

École Belgo Elementary

Monthly PAC Meeting

Thursday Sept 24, 2015

School Library – 6:30 pm

Attendance: Stacey Miller, Tanya Gervais, Terri Campbell, Jayme Bush, Shane Presiznuik, Val Johnson, Chelsea Frank, Linda Hartman, Jennifer Wood, Deena Ropp-Reis, Tracy Barnes, Lisa Sullivan, Kelly Penner, Nicole Mason, Karen d'Aoust, Tracie Mollin, Dana Carswell

Minutes

- 6:30 PM Call to Order
Approval of June 2015 minutes
Approval of this Sept 2015 agenda Jayme B., Tanya G.
- 6:35 **Guest** – Deena Ropp-Reis: Buddy Bench
-Has a sheet with info will send to Karen
-Buddy bench goes in a public area near playground, kids have to learn the rule of the buddy bench. If you are feeling lonely you go sit on the buddy bench, other children will see that child sitting and they go and ask that child to play. The child sitting must go play with the child who invited them, they cannot say no.
-Approx. \$1000 depending on how fancy you want it to be.
Guest-Chelsea Frank: Sound Fields
-last year sounds field were set up in Mme. Collins class
-It's a little microphone that goes around teachers neck and connect to a Bluetooth speaker in the class
-It's a long process to have one and must be qualified each year
-Would like to see them in all classes so that parents don't have to go through the approval process each year.
-The PAC is requesting more info, cost, etc.
- 6:40 Reports (5 min max each)
President – K. d'Aoust-no report
Administrator- Mme. Bedard
-We are at about 300 students, didn't have to do mass shuffles
-Open house was great
-Buddy bench: we have converted a bench to a "make shift" buddy bench, following same rules as original buddy bench. Mrs Vammens class decorated a banner
-Early dismissal next week for parent/teach interviews
-Raised \$342 for terry fox
-We have been considered to go to we day again this year!!
-No more running in the front of the school at lunch or recess
Treasurer – T. Neid
-Opening balance gaming account is \$480, should see more fund un the account October/November approx. \$6000 based on our enrollment
-\$3000 in term investment (playground replacement)
-\$10000 GIC flagged for playground fund had matured
-Last year we had committed to \$7000 split between daily 5 and iPads. Just got last invoice for iPads. MJ said the school will pick up the last invoice.
Hot Lunch – S. Miller
-First hot lunch session ordering forms are out. We are trying out some new vendors.
COPAC – B. Aubin-absent
-Karen handed out some info from Brenda about the new curriculum
School Planning Council – Dana Carswell, Tracy Barnes
-SPC has not met. SPC had been dissolved but they will meet as a different name in the future

Tuck Shop –T. Mollin

-No slush puppies this year, kids are loving frozen juice boxes and welshe ice juice pops

-Made \$100 each week.

-will be away October 14th-Tracey Barnes will cover that day

Fundraising – A. White

-Family Photo fundraiser October 24th and 25th at Father Pandosy Mission-info sheets went home

-Belgo Wear-all set up, info sheets will go home early next week.

-Ideas for fundraising this year: Fund Script, Poinsettias and Purdy's, Jingle all the way DSF book, cookie dough and magazines, Kindnessathon, community garage sale, tie dye shirts, fun fair CPF (Canadian Parents for French) – T.Gervais

-AGM meeting coming up Tuesday Oct6th 6pm Kelowna library

-CPF is a non profit org. providing French as a second language opportunities for youth and parents. They advocate for quality French programs in our school.

-Looking for more members, \$25 can go online and register.

-The group is n need of a treasurer

-Tanya will keep our Facebook page updated with info and events.

7:25

New Business

1. Vacancy – secretary

-Jayme B. nominates Nicole Mason, Annette W. seconds, all in favor.

2.Halloween Dance- Dwayne is not available this year. Phil White may be available, Annette will ask. Need to find out about licensing.

-Need volunteers for decorating, set up, Tracey Barnes has volunteered to take on the dance.

3. Fun Fair- May 26th

4.Rocks N Rings-will happen this year, info forms will go out soon

5. Bulletin Board-Stacey, Tanya, Annette

7:30

Old Business-none

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General discussion

-Outdoor Classroom-taking kids outside to learn, have little wooden tables. Find out if teachers are interested. Kelly Penner will look into it.

-Fundraising ideas from another parent: Student Unit ticket pack books-coupon book that the children get every year and sell for \$25. Christmas Gifts for the children. Little trinkets from dollar store. Kids buy the gifts for their parents, siblings, family, etc. Silent Auction.

7:59PM

Adjourned

Dates to Remember

- Sept 25 – photo day!

Next meeting is OCTOBER 15 2015 at 6:30pm

Action Items: (what/who/when)

Chelsea Frank-more info for sounds fields

Follow up with Harshenin, Hayward, Collins, about daily 5 program that we helped fund last year.