

PAC MEMBERS MTG MINUTES

Adams Road PAC Minutes

February 24th 2011

The meeting was called to order by Wendy Rachwalski 7pm

In attendance

Joanne Berka, Wendy Rachwalski, Ellie Durante, Nadine Thompson, Cara Casidy, Paula Turrin

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the January meeting and approved by Tricia & Ilda.

Introduction of the PAC to re-assure everyone who we are.

Approval of the Agenda was approved by Ilda & Kelly.

Budget

The account balances were drawn up on a spreadsheet that Paula has and read out to the members what our account balances were Gaming Account is \$3,580.00. Our general account balance is 24,097.98 as of Feb 24th 2011.

HOT LUNCH UPDATE

Brenda Seter was unavailable so Wendy spoke on her behalf. We are very appreciated to a parent who donated the first Hot Dog Day Hot Lunch. What a Huge Success. It was also noted from a parent that Schneider`s Meats was closing in May and its final closing the doors is in September.

Lynn Re: The Social – Ticket Sales to date are so far at 6,500.00 for the Raffle. We also have the square board & the baskets for the silent auction. There have been over 100 tickets sold for the social to date. Labatt`s is donating a beer tasting night that will be for March 12th. There were also talks of a Limo Co. donating a limo to the tasting. Karen & Tricia`s donations so far have been amazing.

DPAC UPDATE – Cara Allan Jones spoke for the Eastside & Rick Fabro for the Westside & North, and Pat Horstead spoke on behalf of the Southside. The discussion lead to Information about Tweedsmuir High School and the overcrowding. Next Mtg is April 27th and the guest speaker is Diane Watts.

Health Committee – Re: Karen – Karen was absent so Wendy spoke on her behalf and questions & concerns were raised that Joanne spoke briefly, regarding the Lice within our school among students that has not been contained or treated and parents feel it is a health risk. Very concerning. Parents asked if we could supply kits, or help in anyway. Due to privacy and concern for the girls and their families there is nothing we can do. Teresa feels that we should be doing more to get this under control along with more parents who raise concerns that it will never get better. Joanne has mentioned that we let the school deal with it in a matter of another letter to go home raising concerns etc.

Playground Committee – Holly

Meeting was postponed till March 1st. Joanne did however comment on the fill replacement & the cost that is now being put on the PAC to pay for instead of the original proposal of \$24,000. They have agreed to split the costs and pay 50% leaving a balance of 12 thousand dollars for the soft fill (synthetic wood chips) for the community effort to fundraise the remainder.

SPC Update – Cara & Roslyn no update

PAC Website & School Pac Newsletter – Lisa Keeling commented on the idea of local businesses or independent businesses advertising on the website with a fee of \$25 per year. Lisa feels there are not enough hits to make this worthwhile. It was commented to raise the fee to \$40 but in agreement the \$25 seemed fair. There is more work involved so if it were to happen it would not be an easy job.

Emergency Planning Council Update - Matt & Andrew unavailable to meet until May.

Principal's Report-

- Principal Joanne Berka mentioned that Casidy`s coin drive raised over \$300 from the face painting & the Soc Hop
- Class Photos will be on the Monday Feb 28th 2011.
- Grade 7 High school Handbook for families there is only 1 book per family. The grades 4-7 satisfaction survey is available online.
- March is a short month our focus this month is fitness.
- April will be Go Green Environmental Group
- May – We will have our opening ceremonies sometime in May date still unknown.
- Modular portable coming for September the ground work in the back has already been prepared.
- Kindergarten registration is already at 47 to date.

QUESTIONS RAISED TO JOANNE

- The field trips are we going to have any, or are the Grades 4- 7's going to Cultus Lake or Playland?
- Grade 1 class is going to Price Smart.
- Field Trips are up to the Teachers to organize & than be approved by Joanne. There is a very strict District Policy when it comes to field trips.
- Joanne was asked about doing the grouse Grind as per other schools like Morgan Heights & Morgan Creeks as a part of the fitness program or the PLO.
- The kindergartens are going on a Field Trip to the Theatre School in April.

Elli VP Update – Accts still active at both Bottle Recycle Depots, We also had a parent who owns the Langley Recycling program on Industrial Ave willing to handle our accounts. Something to think about.

- Boston Pizza receipts have brought in 2 cheques so far the first was \$150.00 & the second was \$140.00.

Wendy President Update – MLA Meeting with Kevin Falcon was postponed. TBA in March

- Movie night in the gym was a success donations were even brought in. Next time maybe we will have a concession run by the Gr.7 as a fundraiser. It was also asked about the chairs that were aloud as the floors being new. Bean Bag chairs are the best example as they will not scratch the floors.
- Social Media Presentation with Jesse Miller was very informative & an eye opener not only for the parents but the students in older grades as well. It brought attention to the students what is really going on in the world of cyberspace & pirating etc. It was also noted that through the school you are not to post other students pictures on the FB site unless you have permission. PAC site or any school related sites.

Nadine on Traffic Update – Since going to the Community police station in Cloverdale there was a mention of traffic cops shortage for the school zones but they will do their best to monitor the area in the near future. After that visit there was an undercover parked in the Magnolia who must have given out 20 or so tickets? The reality of this road is it is a short cut between both 176th & avoiding the Fraser & 64th traffic flow. Joanne has also been in contact with the City of Surrey to see if they will set up a traffic counter and let us know what they can or will do about the growing concerns from parents. Teresa Chattoway & my-self are willing to set up parents to help direct the traffic before & after school as it is a huge concern. According to Kelly this was petitioned over a year ago and still nothing has been done.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Skating Field Trips**
- **Field Trips In General**
- **Purchase Kitchen Items**

- **Donations for the Survery – List compiled and an e-mail to go out to the PAC**
- **Tim Hortons’s Timbits not allowed as a “Nut Allergy” is still a concern. Kathleen brought up her child & asked how Wendy felt about the allergy concern within her own kids. Kids either know not to share or we should agree to not let parents bring them into the school. (Principal) Joanne will discuss this with the teachers and make a decision.**
- **Coffee donations for the meetings**

***PAC AGM MEETING WILL BE VOTED ON APRIL 7TH 2011. Put in for your choice of nominee or select yourself to represent our school & the PAC in the 2011-2012 School Year.**

Principal Joanne Berka noted that a few select teachers will be having a TOC for the classroom while they are on a Friends for Life training program which will help with kids who have a high level of anxiety. The two groups will be focused on K-1 and grades 4-5 (Not sure if this was correct but that is in my notes for the grades)? This will bring in new Councillors in training for

- **PHOBIA**
- **ANXIETY**

Start date unknown.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Celena & Lynn @ 8:40pm

Next meeting is April 7th @ 7:00pm AGM Meeting