

PAC MEETING #1 MINUTES

September 20, 2013

Location: Library & Staff Room

Parents/Caregivers in attendance: approx 10 parents

Mr Phil Linklater (principal) in attendance

Item 1: Introductions by Chair: Mindy Kurry (secretary, DPAC & School Planning Committee)

Item 2: Upcoming Events

1. *September 27:* movie night @ Coyote Creek gym, showing Monsters University
doors open at 6:00pm, movie at 6:30pm
2. *Cookie and pie* orders due Sept 27. Pick up is Oct 8 at 2:15pm @ the basketball court
3. *Popcorn days* will be on 5 Wednesdays from Oct-Jan. They are pre-ordered (can do it on hotlunches.net). We will then start with new orders in Feb 2014. The bags are usually delivered before recess
4. More to follow in upcoming months: 2nd cookie and pie order; movie night; wrapping paper and magazine order, Christmas Santa photos which will be for K-gr 4 students. Grade 5s-7s can get pictures taken during recess and lunch.
Monetary donations or food donations will be requested once again this year. We had a successful turnout last year, with over 3 boxes of food and \$300 (half of the donations will go to the Surrey Food Bank and the other half will go Coyote Creeks in school lunch program)
5. October 18 will be our first hot lunch order (*pizza day*). There will be a rotation of food options, feedback will be greatly appreciated

Item 3: Hot lunches.net program. A system run through was presented, showing a simple registration. The response has been great, thank you to those who have registered and please continue to register. You can register and order on line and still pay in school, just print a paper remittance and hand it in.

Item 4: Treasure's Report Net Revenue: \$14,005.08 from last year (popcorn days, 3 movie nights, gifts/magazines order, cookies and pies, fun night, games day hot lunch). Last year's purchases were 2 smart boards, class discretionary, field trips. Gaming funds which have carried over from last year are for field trips, grad, playground equipment, team jerseys. General account is at \$10,209.96 and Gaming account is at \$5,074.94

Item 5: Fundraising Goals are for more technology, upgrading of the "big wooden" school playground, guest speakers, and sports uniforms.

*New jerseys have been approved by the staff, and parents voted and approved \$2200 to order 100 new numbered jerseys, along with shorts to match.

Each of the sports teams/groups has a teacher representative, soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, track and field, and cross country.

If the response for the jerseys is positive, they could *possibly* be ordered for Spirit Wear next year.

Item 6: Open positions Vice Chair, hot lunch coordinator, and hot lunch volunteers (on hotlunches.net you can check mark a spot to volunteer)

Peter Johal has stepped up to fill the Vice Chair position.

Question by parent regarding parent involvement during games day, to either volunteer or attend. Possible solution could be to send out invitations inviting parents to attend games day, and the importance of attending.

Parents responded well to the Grade 7s role last year during Games day, and their behaviour was admirable. The bright yellow t-shirts were a great idea.

A philosophy by which Mr Linklater would like everyone to think about:

“Is this the best way we can do this...”

Item 7: Principal’s Report (including Wish List 2013-2014)

New teachers are working together, meeting, talking and planning together!

There are many committees for all the year’s events.

Sept: Open house, 6:00pm-6:30pm in class, then into the gym for teacher introductions.

Oct: Early dismissal, parent teacher conferences, (please remember they can be held at any time). Halloween parade

Nov: Remembrance Day assembly there will be more involvement of all students, and educating the kids about the significance

Dec: Christmas concert, there will be a stage rented, *possibly* to be held during the last week just before Christmas break. Timing and performance schedule needs to be confirmed this will be furthered discussed with School planning committee and the PAC (*possible* options 1 evening and day performances)

Jan: Zumba, and visual art show (a new event for Coyote Creek)

Feb: Science Fair

Mar: Spring Break

April: Running Club

May: Speech Fest, hopefully a trustee from the district will be in attendance (participating grades have not been confirmed grades 3-7 or 4-7) this will be incorporated as a learning aspect; finalist will be picked from the classes and then presented in front of the school

June: Students Recognition award, an award is presented with the potential that every student is eligible to receive, every student has and equal opportunity.
Canada Day celebration

The school population is up at about 607

Mr Taylor is currently on a leave of absence and a new teacher is replacing him, Mr Chan

There is a parent committee which is focussed on making the school nut free, especially because our school does have numerous students who have life threatening allergies.

There is a lot of education which is required.

During the first 3 days of school, it was chaotic, however there was still teaching going on, along with assessments being done. Students were rotated amongst teachers and classes which allowed students to be observed. This was due mostly because of the large enrollment.

Spirit wear days will be on Fridays, also there will be other spirit days upcoming such as Crazy Hair day, or Pajama Day.

Item 8: The Open Floor

DPAC meeting, this Wednesday Sept 25, sign in at 6:45pm at the DEC building on 140th st & 92nd ave., normally on the 4th Wednesday of every month

Community notices will be put online, hotlunches.net

Next PAC meeting: NOV 15 2013 @ 8:30am