

Gordon PAC meeting, May 26, 2008

Attendees: Ingrid Sulston (Chair), Anna Johnson (Treasurer), Heather Young (Treasurer), Margaret Davidson (Principal and acting secretary), Noreen Morris (Vice principal), Z Smith (Chair of Gordon Building Renewal Committee), Jill Stewart (Chair of Greening Committee), Diana Schmidt, Lisa Chambers, Elke Porter, Emily Pickett, Cynthia Morgan, Doni Gratton, Avril Bain, Thomasina Burgess, Bill Uhrich, Charlotte French, Nikki Blakely.

Approval of April minutes

Z made a motion to accept the April minutes, Elke seconded it

Motion for the Read-a-thon money to be given to the teachers

Motion made by Heather, seconded by Anna

Spring Fling review and changes for next time

-tickets worked well but needed more people at the tables to give out the tickets. Also tear the tickets once they have been used.

-a child got bitten by a dog so be mindful of where you are tying up your dogs

-Flea market to only children's items – this is what sells best, and we would be left with less at the end. But no stuffed animals as it is a health risk

-auction baskets went well, but could have made more. If they cannot be placed prominently outside, suggestion to make it a requirement to walk in the gym if it is raining-brought in about \$1200.00 (maybe a large tent for them outside as an attractant and for rain – could be free if sponsored by someone)

-dunk tank was popular, but didn't make the money back because there were not enough dunkees. Make it 15 min slots to be dunked. Idea to set up a heat lamp and a snack next to the tank to make it nice for the dunkees. Local scuba divers as dunkees?

-fashion show great

-Food-BBQ and maybe other food stations. Need to coordinate with classes that are trying to raise funds.

-many people asked about the climbing wall as we did not have it this year

Events for Next Year

Agreed to have no gift wrap sales.

Agreed to have no entertainment books sent home. Proposed that we use the online system, where there is a code for parents to type in when they order, which will direct some of the money to the school. Request that we have a box of books in the office to buy but issue that Marilyn will end up selling them, so not doable. Agreed to have a sample in the office.

Look at doing a direct drive instead of these lost fundraisers - look at some examples of direct drive letters from other schools. Suggested to have a recommended amount to donate, but others not keen on this idea. Suggested to have categories that you can direct your donation to, but pointed out that then we are obliged to keep track of this and make sure that it does happen – maybe logistically hard to do.

Volunteering-at the beginning of the year ask what areas can you volunteer. Suggestion to check a box for the amount of time you want to donate, and maybe what events you are interested in. Send a request home with the turbo form, which will happen in the first week.

Diana will do the grocery cards again, and as we have some extra money in the bank we can buy more Safeway cards in the fall to sell through the spring.

BBQ September 25th after school ABOUT 3-6pm. Would be instead of the "Meet the Teacher" night. Also a Community event and a time for parents to sign up for volunteering if they hadn't already. Need the turbo sheets back before then.

Aboriginal Celebration: Look at feedback from parents/students/teachers around presenters.

Suggestion that parents rate and comment on the events for the year at the end of the school year.

Voting in the new Exec

PAC Chair-Ingrid Sulston

Vice-Chair- open

Treasurer- Anna Gurner-Johnson/Heather Young

Co-Secretaries- open

Greening Chair- open

Seismic Rep- Z Smith

Kits High School Liason-Cynthia Harper

French Immersion rep-Emily Pickett

Class reps-ask Penny and Debra

Playground rep-ask Aaron

Seismic

Meeting last Tuesday, Gordon Campbell, Shirley Bond and James Gorman (deputy minister of education) met with Chris Kelly, and Clare Hansen, talked to them about developing a pilot program with 4 schools 2 east and 2 west.

-schools do a lot more than just schooling in their communities, after school programs etc.

-area standards need to be upgraded (allowances for classrooms etc.)

-unit rates (based on what it cost to build a building) need to be upgraded to quality of schools we are used to

-explore with a pilot project and GC said he can't do it just for a school in his riding

-The old school Dickens has not been torn down. There is a proposal to provide art's training and daycare at this building. (Community group-Annabel)

-our proposal that we voted on in March-propose us a replacement school that is like the school now or a phase 3 feasibility study.

-GC directed them to hold a public meeting with community group at Dickens (PAC/Community group) no public meeting done

-Tuesday's Committee II meeting (Annabel spoke about the public meeting that didn't happen)

-School board asked for more money and the premier asked for a budget proposal, however there is no money for staff at the board to put these proposals together

-Z will go to the next Committee II meeting/info will be sent out in newsletter and seismic list

Diana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm

Lisa Chambers seconded the motion.