

Gordon PAC meeting minutes, Monday 31st March 2008

Attendance: Ingrid Sulston (Chair), Paul Pavlidis (Secretary), Margaret Davidson (Principal), Anna Johnson (Treasurer), Aaron Dudley, Nina Dolleris, Gail Johnson, Eva Sereda, Jill Stewart, Avril Bain, Cathy Marr, Linda Shaw, Craig Lane, Niloofar Ahanchi, Charlotte French, Marlene Jones, Diana Schmidt,.

Review and Approval of February Minutes: Move to accept: Aaron, Gail second, motion passed.

PAC Constitution

Changes proposed by Cathy Marr, for voting on at the AGM in May: Current one is 'standard', customized somewhat for Gordon. Only two modifications since 2001 was to raise the spending limit requiring notice at a PAC meeting from \$500 to \$1000, and to move AGM date was changed from October to May. Now Cathy proposes to amend the constitution to describe the school planning council (SPC): expectations, reporting, election and so forth. Cathy will follow up with current SPC to develop wording to include in the constitution which will be distributed by the next PAC and voted on at the AGM.

Spending money

PAC budget is now on the website.

Anna: we have gaming grant funds to spend: ~\$9000. Review of the staff wish-list to look for items. Anna made a notice of a motion for the next PAC meeting to spend up to \$500 for graduation ceremony, up to \$1600 for author visits, up to \$1600 for concerts, \$400 for drama club items, \$255.44 for PE equipment, total of up to \$5000. For other 'wants', Aaron may have source of laptop donations, and we will solicit donations of balls and also booster seats.

For aboriginal day, from the gaming grant – Charlotte: Motion to spend \$1000 towards aboriginal data. Anna seconded, passed unanimously.

From our regular account: Eva made notice of motion for the next PAC meeting to make \$100 gift to teachers for this term, total of \$2000. Linda seconded.

Linda asked about a rumour that Starbucks was offering a potential large donation of money for books to the school, which was turned down by the teachers. Margaret confirmed this was true – a majority of the teachers voted against it. In discussion, many parents present expressed frustration or disappointment that we "lost out", given how hard PAC works to raise money. It was proposed to form a committee to meet with teachers to help clarify the policies with respect to corporate donations. Linda, Niloofar and others will do this.

Playground grant spending – options with the space we have. Aaron is looking into options. We have to spend the money and install by the end of September. Options are movable if the school renovations/removal requires it. Six to eight weeks to deliver, so we need to order very soon. Aaron wants to consider installing something larger in either the space that currently has one basketball hoop, or the space containing an old wooden structure in the North West corner. The space where the old tyre swing was is open for installing something, but is smaller, which limits possibilities with the regulations of space around newly installed equipment. He will be meeting with Grounds people, and develop a short list of equipment for the students to review, so a decision can be made at the next PAC meeting.

Babysitting program

Run by Kishan Moore, grade 7 student. She will assemble a list of students interested in babysitting, both for meetings in the school, and for home babysitting. Grade 6 students are trained by the grade 7s for several sessions before being paid. Several of the students are taking babysitting courses. Upcoming course: "What every babysitter should know" Kits Community Centre: April 13th, May 25th.

Aboriginal celebration

April 15th. Plans so far from Margaret. Margaret is working with Aboriginal worker Trudy, idea to get in mini-workshops for the students. Last year there was a pot-luck lunch for the 7th graders in partnership with Macdonald school. Margaret is looking for parent volunteers: Eva and Avril will help with food.

Spring Fling

Saturday May 10th. Time set 3 until 8pm.

Food and drink:

Evening Bar-BQ run by Carl last year. Avril will talk to him about this year, and said that Malcolm had run it in previous years.

Beer Garden. Jennifer Sears had previously proposed this idea, and will be asked to look into it. Margaret will talk to the VSB about it. It may end up costing more than it is worth.

Coffee stand: Eva will ask Starbucks about donating containers of coffee.

Food trailer: Margaret will look into a food trailer that can come in with food, and gives the school a percentage of the proceeds.

Music:

Linda Peterson has volunteered to perform.

Eva will ask Marty.

Johnny's band (played at French Immersion Gala) may be able to play.

Aaron suggested having a DJ – he might be able to find one. And maybe students would want to DJ

Activities:

Ingrid has booked the Merry Go Round guys.

Cake Walk? Previously run by primary teachers to raise money for classroom materials.

Face painting. Paul would volunteer for a while. Jacquie Ruygrok did it previously and will be asked.

Fire truck: Diana Schmidt will ask the fire department if they can bring the fire truck.

Dunk tank: Tim had done it in previous years. Margaret will ask him.

Climbing wall: it was well liked in previous years. May be too late to book now, and none of the money goes to the school. Ingrid will look into it.

Other ideas: Dance mats, Karaoke machine, need more..... Ingrid will take more ideas.

Other volunteers: Jennifer Sears, Lisa Chambers, Linda Shaw.

Sales:

Plant sale will be run by the Greening Committee.

No raffle as the paperwork surrounding the license and accounting is not worth it.

Silent auction – French immersion have items left over from their Gala and would like to run one to raise money for French Immersion.

Flea market: Students would like to run a flea market for charity. Emily Pickett would like to do the flea market again this year, so will be asked to work with students on this.

Money made:

Proposal to pool all money made, and decide jointly what school programs and equipment it is for. Margaret will ask the teachers if they are up for this.