



Northridge Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Parents Present: Lindsay Kellow, Ali Wight, Jen Young, Melanie Heidorn, Nickey Reid, Lisa Sidoff, Alissa LaFaver, Jen Majorki, Kristina Felt, Chandell Marlens, Carol Tickner, Sonia Drummud, Melody Olsen, Carol Pesce, Jenna McLean

Admin Present: Katie Simmonds & Lynda Whittam

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

Motion by Lindsay Kellows, 2nd by Jen Majorki to accept January minutes, MSC

Saanich Police Strategic Planning – Steve Morgan

- Strategic plan expires this year.
- Public survey was conducted in June. Over 900 surveys were returned (33% increase from last time)
- Focus Group is taking place Mon, Oct 24, 6-9 at UVic. Volunteers are encouraged to attend. Lindsay will attend. Anyone else is welcome.
- Contact the research & planning office for more info. RSVP before Oct 1, strategicplan@saanichpolice.ca
- A youth survey is available now at saanichpolice.ca, where youth can enter to win an ipad
- Focus groups will come up with a plan. A strategic plan will be released in January.
- Saanich police have a “No call too small” motto, with a focus on timely responses before small problems become big problems.

Liaison Officer – Constable Lisa

- Liaison officer for 17 schools.

After School Science Class – Mack

- Learning through Play with Lego
- 10 min teaching, the 50 min to build in pairs
- 2 versions: 1 simple and 1 more complicated
- \$80/ 6 weeks
- Registration on website

- 20 theme options
- 16 max, with 1:16, adult: child ratio
- Kinder-Gr. 5
- Considering Mondays after Thanksgiving (Oct 17)

REPORTS

PAC Chair Report – Lindsay

Turkey Trot

- Turkey trot prize is traditionally provided by PAC. \$50 in giftcards + Stuffing
- **Motion by Kristina for PAC to check with Country Grocery for receipt tally and then pay remainder for giftcards & Stuffing. 2nd by Melody. MSC**

Flyer Holder

- Tape on windows ruins the shatter resistance, so a new flyer holder is needed.
- **Motion by Jen for Lindsay to spend \$30 on a flyer holder. 2nd by Carole. MSC**

Bottle Drive

- Sunday
- Still Looking for driver: Carole, Jen, Lindsay & Steph B. will drive

Earthquake Packs

- 4 have gone moldy & Terry was hoping to replace 4 this year, and 4 next year.
- \$200 was already set aside for earthquake preparedness. That money can be used for the packs.

Dance class

- Kevin (with kid's club) has submitted a proposal to teach a dance class for \$1000
- Kristina is aware of a grant, where PAC will only have to pay 30%. Cannot start before Grant approval. Oct 17 grant application deadline to get it for the New Year.
- **Motion by Jen to approve Kevin's proposal. 2nd by Lindsay. MSC**
- Mrs. Whittam will ask the staff which 4-5 week time period would be ideal.
- Lindsay will give Kristina Kevin's resume before Oct 1, so she can submit the grant application.

Welcome Back BBQ

- Wednesday, Sept 28, 5-7 pm
- 400 hot dogs/ veggie dogs – coming from Layritz
- Buns are being picked up at Country Grocer
- A few Dads are handling the BBQs
- Chips, water, hot dog - \$3
- PAC info table will be set up, and volunteers to stop in for 15-30 min would be appreciated (So Carol and Lindsay aren't by themselves all night). *** Although a PAC info night was planned for Sept, an official meet & greet will take place in Jan instead.

School Supplies

- Great process this year.
- Low numbers- only 68 orders.
- Suggestions for next year:
 - Extend the deadline for orders to be submitted
 - Be clear on delivery options

Safe Routes to School

- Should be finalized by the end of Dec
- Including projects by Saanich, maps outlining safe routes, crosswalks, etc.
- A Safe Routes Committee would be very helpful. Hoping to draw from PAC in Spring 2017
- Lindsay will continue to communicate with Stefanie (from Safe Routes to School)
- Save the Date with walk and bike to school weeks for the year will be sent home this week.

Admin Report – Lynda Whittam

Staffing & Students:

- Div 1 – Mr. Johnson 4/5
- Div 2 – Ms. Sugrue & Mrs. Lister 4/5
- Div 3 – Mr. Richardson 4/5
- Div 4 – Ms. Escher & Ms. Saunders ¾
- Div 5 – Ms. Enner 3
- Div 6 – Mrs. McKeachie 2/3
- Div 7 – Ms. Lunt 2
- Div 8 – Mrs. Elliot 1/2
- Div 9 – Mrs. Sartor 1
- Div 10 – Mr. Finlyson 1
- Div 11 – Mrs. Ashbee & Mrs. Buckham K
- Div 12 – Miss Simmonds K
- Numbers are down to 270 (numbers down from 286)
- Smooth start up with routines and curriculums
- EA supports are in place. Designated students all have support in their classroom. Two more assistants have been hired and are coming.

Extracurricular Activities have started:

- X-country 3-5
- Soccer 4-5
- Choir 3-5
- Strings 4-5 (18-19 kids have signed up)
- PAC is requesting more info to parents. Generally that info comes home when they occur outside of school time, and drivers/volunteers are needed. But when not needed they may not be informed.

Terry Fox Run

- Friday
- Saanich police will attend to mark the way

Spirit of Alliances for assemblies

- Student recognition, characteristics of the wolf, salmon, bear, raven, etc.
- Times for assemblies have changed to 1:09

Pro D Day Sept 19

- Rally at the Q centre
- Curriculum themed Amazing Race activity
- 5000 in attendance
- Strategic Planning
- Superintendent spoke on fairness & equality
- Tech Pack to each school

Class Dynamics Meetings

- Each child is discussed with school based team
- Designations, behaviours, medical concerns, etc.

Parent Teacher Conferences

- Oct 5-6 Early Dismissal

New iPads have been ordered

- Thank you to PAC
- \$5000 from PAC, \$308
- 6 minis, 6 full size

Turkey Trot

- Oct 7

Fundraising Report – Kristina Felt

- Bottle Drive, coming up Sunday
- Purdy's
 - Online Orders this year
 - Deliver – Dec 6
 - Sort – Dec 7
 - Home – Dec 8
 - Order Deadline – Nov 17
 - Info out Nov 1 (Tues)
- Replacing red “hoop” \$414 + Shipping. Kristina will look into cost of instillation with school board.

- Buddy Bench – would also need a quote from school board. All PAC members can look to see where a bench would look best.
- Drumming – Dates, Oct or Feb. Linda will talk to Leslie

VCPAC Report – Carole Tickner

- Parent Education Night: Alison Reese. Mon, Oct 17, 6:30-8:30
 - Side Stepping the power struggle
 - Online registration: eventbrite
 - Posters, Newsletter
 - 30 people cap
 - \$500, Parent Reg. \$10 each.

Treasurer Report – Melody Olsen

- Gaming profile has been approved, and all info is up to date. Balance in Gaming account needs to be spent, as it doesn't carry over.
- Budget will be updated and we will vote on it over email.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chess club at lunch. An option, but the extracurricular calendar needs to be looked at.
- Northridge PAC Facebook:
 - Admin by PAC
 - Info, Calendar, fundraising, etc
 - Concerns: Rants & Negativity
 - Nikki will work on it with Lindsay

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 pm

Next Meeting: October 16, 2016