



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday October 27th, 2009

Welcome

- Accept September 29th Minutes – Marlee Wilson/Mary Jean Kracwiw
- Any additions to the agenda? Yes: Uniforms, Smile Cards, CTS Christmas ornaments
- Accept the agenda – Kelly Edwards/Andrea O'Day

Principal's Report: Kathy Upton

- Mrs. Penner is off until further notice. She is unable to continue working after her illness. We hope for a speedy recovery for her.
- We have a new teacher librarian-Travis Ritchie. Welcome! He comes highly recommended from Mrs. Watters, who is now leaving.
- There will be 4 student teachers in the school doing their practicum as part of their course, as well as Uvic student teachers in the school visiting, learning about Traditional Schools.
- Olympic torch relay bus leaves on Friday. The bus is compliments of Saanich Municipality, and only 10 schools were offered this! There will be activities happening at Braefoot School, and everyone is welcome. There will be 1 student chosen from each of the 10 schools, to join the other students for a photo with the torch and participants. Students are to wear vests, and something red (to symbolize Canada).
- 2 tickets to an Olympic event will be offered to one of the 10 schools, to be raffled off as they see fit.
- If anyone is interested in fundraising/renewing magazine subscriptions, they can renew/order in the office with Mrs. Upton.
- Poinsetta sales will be starting. They are starting at \$12 with a variety of sizes/colors. These will be supplied by Marigold Nurseries, and we are estimating that if 600 are sold, it will be a profit of \$3,000 for the school!
- There will be a student from our school who will be in a TV show, airing Thursdays at 8am and Sundays at 8am on APTN channel. Kate-la from Mrs. Susut's class will be our local TV star!
- Playground: There are several years of use left in the playground in the back of the school. This may become a long term goal for the future, as many things need to be considered (location).
- If anyone is in need of uniform pieces, there are some pieces in the cupboard. Donation of uniform pieces are gratefully accepted. Pants are in need. Mrs. Upton will reimburse reasonably priced items, which are often found at Thrift stores downtown.
- There will be assemblies held once per month, on wednesday mornings at 9am. There will be one this wednesday, with the kindergarten class providing entertainment. Parents are always welcome to attend. The next scheduled one will be November 10th at 11am (Remembrance day ceremony)
- Patrick is working hard on the school website. It will be finished soon. Please fill out the survey on the website if you would like some input as to what is on the site.

Vice Principal's Report: Christine Patterson

- Christine and Kathy will plan a parent information evening, perhaps for January sometime. Please watch for this date. If you have any ideas on what you would like to hear or be informed on, please let them know.
- Reynold's family soccer Jamboree is next wednesday.



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Treasurer's Report: Melissa Nute

- Some small expenses this month were the crossing guard fees, and childminding fees for the PAC meetings.
- Smile cards brought in \$126 this month. Please remember to use them! Load them up before you shop.
- Classroom funds are starting to be used, which is great.
- PAC earned \$879.80 from the soccer kick-off. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!
- There is some money coming in for the craft fair already, which is wonderful.

Old Business:

- **Entertainment guides: Ken-**Total number of books sold was 274(including online sales). This brought in \$2746.77 profit! Way to go! All the books are handed out now, with 16 books still missing. Children who sold 3 or more books earned a zoo stuffie. Those who sold 1 book or more, will receive a prize, once they arrive. The fundraiser started later this year, so by the end of this year, there hopes to be a plan/strategy set in place for next year. Perhaps store front sales? Also, there needs to be a check made on the cards that are included in the books. Some books arrived with no card. Thank you from the teachers for their books and totes.
- **School Planning Council:** It has been decided that Melissa Nute will be the BOD on the school planning council, along with Kelly and Duncan. Thank you all!
- **Anti-Bullying: Kathy Upton-** A week in November will be a focus for Anti-Bullying. Kathy thought an assembly may be nice. Instead of the pink shirts, armbands or some pink accessory to wear. A good suggestion has been tabled-to have a survey for children to take, to see if they have ever been bullied, or have been the bully. Kathy will discuss with children on what bullying is, along with continuing the reading of stories in classrooms to educate the children.
- **Halloween Dance:Genita-**Dance is on Friday October 30th at 7pm. Tickets are \$2 each, and some will be sold at the door. Volunteers are needed for the night of. Please sign up with Genita. There will be snacks, games, glowsticks, prizes for costumes (children and best dressed parent) Genita puts forth a budget request of \$465 to be voted on. \$95 is non-recoverable, and estimating \$865 profit. **All in favor and approved.**
- **Campbell's labels: Marlee Wilson-**Still more labels are needed!! All labels that have been collected have now been verified. V8 fusion is offering double the points! Some goals will be set on what we can use the points for. Marlee will provide a link in the newsletter so parents can view what is being offered for points.
- **Craft fair: Andrea O'Day-**Craft fair is on November 28th, it is the 3rd annual craft fair, and it keeps getting better each year! There are currently 27 tables paid for and 8 pending payments. There are 50 spots to fill total, at \$35 each. Raffle items are needed still. The concession will be in the library this year, and there will be the Little Elves Shop where children can purchase clean used items. This information will be in the newsletter on Thursday. There will be games, facepainting cake walk etc.. Meisha will talk with students about volunteering to face paint. Art is needed for the art auction (small 8x10 sized pieces are best). There are 19 volunteers and 37 more are needed! There will be a sign up sheet at the Halloween dance (near the bathrooms by the gym) Also, more baked goods are needed, as they sell out every year.
- **Uniforms: Jayna Forgie(reads report)-**Uniform sale brought in \$1504 to the school. Mona is still looking for a volunteer to take over in 2 years. There arose some concerns about colors of accessories that children are wearing. Kathy will reinforce the uniform code at assemblies. 1 day per month will be set aside for children to wear 1 piece of clothing or accessory that is non uniform.



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- **Smile cards: Kelly Edwards-** There hasn't been much received from the smile cards. Reminder to parents to load up the card prior to shopping. School is eligible for \$3,000/year maximum. Perhaps a class rep to phone parents and remind them about the cards? Discussion on how we can get the word out. More advertising, or give cards out again?

New Business:

- **Ball signout:** Teachers and students are now responsible for signing out balls from their individual classes.
- **Villages Pizza:** Sunday through to Wednesdays, Villages pizza is offering 10% off your pick up orders. As well, they will offer 10% of monthly sales to the school! To receive a card, please pick one up in the office.
- **CTS Christmas ornaments:** Lois, and her husband David, are offering their time and services to make beautiful wooden christmas ornaments. They will be offered for sale at \$8 for preorders, or \$10 at the Christmas Craft fair. 100% of the profits will be donated to the school. Thank you so much Lois and David!
- **Field:** Kathy Upton- The wooden posts on the field are temporary. There will be concrete footings poured for aluminum removable posts.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm