

APE MEETING September 15, 2015

Attendance: Natalie, Wendy, Jeanne, Simona, Gen, Carolyn, Andrea

1. Adoption of Agenda: move – Natalie, second – Wendy

2. Adoption of the minutes from June's meeting – minutes not yet received, will wait

For Oct. meeting

3. President's report – skip

4. Treasurer's report - \$5352.85 in chequing account, \$3.89 in gaming account.

Maggie has grocery cards and cheques to be deposited. Gen is this year's treasurer, her and Aaron will get together soon to go over things for the year.

5. Principal's report – Back to school went really well. 120 students in school this year, 17 in Maternelle, 17 at Brooks.

- 'My Education System' for teachers is a new system for teachers to get used to.

- Earthquake update: renovations to school to possibly start in Feb. All walls will be torn down, lights and heating system to be changed, pre-school will be torn down and moved. Portables will be used while building then taken down after. Jeanne is negotiating for a possible covered play area to go where pre-school and Maternelle classes are right now.

- Message to parents to sign form for electronic consent not yet sent out.

- New sound system for gym has been purchased.

6. Classroom Parents – Still in need of parents for a few classes (M, 4/5, and 8/9)

1/2 – Gen, 2/3 – Carolyn, 6/7- Andrea

7. Wish List Update-

PICNIC TABLES: Andrea's husband and son made one picnic table during the summer- donation from them. Still looking into getting one or two more. Wendy has a friend who makes tables, she'll check and get a quote from him. A parent (Colin) may be able to make one – Simona will get in touch with him. Natalie will check with Brooks program to see if they can make one.

SOUND SYSTEM: Jeanne purchased new one – cost \$1145 (Maggie's husband was her consultant). APE will contribute – not sure how much at this point. Will wait and see the budget to decide amount.

(For the future Jeanne suggests that the APE contributes %100 to one item rather than contributing smaller amounts to a few items).

ASPHALT – Tyler (Gen's husband) fixed the asphalt in the basketball court during the summer. Only a temporary solution to problem.

8. "Beyond Birds and Bees" update – Leta is coming to the school on September 24th 7-9 pm to talk to parents. She might come and talk to some of the classes this year as well.

9. Grocery Cards update – Maggie is away at the moment having her baby but she will get the cards to Aaron soon and they will be available at the school with Sylvie. Maggie has an idea of making business cards to encourage more people to buy cards.

10. End of year trips – Simona met with Jeanne to discuss Gr 7's going to Strathcona for 5 days. This trip cost a lot of money – between \$400- \$500 per student. In the past APE paid 1/3, school paid 1/3 and parents paid 1/3. It has been a struggle to get parents involved in fundraising in past years. The concern is that the amount of money needed to send the kids is a big chunk for one grade. (\$16 is given to each child for fieldtrips for kids from K- grade 6, \$1800 was given last year for 6 kids from grade 7) . Last year the school board paid for the grade 8's to go to a Leadership camp at Strathcona. Maybe not necessary to send students to same place 2 years in a row? It was suggested that maybe the grade 7's could go to Triggo in Nanaimo this year? Jeanne will meet with Grade 7 parents to discuss field trip.

11. Choir – Andrea reported that the first session of choir went well. There are 20 kids signed up for the Grade 2-4 choir, and 25 kids for the grade 5-9 choir. Katia is helping and Jeanne will also send the Monitrice to help.

12. Bikes – Chris Morwood has said that the School district 47 will purchase the bike and fix them up. Simona will talk more to him about this.

13. Coffee Fundraiser – Stephanie suggested selling coffee from Cortez island as a fundraiser for the APE. Carolyn will talk more to her about this.

14. Coordinating events with James Thomson school - Denise and Natalie would like to have schools more involved with each other. Maybe do something together for the Week of Francophonie. Jeanne suggested that the Monitrices can coordinate something.

15. Sweatshirst / t shirts – will discuss at next meeting. Jeanne will check with Taws.

Next meeting will be October 13th, 2015.