

APE Council Meeting

November 13, 2014

Attendance: Simona Mazurek, Laura Sigouin, Carolyn Roberts, Maggie Ellwyn

Meeting Called to Order: 7:12pm

Adoption of the Agenda: Carolyn/Simona

Adoption of the June Minutes: Maggie/Laura

Adoption of the October Minutes: Simona/Carolyn

President's Report (Simona):

- BCCPAC – annual membership due Dec 15; \$75; Discussed pros & cons; agreed to not renew membership this year
- Greeting Cards – 2 cards will be left with Sylvie for parents to sign to show support to 2 APE members

Treasurer's Report (prepared by Aaron, presented by Simona):

- Main Chq Acct: \$10,346.30
- Gaming: -\$2.74; Aaron has reapplied for the funds; status is "in progress"
- Budget presented for this school year; Balances out at \$5000 Revenue and \$5000 Expenses; all present approved the budget
- Income Tax package has arrived; Aaron will complete
- Grocery Gift Cards: Maggie has experience with grocery gift cards and has agreed to take on the program this year. Sylvie will keep some in the office for sale

Principal's Report (Mme Musuko):

- Safety: the Kindergarten and Preschool/Garderie classrooms do not meet earthquake approval. Preliminary plans by the government are in the works. CSF has updated the rations (water, blankets, bags for each student); a request to parents will be sent out soon for additional items (comfort items, identification photos); Safety guidelines require the school to perform 4 earthquake drills and 6 fire drills per school year.
- RCMP Liaison: new French speaking officer in town. He is reviewing the lock down procedures for various scenarios with the staff. A new "buzzer" system is being considered for entrance into the school.
- Classroom year end trips briefly discussed; Jeanne is looking into both the Vancouver Aquarium and Science World for the grade 5-6's; Strathcona for grade 7's; Montreal for grade 9's (residual funding available via credits from WestJet since last year's trip did not happen due to teacher's strike)

Swimming Lessons: Carolyn will look into booking lessons for the grade 1 & 2's for April/May. Will also look into cost of gymnastics as an alternative

Playground Update:

- Slide - the information has been sent to the Assumption School PAC for purchase for \$1000.
- "Swamp" – the CSF reseeded and added topsoil to the playground this summer. Drainage seems to be significantly improved
- CLAN Equipment: the kayaks and canoes will be going to Comox; wetsuits will likely go with them

- The bikes are not in good condition; First priority will go to families in the school; the remainder of the bicycles could be given to the “man in town” who repairs old bikes for free and gives them to children who cannot afford them. Laura will look into his details.

Lunch Program: parents inquired about students who come to school without breakfast and forget their lunch; Barbara and Jean-Marc are actively watching for hungry children.

Fretts’ Family:

- Jack-O-Lantern Soup: \$335 was deposited into the Frett’s Family Account; Thanks to Michelle and Dee for their efforts
- Pizza Lunch: this Friday; projected income \$200-\$300
- Art Auction: \$3700 raised
- Coin Drive: not fully supported by the staff due the nature that it is a monetary competition; we will reconsider just having 1 coin drive bottle in the office for all to contribute to.
- Art Project for Anakin: request for the grade 5-9’s to prepare artwork to decorate Anakin’s room; consider decorating a small Christmas tree for his room.

Support for Al Sharp:

- Simona will talk to Amy Sharp to see if she’d like to send out an email to start a “fill the freezer” campaign to help Al out with meals again.

T-Shirts & Hoodies: Carolyn will discuss with Dee to see if she is interested in organizing these in time for Christmas again. Consider adding T-Shirts for a cheaper option?

Hot Lunches:

- continues to be a good fundraiser; Jeanne will discuss with Mme Kayta to see if she is interested in organizing to help Grade 7’s start with their fundraising for Strathcona.
- APE will continue hot lunches as a fundraiser for Frett’s family. A hot lunch committee was formed: Maggie, Carolyn & Laura

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37pm

Minutes by: Laura Sigouin; translated by Vincent Yerna

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 9 @ 7pm in the Library