

John Muir Parent Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
January 16, 2017

Attendance: Danielle PS, James P., Chantelle C., Alex L., Wendy J., Aimee S., Tess V., Krista D.

Meeting called to order: 6:00pm

Minutes from Previous Meeting: *Danielle PS motions to accept Minutes as written, James P seconded, all parties in favour, motion carried.*

Agenda for present meeting: *Danielle PS motions to accept the Agenda as written, Alex L seconded, all parties in favour, motion carried*

President/Vice-President: Chantelle C./Alex L.

- The PAC Fundraising thermometer at the front of the building was updated about 1.5 weeks ago, we have raised \$12,500 compared to \$14,000 raised total last year. This is not taking into account the upcoming April Bottle Drive and Beer and Burger night. Recommendation made to broadcast this success to the parents in the school.

Treasurer: Danielle P.S.

- As per report
- Teacher's expenditures: Kindergarten classes and Ms. Merx' class have gone over their budget, but overall it's under what was budgeted for the first half of the year. Not much planned for January, so it looks like it will balance out.
- The PAC received a STAPLES gift card from the school tools fundraiser last summer, with \$151 on it. Office supplies have already been purchased for this year, so decision made to reserve it for next year.

Food Days: Position Open

- 2 potential volunteers, **Action:** Chantelle C. will check with them and see if it is still something they'd be interested in. Currently the program is on hold.

Garden Liaison: Krista M./Tanya

- The garden looks amazing; we had 2 work days last week, moving 5 yards of gravel with the kids doing the bulk of the work. We have a door in the shed and lots of shelving in the toy portion, more shelving to come in the garden section.
- Monday Westcoast seeds fundraiser was sent home today, and will run till February.
- Camosun is still planning to come, just needing to confirm dates with the school.
- There are now benches for the students as well!

Fundraising: PAC Executive

- Bottle drive – planned for April. Other 2 bottle containers will be brought in and placed around the school. Tess V. will put information regarding the ongoing bottle collection information in the

weekly. Discussion regarding an outdoor collection container raised, but previously it was necessary to purchase or rent the container.

- Beer and Burger night is also planned for April. More information under “New Business”.

SPEAC: Chantelle C.

- No report; next SPEAC meeting is this Wednesday at 7pm

Emergency Preparedness: Teminey B./Wendy J.

- AM/FM radio is currently with the Otterpoint fire department, they're working to replace the antennae and test the radio.
- Still researching cost of porta potty.
- Discussion regarding safety points in case of a tsunami raised, currently 4.1 metres is the recommended height for safety; the school is at 35 metres above sea level, and as such would be safe from tsunamis.

Principal/Vice-Principal: Tess V./Gord J.

- Thanks to Krista, Kathy and Neal for the garden – it's incredible!
- School code of conducts have been redone, handed out to PAC members for review.
- Possibility of using compost bins for the garden, separate from kitchen scraps. Tabled for a future conversation, as it seems to be becoming very busy, with the garbage, recycling, recyclables, kitchen scraps and garbage.
- Shelves have been built, more shelves coming.

Old Business:

- Teachers are working on the classroom snowmen for the Winter Wonderland dance. Music, set-up, decoration, and concession are all in the works. Request for more volunteers will be sent out via PAC Facebook page and the weekly autodialer. Suggestion to break down volunteer shifts and make a signup sheet in the hopes of bringing in more volunteers.

New Business:

- Beer and Burger night - Easter is the weekend of the 15th, the Rotary Auction on the 29th, leaving only a couple weekends open in April. Possibility of holding it May 6th also discussed, pending availability of Sarina A's availability to MC, as well as space at Buffy's. Requests for donations for the baskets will be made on the Facebook page and via autodialer.

Next Meeting:

- February 20th, 2017 at 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:55pm