

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Minutes of General PAC Meeting

In Attendance:        Cynthia Kaufmann        Michael Roberts        Maureen Beston  
                                 Susy Pierazzo                Joanna Moore            Kevin Loken  
                                 Janet Lowe                    Mrs. Deb Thorvaldson – Principal

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Review of Minutes from General PAC Meeting held on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

2. Principal's Report:

-Christmas Hampers: a letter has been sent to WE Kinvig explaining that we are withdrawing our support for the school as they seem to have many other sponsor schools and we will in turn fully support Senator Reid Elementary as they currently aren't receiving any support from other schools

-Our school is very focused on learning and Mrs. Thorvaldson has had the opportunity to visit many classes and experience many exciting things going on (K's are beginning Home Reading Program, Grade 2's are letter writing, Grade 6's are involved in learning about sustainability, the Leadership team is organizing a Wacky Hair day on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> as well as promoting a Cancer Awareness Campaign etc.).

-Snowy Weather: The students have really been enjoying playing in the snow and there have been fewer incidents of students coming to office with problems during the snowfall.

-Basketball is in full swing with very well prepared athletes coming out to early morning practices and games.

-FSA's will occur between Jan. 30-Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Thorvaldson invigilating Grade 4's and Grade 7's classes.

-Mrs. Thorvaldson has requested donations of Gotcha Prizes for the monthly assemblies. She would like 17 of the same thing (1/division) such as pizza gift certificates, tickets, bowling passes, food items etc.

-Maureen Beston suggested that perhaps our Hot Lunch suppliers may be willing to donate prizes

-Taiko drumming is underway and may perform at the January 31<sup>st</sup> Assembly

-Mrs. Betts has offered to come to a PAC meeting to demo how she is using the Smart Board to support learning in her classroom

3. Treasurer's Report:

-Kevin reviewed the November and December Treasurer's Report as submitted by Monica Baarda

4. Grade 7 Fundraiser:

-The Grade Sevens will be holding 4 Friday Hot lunch days (2 pizza, 2 hotdogs) to raise money for their year end activities.

5. Traffic and Safety:

-Kevin briefly reviewed the 21 page traffic report from the City of Surrey Engineering Dept. and outlined that there are short, medium and long term suggestions. Short term ideas include more signage ('No Parking' signs where 137A St. narrows near 25<sup>th</sup> Ave)

-every school in Surrey received these reports so implementing the suggestions for our school will take time.

-a reminder email will be sent out to all families reminding them of safety when dropping off/picking up

-a suggestion was made that a paper reminder be put on the windshields of cars that park on the narrow part of 137A St to please not park there.

6. Playground:

-Kevin reviewed the proposed new addition to the Chantrell Creek Playground which would cost ~ \$65, 578.63 with ~ \$25, 000 of that being equipment and installation and the other \$40,000 being ground prep/surfacing

-to date we have approximately \$50, 000 (which includes donations, grant \$ etc)

-another letter campaign will be sent out indicating how much we've raised and how much more we need and perhaps give suggested dollar amounts

-opportunities will be given for the Chantrell community to comment on and make suggestions to proposed new playground before final decision is made

#### 7. Nominations for PAC Executive 2012/2013

-many positions will need to be filled for the coming school year such as PAC President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

-elections will be held at AGM in June

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Next General Meeting is Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.