

Winlaw Elementary PAC
Proposed PAC Agenda
Thursday October 15th, 2015

Call to Order: 4.09 p.m.
Approval of Agenda
Acceptance of September Minutes

Attending: Eden DuPont, Lori Thompson, Lisa Stooshnoff, Kaila Ellis, Pati McLaughlin, Manon Perriere, Leanna Fedrick

Principal's Report

-Ski program booked for Tuesdays (starting on Jan 5th) at Whitewater

Bussing to Red Mountain was going to be much more expensive

We tried but could not get Fridays

So far we are the only other school booked for Tuesday!-more personalized lessons, less traffic in the lodge

-We had a great chat at the staff meeting regarding the definition of "Winlaw WILD"

We decided to add to the next staff meeting agenda as wanted to further the conversation- lots of great ideas and a very good exercise in terms of thinking about the direction of the school. – I should have something for you at the next PAC meeting

-grade 5/6 overnight trips have been changed- hoping to start with an overnight trip to Kokanee Creek in the Spring – I had a great conversation with Cole and Linda regarding safety, planning, volunteers, outdoor education, risk assessment and skill building. – We hope parents will feel that we are heading in the right direction – we have a great new Volunteer document that I will share at the next PAC meeting.

PAC Chair Report

- Gaming Grant received 1980.00 (still awaiting gaming response on licencing)
- Need to pay outstanding Canoe payment to Endless

Treasurer Report

Balances:

10063.14 - regular account

982.44 - hotlunch

8941.64 - gaming (oct 9th) 1980.00 deposited

Hot Lunch Report

- Multi-age group issue with hot lunch. Complaints about state of kitchen on Thursday morning for breakfast program. Will inquire.

- First Hot Lunch program went smoothly, Deadline honoured and quantities ordered were correct. No dessert opt-out forms received.

- Discussion about purchasing bulk baking supplies from Evergreen. Will inquire.
- Raina to take over tally sheet and ordering now.

DPAC report

- DPAC struggling with what PACs want
- Request for assistance to help set up FoodSafe Courses for parents (no response from Mt. Sentinel)
- Facilities Planning – District still hasn't crunched the numbers, need to send clear message that we need time to process, no pushing it through. Will send a note to Kim Morris inquiring where things are at.
- Bussing fees & Catchment issues – lower passmore redefine the boundaries (petition just sitting with Board) We need to identify the kids that are by definition out of catchment to inform when decisions are being made that affect them.
- Request for District to conduct a field test/poll of the parents for more accurate sense of choice of school if configuration changes at Winlaw.
- Curriculum changes – two more additional PD days (District designated) As well as additional day for teachers. Request for parent feedback.
- Proposed policy on the School District, looking for feedback on policy changes; hiring of PVPs and need for PVP review (no policy at this point).

New Business

Teacher Funding Requests

Motion: all teacher funding requests APPROVED

- Swim Bus 1000
- Pines 2000
- Circus ~1000
- ArtStarts 700
- Ski Bus 1900

School supplies discussion – equality issue, exceptions? Germs?

- basics should be assigned (like pencils)
- appreciate the lower cost and the support of purchasing from local suppliers

Motion: Source out costs for Kitchen supplies APPROVED

- Two pots
- Popcorn maker
- Request for smaller glasses (heavier plastic, 100 quantity)

Discussion of space allocation for industrial popcorn maker. Where would it be stored?

OneCallNow – proposing to School District for communications out to parents

(text, phone, or email) Lori to raise at Facilities or Board mtg. Would school be interested if not district wide initiative. Cost: \$1.75/per student

WinterCloset – need for better space. Suggestion of using storage room – next to the kiln, existing hooks.

Fruit & Veggie – Clare indicated she can do. Is checking into her foodsafe certificate

Motion – APPROVED to give donation to the Thrift store again this year.

Discussion of WEG – with potential move of Gr5-6, Issue of a specific teacher, how are parents to direct their feedback. Possible extension of the Leadership program in Grade 5?

Halloween Howler Event

- Thanks to Leanna and Raina organizing
- Volunteer forms coming in
- Possible new games/activities this year (apple on a string)
- Confirmed with Jon we can get into school Thursday to set up Haunted House

Proposed Next Meeting Date: November 19th, 2015 4p.m.

Adjournment: 5:50 p.m.