



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday April 27th, 2010

Welcome

- Accept March 30th Minutes – Marlee Wilson/Gret Dowd
- Any additions to the agenda? Yes: Entertainment books (Kenneth Su)
- Accept the agenda – Mona Byrne/Kelly Edwards
- 25 people in attendance.
- Thank you to Mrs. Susut for attending the meeting

Principal's Report: Kathy Upton

- Reading extravaganza is going wonderfully! Children have read over 5,000 books, so Kathy will be heading to Mayfair mall in her Winnie the Pooh outfit :) Way to go! Next goal is 6,000 books read, which will earn the children an extra afternoon recess. Comprehension levels for the program have reached 89%, in mostly non-fiction books.
- Some staffing updates: Christine Patterson will be leaving at the end of the year to go to Eagleview Elementary. Our new VP will be Heather Meidinger. Nancy Carson is retiring at the end of the year and Brenda Oris has officially retired. Mina Sahota will also be leaving at the end of the year as Gail Penner will be returning. All positions will be filled by the end of August. Thank you to everyone and you will be missed! There will be 12 divisions next year, with 11 full time teachers. Enrollment is at 288 with a waitlist for every grade level. There will be 5 multi-age classes: 1/2 split, 2/3 split, 3 /4 split and 2 x 4/5 split classes. 2011/2012 will be full day kindergarten.
- Thank you to parents for filling out the survey on the school website. All information is very valuable. The uniform survey was successful as well with 112 electronic responses and 9 paper responses.
- There have been many uniform infractions consisting of un-uniform pants, capris, t-shirts, ankle socks, nail polish and over 25% sweater infractions. Kathy will be making phone calls to parents of children who are not wearing uniform clothing



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- The past ProD day was successful. Teachers attended full day workshops dedicated to reading/writing for children. Kathy noticed in at least 2 classrooms that she visited that the strategies learned at the workshops were being put into place.
- 2 week spring break is to continue for next year.
- Discussion of eliminating early Wednesday dismissal is in progress. Board of Education will make the final decision, but the staff is talking about pros/cons etc.
- Ed Peekeekoot, a Cree musician, came to perform for the children. The children enjoyed the music.
- The school webpage will be updated each Friday.
- The staff have discussed a goal for the Thrifty smile cards, and they would like to purchase more books for the children. They have just spend over \$3000 on more books for the AR program, and will foresee they would need more books, about \$2-3000 per year! Children are reading at an enormous rate.
- Kathy would like the PAC BOD to attend a staff meeting at the beginning of the year; PAC BOD agrees they will attend.
- Staff fundraisers: Monies earned from their fundraisers go towards student activities. Field trips, bus costs etc. Goal is to eliminate asking for donations from parents.
- Mrs. Susut wishes to thank the school, and children for being so kind, polite, well Mrs. Susut is a grade 2 teacher who's worked at other schools, and praises Cloverdale Traditional immensely. She wants to let us all know about the Artist of the Month program. Students will be learning about various artists and making their own work in the style of that artist for that month, which will be displayed on the board across from the office.

Vice Principal's Report: Christine Patterson

- Math Arcade will go ahead on Friday April 30th from 630-8pm in the Gym. Volunteers are still needed to run the stations! Please see Gret Dowd or Christine Patterson if you are interested.



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Treasurer's Report: Melissa Nute

- \$500 was received from the staff to go towards the school sign. Thank you so much!
- Thrifty smile cards brought in \$206.30
- Mrs. Choi wishes to use her \$100 for an incubator for her school classroom for some duck eggs.

Uniform proposal:

- It was proposed that there be a few changes/amendments to our uniforms. Seeing as there have been many infractions, it was proposed that the crested vest/jacket be made a mandatory part of the uniform. Children do not have to wear them each day, but must have one on hand in the school for assemblies, field trips, or if the child is asked to remove a sweater that is not uniform.

Motion: To amend the Uniform Guidelines to read “ The mandatory crested vest/jacket must be brought to school everyday, making it readily available to students”.

All in Favor? – Unanimous. **Motion passed**

- The second item was to determine whether or not the various sweaters that children are wearing should be disband. Many children are wearing hoodies, zip up sweaters, sweaters with logos or other patterns that are not accepted as part of the Cloverdale uniform. Many parents showed concern about the children not having sweaters. Some suggestions were brought forth to praise those students who are conforming to uniform code... incentives? A committee was struck to look into the possibility of adding a crested sweater to the uniform guidelines. Thank you Marlee for heading the committee!

This discussion will be tabled until our next PAC meeting on May 25th 2010.

- Kathy plans to meet with the Teachers, in September, to go over the Uniform Guidelines.
- Kathy will look into ordering labels to be put on every child's vest, in hopes that vests will be easily identified and not lost. She will send out a notice to parents with a description of what the accepted uniform cardigan should resemble.



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- The next uniform sale will coincide with kindergarten orientation on May 28th, 2010.

Old Business:

· PAC BOD/SPC Nominations:

Nominations are in and here are the following names for our next PAC BOD

Chair: Duncan Cardinal

Co-Chair: Gret Dowd

Treasurer: Melissa Nute

Secretary: Stacey Haase

Member at large: Greta Harvey

Kenneth Su

School Planning Council: Sarah Charlie

Kim Crane

A vote will take place at our next PAC meeting to determine the member at large.

- Year-end dance is June 18th. Please see Genita or Stacey if you'd like to volunteer.

New Business:

· PAC introduced a vest buy back program for all grade 5's that are leaving the school. Proposed to buy vests back at \$10 per vest and resell (amount to be determined) to families who are in need of a vest. This will take some further discussion and possible voting. Thoughts on a uniform exchange forum on the website were brought forth.

· Entertainment book fundraiser needs some volunteers. For this to be a success, we need to get a head start on it and get distributing information. Kenneth will be heading this fundraiser. Anyone interested please see Kenneth Su.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25pm