teacher in the classroom, please respect that and go to the Office to get the form for a free criminal record check.

Adjournment at 8:25pm. Thanks for everyone for coming out! Cheryl to make a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dawn.

ACTION ITEMS

- Cheryl to ask Les Corneilleurs to do on a Friday or before a Pro-D ONLY next year
- Cheryl will check with Alexis if she follows up with lice check.
- Emily Berry to check if we can pre-order food