



# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday November 24<sup>h</sup>, 2009

## Welcome

- Accept October 27<sup>th</sup> Minutes – Marlee Wilson/Maia Garland
- Any additions to the agenda? Yes: Hot Lunch
- Accept the agenda – Marlee Wilson/Mona Byrne
- 17 people in attendance, big thank you to Mrs. Harrower who also attended the meeting.

## Principal's Report: Kathy Upton

- Torch relay was a great success!! Kids had a fabulous time :) Lots of things for the children to do.
- Kathy showed a video to the members of the PAC: “Don't Laugh at Me” (Peter Yarrow) It was the theme of the assembly that was held, which went well. Books have been ordered and Kathy has been reading to various classes. There is an anti-bullying pledge for each classroom.
- Poinsettia sales brought in over \$1,000 for field trips, busing etc.. Over 200 plants were sold!
- Robert George came to the school (aboriginal music and dancing in Gymnasium)
- Pamela is working with the grade 5's to create angels and other items throughout the year.
- Scholastic book fair to be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and in the morning on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Accepting visa, and interac.
- Lunch time has been extended by 10 minutes.
- Uniform inspections are being done and letters are being sent home.
- Larger waisted pants are needed. If anyone has any pants that fit larger in the waist and would like to donate them, please see Kathy or Christine in the office.
- Items for the theme baskets for the raffle at the Christmas concert are being accepted. Items for \$2-\$4 from each child are being requested for the baskets. The concert will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten students will participate one evening and grades 1-5 will participate both evenings. Money raised from the concert to be used for a local charity. Idea: Raffle off front row seat tickets for the concert?
- December 9<sup>th</sup> is the strings presentation at Cedar Hill Middle School. Children from our school will be performing that evening.
- Parent teacher interviews are being held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Letters going home with kindergarten children. There will be a noon dismissal on both these days to accommodate the interviews. OSC is offering care on Wednesday for parents who are already registered. Mrs. Harrower to be interviewing parents from 8am-8pm :) There will be no school that day for all kindergarten children.
- Magazine sales to start on December 1<sup>st</sup>, in the office.

## Vice Principal's Report: Christine Patterson

- The school wide write on “pets” that took place in October, resulted in 72% of children meeting expectations, with 1/5<sup>th</sup> of children having English as a second language.
- Soccer Jamboree: Grades 4 and 5 displayed wonderful sportsmanship
- Under the Giving Tree asking for donations of toiletries, or services of wrapping presents. This is through the salvation army.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day assembly went well. Kathy presented a slide show about war, and present wars.
- Christine presented an idea of having a math arcade. There are bins available with assorted math activities in which children can participate in. It would be for one night, and 10 stations. Perhaps parents to volunteer? For all grades.



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- Self Esteem workshop: Barbara Small has offered her services to come give a workshop on self esteem. Families of children in the school will be offered seats first.

## Treasurer's Report: Melissa Nute

- Hot lunch brought in \$192.52 after expenses.
- Halloween dance brought in \$510.20 after expenses
- Smile cards total for October is \$298.49
- Budget request was made, but was needed before a PAC meeting could be held. It was for \$50 for the Anti Bullying committee to make the ribbons. The PAC BOD approved it. As well as funds needed for games/prizes for the craft fair.

## Old Business:

- **Bullying Committee: Gillian** Assembly went well, the skits were great. Pins with ribbons on them were made for the children to wear. The committee is encouraging more proactive teaching and positive reinforcement. There will be a Wear Pink day in February. Perhaps surveys for students to fill out on bullying?
- **Smile cards: Kelly Edwards** Thrifty foods is asking for receipts, something tangible that we can use the money raised for. Perhaps field trips, or sport/outdoor wear? Cloverdale school sign for the front of the school?  
Motion: For Thrifty smile card funds to be used towards the purchase of a school sign/reader board ALL IN FAVOR.
- **Campbell's Labels/Newsletter: Marlee Wilson** There have been 1400 more labels donated since the last count, including 50 double pointers! This brings the total to 7237 labels! V8 is still offering double points. Marlee will include a link to the Campbell's merchant catalog, in the newsletter. Suggestions for items that could be purchased are welcomed. Funds could be used for books, dvd's or even items for the music program? The newsletter will include PAC BOD contact information. Class reps are a way for parents to voice any concerns to the BOD or PAC if they cannot attend any meetings. The website is coming along very nicely. Should be all finished in January.
- **Craft Fair update:** All tables have now been sold. Setup will be at 2pm on Friday, volunteers to arrive at 5pm. For the day of, volunteers are needed. Please email [michdave@hotmail.com](mailto:michdave@hotmail.com)
- **Hot Lunch: Kathy Upton** There was a miscommunication on the last hot lunch day. Thank you to ALL volunteers who stepped in at the last minute! Gold stars for you! Mona, Maia, Melissa, Marion, Duncan and everyone! More donated lunches are required.
- **Motion:** For PAC to pay for \$45 for December's donated hot lunches, then review hot lunch in January's PAC meeting.  
**MOVED:** Ken **SECONDED:** Chris **CARRIED.**

## New Business:

- **Self esteem workshop: Tanya Creed** Local counsellor Barbara Small has agreed to offer a workshop for parents of children in the school at a cost of \$200 for 1 hour or \$250 for 1.5hrs. It will be for 50 participants maximum. Fundraiser to raise funds?
- **Motion:** To have Barb Small offer her workshop to Cloverdale School at a cost of \$200 for 1 hour plus tax.  
**MOVED:** Stacey **SECONDED:** Mona **CARRIED.** Dates to be decided upon.



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- **Bottle Drive: Chris Kachanoski** January 9<sup>th</sup> is the date for the bottle drive. Volunteers are needed to hand out flyers and pick up bottles from various locations. Flyers need to be out before Christmas in order for Christmas bottles to be saved.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:45pm