



**Northridge Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2016**

In attendance:

Linsay Kellow, Melanie Heidorn, Kristina Felt, Nicky Reid, Alissa LaFaver, Eldite Patoc, Carol Pesce, Feng Li, Ali Wight, Admin: Lynda Whittam, Katie Simmonds, Ali Wight

Meeting called to order 6:30

Motion by Kristina, seconded by Linsay to accept October 2016 Minutes. MSC

REPORTS

PAC CHAIR - Linsay Kellow

Dance

- Great turn out.
- Approx \$700 profit
- The same DJ has been booked for the Feb Dance.

Movie

- Finding Dory
- Nicky will buy a copy
- Melanie has a digital copy and may be able to share it
- Kristina has a contact at Kernels to have popcorn for the dance
- Alissa's husband will donate mandarin oranges
- Country Grocer - Free Cookies?
- Linsay will do up a poster and a blurb for the newsletter

Hoodies

- 40/50 Grade 5 Students ordered one
- Will arrive at the end of November

Facebook

- Page is up and running
- all posts need approval by admin (Nicky & Lindsay)

Outside Classroom

- \$80 000 project at Margaret Jenkins
- Teachers have requested a covered area/ gazebo (which presents its own issues)
- Basketball hoop cost has come in at \$400, with shipping at \$396 = \$907.07 with free installation
- Ali's husband, Dave, could likely pick up

Motion by Lindsay, seconded by Melanie to hold order until we know we can pick up. MSC

Christmas Extravaganza

- December 9
- Sonja, Carole, Cheryl & Melanie (also Katie & Lynda) will meet Thursday to discuss further.
- Kids will be decorating paper bags for items
- Profit will go to hamper families

Strings

- question whether it benefits enough people
- \$367 includes: a harp trio performance, Mrs White & Soloist performing & 4 classes with strings group
- Kristina looked into grants. None applied to this specifically

Motion by Lindsay, seconded by Melanie to proceed with performances and classes for \$367. MSC

Hampers

- 2 proposals from Terry: Either \$700 + \$200 Country Grocer Gift Cards = \$900 or \$500 + \$400 Country Grocer Gift Cards = \$900
- 17 families were supported by \$700 last year
- We put \$500 aside in the budget & we have about \$1000 right now in Country Grocer Gift Cards
- Tabled the vote for email. Need more opinions for a full perspective.

January Elections

- 2 more committees: Community Coordinator & Safe Routes to School

ADMIN REPORT - Lynda Whittam

- Katie Simmonds is officially VP!
- Thank you to the PAC for the Drumming. Thanks to Kristina for accessing the Grant. The kids LOVED it.
- PISE is winding up K-3 once/ week. Pacific Institution Sports Education

- Div 2 at PISE to welcome Para Olympics
- Cross country final on Mon, Oct 24. Well organised & well attended.
- Soccer Jamboree cancelled due to weather.
- Great Canadian Shake out - postponed until April, due to bad weather.
- Story Studio for grade 3 - author, illustrate & publish a book. Free Program that children LOVE.
- iPad in classrooms thanks to PAC. Learning grants for another set has been applied for. 3-4 iPads/class daily
- Christmas Extravaganza - Dec 9 all day
- Booster bench will go ahead. Between the primary playground and the field
- Outdoor classroom... a tentative yes- more info needed. Landsdowne, Lochside, Margaret Jenkins, Lakehill, Strawberry Vale & MacCauley
- Dates to remember:
 - Pro D day, Nov 18
 - Wits to Kindies Nov 29
 - Report cards home Dec1
 - 4/5 Basketball clinic Glanford Dec1 at Northridge
 - Basketball Jamboree for 4/5 at Glanford Dec 13
 - Christmas Concert Dec 15 afternoon and evening performance

Fundraising

- Purdy's \$4100 sales = \$1050 profit
- Carolyn will send out a reminder email tomorrow
- Dec 7 Sort Chocolate
- Ideas to put our fundraising into (We'll do some brainstorming in January):
 - Accelerated reading program (Track books. Expensive, and lots of labour) Some Dog may be a better program to consider
 - Ask Teachers
 - iPads
- Linsay will make a "Do you know your PAC has paid for..." poster

VCPAC REPORT - Carol Tickner, presented by Linsay

- Ed Night in April. We have several options: Safe Kids, Alison Reese, Sheep Dog, Boys & Girls Club. We've got \$250 from VCPAC to spend.
- Standardizing Emergency Preparedness is a priority.

School District

- 2016-2017 Budget
 - 1) What areas should be given priority in order to support success for all students?
 - 2) What areas do you feel progress is being made and should be continued?
 - 3) How do you feel the budget could be improved for greater public participation?
 - 4) Any other General Comments you would like to add?

TREASURER REPORT - Melody Olsen, presented by Linsay

- Account totals, as of Nov 1

Chequing Account 100	-	\$28, 109.05
Chequing Account 101	-	\$6, 321.98
Gaming Account	-	\$8, 329.02

NEW BUSINESS

Mr Scigliano & Mr. Duyndam - Glanford School

- 350 students attend, low absentee rates, reaching kids in more than the classroom
- Tues, Dec 13, B-ball Jamboree
- Jan 30 - Band, Strings & Choir
- Project Based Learning in the classroom
- Jan 31 is the info night, where parents register for middle school

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2017