



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

CTS PAC Our School Meeting

Date: Jan 25, 2011

Place of Meeting: CTS Library

26 Voting Members in attendance

Admin: Kathy Upton and Heather Meidinger in attendance

Teaching Staff: Ms. Laura Choi, Ms. Leilani Roberts and Ms. Pollard (Student Teacher) in attendance

Meeting Chair: Gret Dowd,

Duncan Cardinal sends his regrets

Meeting called to order: 6:35pm

Accept Nov 30th minutes: Marlee Wilson/Mary-Jean Krawciw

Additions to agenda: None

Accept agenda with additions: Tanya Creed/Marlee Wilson

Child Minding Notice: Thank you to Tracy and Meghan from Oaklands Out Of School Care for helping us out on short notice!

Principal's Report: Kathy Upton

Welcome to our new permanent Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Lucy Adams.

Lego Club: Due to an overwhelming success, the Lego club will be held on 3 lunch hour recesses, during the 3rd week of the month. This is to accommodate over 150 students wishing to join the club. Thank you to CTS parent, Lois Parkes for organizing and overseeing this club!

Lunch Monitors: 1st term lunch monitors will be given a special Pizza lunch for their volunteer efforts. The 2nd term lunch monitors are already in place.

Basketball: Grade 2's practice on Monday's, Grade 3-5 practice on Tue & Fri.

Thank you to Mr. Scigliano and Mr. Tran for coaching!

Norman Foote Choir: Practice's on Wed/Thurs. in preparation for the Norman Foote Concert on Feb 23rd. Tickets will go on sale closer to the date.

Story Theater: Feb 8th. Schools across the district have joined together to bring this performance to different schools, making the event more affordable.

Skate Canada Fieldtrip: Div's 1,2 & 3 went to Save On Food Memorial Arena on Jan 20th to watch a practice session with the competitors.

Concern: Notification vs. Consent for fieldtrips. The SD61 guidelines state that if a fieldtrip is within the SD61 boundaries, then a notification letter is



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all that is required. If it is outside the SD61 boundaries, then a consent letter must be sent home.

Some families have signed a request to have all fieldtrips consented on prior to the event.

Show Of Hands: Should consent forms be sent home for all fieldtrips?

Majority: YES

Watch for info in the upcoming CTS Newsletter.

Year-End Potlatch: June 23rd The Potlatch will be in honour of the Grade 5's. This will be in place of the Grade 5 Acknowledgement ceremony at the Year-End assembly.

Fun Day: June 24th

Year-End Assembly: June 27th

Beach Day: June 28th

Grade 3 Vancouver Fieldtrip: Individual Teachers are planning their own class fieldtrips. 2 Grade 3 Teachers (from 1 classroom) are considering the Vancouver Fieldtrip, but the logistics and practicality of the trip have not been determined. Please contact your Teacher or CTS Admin for more info.

Concern: Many of the current Grade 3 students are aware of and anticipating the long standing annual Vancouver Fieldtrip. Parents are concerned about the disappointment that will ensue due to the trip not happening.

Teachers and CTS Admin are advising parents not to talk about the Vancouver Fieldtrip with their children.

Pink Shirt Day: To recognize the Anti-Bullying Campaign, CTS students will be invited to wear a pink shirt on Feb 25th.

Personal Announcement: Kathy Upton has announced her intention to retire from SD61 effective July 31, 2011. Kathy is committed to working hard for the remainder of her time at CTS but is looking forward to her retirement. We wish Kathy the best of luck and a happy retirement!

Concern: Will the CTS School Planning Council have a hand in the hiring process of the new principal? Yes, SD61 will be in touch with the SPC. The date of the announcement of the new principal is currently unknown.

Vice Principal's Report: Heather Meidinger

FSA's: Currently taking place in the Grade 4 classrooms. Most students are well on their way to being finished. Classes have 5-6 weeks to finish.



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Jump Rope For Heart: Feb 14th. Pledge forms will go home on Feb 9th

Spell-A-Thon: Spelling Lists and Pledge forms went home on Jan 24rd. Spell-A-Thon will take place on Feb 2nd.

School Wide Write: Feb 7th-11th, 14th-18th. Teachers use the School Wide Write to re-assess students skills.

Ready Set Learn: All children aged 3-5 (and their parents) are invited to come to a Pajama Party in the Cloverdale Traditional School Library from 6pm - 7pm.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Laura Choi and Ms. Leilani Roberts

Word Work: The program is proving to be successful. The intent is to teach spelling by breaking down the parts of the spelling rules. Ms. Choi presented charts (from 2 groups) showcasing growth and improvement from the beginning of the program to its current status. Teachers are seeing positive results in all groups, which are also transferring to improvements in regular classroom work. The whole CTS Staff is happily committed to the program.

Concern: Would it be possible to for Teachers to provide a brief outline of how the lists are meant to be sorted? This would avoid parents guiding the students incorrectly.

CTS Dance Club: Ms. Roberts has created a Dance Club, currently for Grades 3-5. 38 students have joined! The main objective is to have FUN and the motto is "if you want to dance... dance". No dance experience necessary. The Grade 4's & 5's, along with a select few Grade 3's will be invited to perform at the Music Festival at UVic on May 3rd-4th. (A call for Volunteers will go out closer to the date) Once the Music Festival has passed, a club for Grades 1 & 2 will be offered.

Treasurers Report: Melissa Nute

Please see the attached Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. Meidinger has applied for her classroom funds.

Thrifty's Smile Cards: We received \$223.39.12 for Nov/11

Bottle Drive: Raised (after expenses: \$100 for custodian) \$1153.65

Comment: Chris Kachanoski (organizer) felt that with more volunteers, we could have doubled our income. We were only able to cover 25% of the area we had covered in the past due to lack of drivers.

Lego Club: Due to time restrictions, the CTS PAC BOD approved a budget of \$150 to be used toward the purchase Lego for the club.



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Funds Requests: Kathy Upton

CTS PAC was approached (through Kathy Upton) by the Cedar Hill Middle School PAC asking us to join them in presenting an Internet Safety Lecture by Victoria Policeman Darren Laur. The lecture will take place on Mar 2/11 at the Reynold's High School auditorium.

The cost of the lecture is \$250 and will be divided between the schools from the Reynolds Family that have decided to participate. This lecture will only be advertised to the community of schools in the Reynolds Family.

Funds Request for up to \$50 to be used to pay for the Internet Safety Lecture.

VOTE to approve funds: **Approved** (unanimously)

PAC Socials:

Jan 28th: Drumming Workshop hosted by Murray Creed.

Percussion instruments will be provided for a group demonstration and jam session

Feb 11th: Valentine's Social. Canned music will be provided for a Sock-Hop style dance. Please bring your own drinks and food.

Thrifty Foods/CTS Walkway: Kathy Upton

The Cloverdale Thrifty Foods Store Manager, Dean, has been in contact with Kathy to discuss the re-opening of the walkway. The store is currently working on plans to replace the shared fence and would like to confirm if the walkway should be removed permanently or reopened.

The walkway was recently closed due to a concerned former CTS parent who sat on a committee to develop the CTS Safe Route To School document in the early 90's. It was suggested by the committee that the walkway be closed. This parent brought up his concern to the Municipality while the plans for the recent redevelopment of Thrifty Foods were being discussed. The CTS Safe Route To School document has been misplaced. SD61 Operations has been looking at the walkway and has come up with 2 issues. #1: Were students cutting through the parking lot to access the light at the intersection of Cook/Quadra/Cloverdale? Yes #2: Having the walkway open was providing another access point to the school, creating concern with regards to the personal safety of the students.



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SD61 strongly recommended that the walkway be closed. It was closed during construction.

CTS Out Of School Care Society was pleased it was closed as it decreased the amount of "sketchy" people using CTS grounds as a walk through.

Thrifty Foods is impartial to the permanent closure but has noted that it creates one less exit point for shoplifters to escape.

Kathy created and presented a chart showing the pro's and con's of the walkway being open:

Cons

Safe route to school (Concerns about the safety of the students cutting through the parking lot as well as another access point to the school grounds)

Playground Safety

OSC Safety

Bolting Kids/Students (eliminates a potential exit)

Pros

Parent Pick-Up & Drop Off (ease)

Convenience for shopping

Kathy would appreciate the Parent's feedback:

A speaker's list was created and a time limit for the discussion was initiated.

Key points brought up:

~ The walkway closure has caused major chaos in both parking lots. Parents are now using the Staff parking lot for pick-up/drop-off making the parking lot unsafe.

~ Families are still using the Thrifty's parking lot for temporary parking to avoid the chaos of the school's lots. It has been noted by many families that the access to the sidewalk from the Thrifty's parking lot to the School access is not safe. There is a large obstruction causing a major blind spot. Drivers are not practising safe driving in the area.

~ Dean from Thrifty's has mentioned to parents that he'd "love" to have the walkway reopened.

~ It has been noticed that there are fewer "vagrant" people in the area. Possibly due to the closure of supplementary stores in the complex?



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Ideas for solutions:

- ~ Deal with the obvious issue of lack of parking at the school.
- ~ Install a gate on the walkway opening. This could be locked as necessary.
- ~ Re-educate parents/guardians on how to use the parking lots appropriately
- ~ Create a Valet lane in the Staff Parking lot.
- ~ Move the walkway to an appropriate place. Within the staff parking area?
- ~ Try to avoid driving to school.
- ~ Approach BMO for permission to park in their parking lot outside of business hours.

By show of hands: People in favour of having the walkway reopened?

For: Majority

Against: 2 people

Impartial: 1 person

VCPAC: Kelly Edwards

Please see attached VCPAC Report for full details

Contests/Grants

Comic Contest

Youth Core Grants

Events

Dr. Allison Rees Seminar "Holding On To Your Teens While Letting Go"

2011 Vancouver Island Parent Conference

Decreased registration fee per person for school teams of 5 or more.

Please contact the PAC BOD at cts.pac@vcpac.ca if you would like to take advantage of the group rate.

Author Guy Dauncey seminar "Celebrating Our Successes and Visualizing Our Future"

GRUBS Spring Break Camp

The Great BC Shake Out: Stacey Haase

Join the thousands of British Columbians who will "Drop, Cover and Hold On" during BC's largest Earthquake Drill at 10 am on Jan 26/11.

For more information and registration please go to www.shakeoutbc.ca

CTS has registered and will take part in the drill.



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Joint Discussion Group:

The group is in the process of organizing the first meeting, which will hopefully take place in early to mid February.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Attached:

Treasurer's Report – Jan 2011

VCPAC Report – Jan 2011

Treasurer's Report Jan 2011

General Account				Gaming Account			
Balance	23,988.36	Reserve Funds	10,000.00	Balance	12,911.95		
Available Funds	9,777.36	Unearned Funds	673.79	Available Funds	10,492.80		
Expenses							
On-Going Expenses	Total Approved Budget	Spent To Date	Remaining Funds	Allocated Funds	Total	Spent to Date	Remaining
Crossing Guard Bonus	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	Whole School Field Trips	1,400.00	966.00	434.00
Childminding (PAC meetings)	1,000.00	300.00	700.00	Classroom Non-Consumables	1,300.00	314.85	985.15
				Kindergarten Field Trips	515.20	515.20	-
				Entertainment/Fine Arts	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
				Lego Club	150.00	150.00	
				Agendas	600.00	600.00	-
				Total			2,419.15
Committee Budgets				Gaming Funds Earned			
BOD Operating	350.00	58.43	291.57	Craft Fair Raffle	579.00		
Craft Fair	945.23	751.44	193.79	Total			
Halloween Dance General	293.95	293.95	-				
Halloween Dance Lights	100.00	33.60	66.40				
One Time Expenses							
Grade 5 Legacy Fund	550.00		550.00				
Accelerated Reading Prizes	1,300.00	507.06	792.94				
Library Books	592.51		592.51				
Fundraisers							
On-going Fundraiser	Earned This Month	Expenses	Revenue This Month	Revenue to Date			
Thrifty's Smile Cards	223.39		223.39	592.51			
Bottle Depot				51.20			
Cobbs							
Total				643.71			
One-Time Fundraiser	Amount Earned	Expenses	Total Revenue				
School Supplies							
Entertainment Books	8,775.00	5,966.23	2,808.77				
Halloween Dance	1,258.27	327.55	930.72				
Christmas Craft Fair	5,325.89	1,330.44	3,995.45				
Bottle Drive	1,253.65	100.00	1,153.65				
Total			8,888.59	-			
			Total Fundraiser Revenue				
			9,532.30				

VCPAC Information:

CONTESTS / FUNDRAISERS

1. Comic Contest

We want to see your good food ideas and solutions in a comic? Students from across Canada are invited to create their own comic and enter it in the Canada's Good Food Hero Comic Contest. This is a chance to create awareness about food in Canada. The top 10 entries from each age group will be featured in the Good Food Hero Comic Book, to be distributed across the country. For more information visit <http://foodsecurecanada.org/good-food-hero-comic-contest>

2. YouthCore Grants

YouthCore's SPARK Grants are calling for project ideas on their new phase called Learning to Lead Through Action. This new phase will include project planning, implementation and evaluation training working closely with the Youth Engagement Projects Coordinator. For more information contact www.YouthCoreProgram.ca

EVENTS

1. Holding on to Your Teens While Letting Go

We parents today carry a lot of anxiety for our kids and we take over their responsibilities when we do that. Teenagers are at a stage in life where they need freedom to make some mistakes, take some risks and even struggle a little. We ask too many questions, lecture and attempt to control and then wonder why our teens lie. So the conundrum, how do we keep them safe and have a relationship with them? How do we maintain our own personal boundaries and look after ourselves through this "stage" which now seems to last way too long?

Join Dr. Allison Rees of LIFE Seminars for her down to earth approach to LIFE with a teenager.

Monday, February 7th, 2011 – 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Victoria High School Auditorium, 1260 Grant Street

Admission: by donation for 'Youth at Risk'

Hosted by Victoria High School PAC

2. 2011 VI Parent Conference:

What is 21st Century Learning? How does personalized learning support it? Explore how it's being implemented in local schools and discover the possibilities.

Celebrate community. Hear the success story of one educator who built a school culture where everyone belongs and everyone gets involved. Investigate Servant-Leadership, a model of leadership,

followship and service for cultivating caring, collaborative and democratic communities. Participants will engage in discussions and sharing while building their understanding of this dynamic process.

Dialogue with our panelists as they discuss the learning strengths inherent in our many aboriginal cultures. Find out how these learning methods are being used to enhance education for all students.

Date: Saturday, February 5, 2011

Time: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

Location:

Spectrum Community School

957 West Burnside Road, Victoria, BC

Cost:

(includes lunch and snacks) \$65 per person for the day

\$55 per person for school teams of 5 or more

As space is limited, registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis. A deadline has been set for Friday, January 28th

To foster collaboration at the school level, we are offering a 15% discount to teams of 5 or more participants from a school. This includes any combination of parents and staff. For these teams, the registration fee is reduced from \$65 to \$55 per person. The fee includes a catered lunch as well as refreshments in the morning and afternoon.

For more information and to register, visit: <http://vcpac.ca/vip-conference>

3. Celebrating our Successes and Visualizing our Future

You are invited to join us for the SD 61 Green Initiatives event Celebrating our Successes and Visualizing our Future. The session will include keynote speaker and author Guy Dauncey. Guy shares a positive vision of a sustainable future and provides practical ways to put the vision into action. You will also have the opportunity to meet with your family of schools and share challenges, successes and creative ways to move into the future. Everyone is welcome, administrators, teachers, students, CUPE and parents. February 15th from 4:00 to 6:30 pm at SJ Willis Auditorium. To register your school email mjones@sd61.bc.ca before February 8th

4. GRUBS Spring Break Camp

Lifecycles Project Society and the Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre are offering fun and educational experiences at this Spring Break camp. Kids ages 6-11 years will explore urban farms; build compost bins; play with worms; learn about local food, participate in outdoor games and activities. March 21-24th from 9:30 am-2:00 pm For more information or to register call 250-386-WORM or email outreach@compost.bc.ca