

APE MEETING February 9th, 2016

Attendance: Rachelle, Genevieve, Jeanne, Wendy, Lindsay, Carolyn, Joleen, Austen, Simona, Maggie

1. Adoption of Agenda: Wendy motioned, Andrea seconded.

2. Adoption of Minutes from Jan meeting. A couple of changes need to be made to the January minutes. Carolyn will make those changes and re-send the minutes to Simona. Maggie motioned, Andrea seconded.

3. President's report

- The new picnic table is at the school. Simona got an email from the man who built it that he booked a u-haul truck and delivered it to the school. It still needs to be properly anchored and placed on level ground. Genevieve and Jeanne will work together to find a bigger chain that can be used for this table and the other one. A third table is also going outside soon. Jeanne asked Chui if he could work with the students to decorate the tables (may help deter theft).
- Farm to school – Simona has read the lengthy forms and now we have until mid-March to apply. Wendy suggested looking at James Thomsons' application form. She will contact Francine (parent from their PAC) and get back to Simona as soon as possible.
- School Calendar – Kevin emailed about next years' calendar. Jeanne said that in the past the school tried to match SD47's calendar year. This year the government wants one ProD day devoted to First Nations. There will be 7 ProD days in total for next year.
- Simona looked at the APE voting process with regards to the letter from the APE to the staff. When voting on the letter at the January meeting, we followed the bylaws as outlined in section 5. (The bylaw states that we need at least 3 people to make a quorum). Andrea said that her concern is not the voting process, but rather that the letter, as signed by the APE, has a tone of one voice. We discussed changing a part of the letter in order to address her concerns. Simona made a motion that the 3rd sentence of the letter be changed from *parents* to *vast majority of parents*. We voted and 4 were not in favor, and 5 were in favor. Once the change has been made, the letter will be emailed to Vincent Bergeron (union rep).

4. Treasurer's report – \$7219.64 in chequing account, \$2106.39 in gamming account. *Revenue:* food card sales - \$4600.00, Hot lunch - \$1045.00. *Expenses:* picnic table - \$240.00, Bank fees - \$7.00, Food card purchase - \$4750.00. Genevieve expressed her concern over missing receipts/information and wanted to clarify the requirements needed to complete the legal documents for the APE. She is requesting receipts for every expense, and deposit forms

detailing the event, a description of what was sold and quantities, and the total deposit amount. She will also be the one purchasing all food cards which she will then pass on to Maggie in order to receive those receipts.

5. Principal's report

- Construction on school – still don't have a start date. The bids have been put in and now Jeanne is waiting to hear back from them. All of the rooms in the school will be worked on.
- Earthquake containers/bags need to be put together to replace the old ones. The containers will have blankets, water, and food. Jeanne asked for a few parents to help her with this project after spring break.
- Gardening – Each class will grow seeds in their classroom to then be planted outside in the garden beds. Someone has volunteered to water the garden during spring break. Jeanne is purchasing new gardening tools for each class.
- Numbers for next year – it is projected that there will be 130 students in the school next year, with 7 classes plus the preschool. Jeanne and the staff are working on finding objectives for the school to work on for next year. One objective will be academic in nature and the other will be focused on 'student wellness' (anxiety, relaxation, mindfulness).

6. Fundraising – Three hot lunches are planned for the month of February. We discussed inviting parents to come and help with the hot lunches, and Maggie will add a line about this on the next hot lunch form.

7. D-PAC (District PAC) – Wendy was not able to make it to the meeting but hopefully someone will be able to attend the next one.

8. Choir – The choir will be performing at the Festival of the Performing Arts. The grade 5-9's will be performing on Thursday, the 25th at 1:00, and the younger group on Friday, the 26th at 9:30.

9. Gymnastics/Swimming for the Grade 1/2 class – It is time to book either swimming lessons or gymnastics lessons for the grade 1 and 2 class. Genevieve will talk to Vincent and see if he has a preference. If they do swimming they will need drivers.

10. End of Year Trips – The Grade 4 and 5 class will be going to Fort Langley. The Grade 9's will go to Vancouver in the spring. The Grade 7's will be going to the Island, probably to 'Wild Place' in Courtenay.

11. School Kitchen – There is concern that the water in the cafeteria/kitchen does not get hot enough to properly sanitize dishes. Jeanne will look into this and see if it can be fixed. It was discussed that it would be nice to have a sanitizer machine. There is one in the Clan kitchen but it would not be possible to move it.

12. Scottish Dancing – Simona brought up that there is a man who teaches Scottish dancing at many of the schools in town. He has been doing it for many years and Simona thought that it would be nice to invite him to come to our school. Jeanne will talk to the teachers and see how they feel about it.

Next meeting will be March 8th, 2016.