



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

CTS PAC Our School Meeting

Date: November 1, 2011

Place of Meeting: School Library

11 voting members in attendance

Meeting Chair: Tanya Creed, Melissa Nute

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Accepted October minutes: Lois Parkes & Mary Jean Krawciw

Additions to agenda: Xmas ornaments – Lois Parkes, Bottle Drive – Tracey Lowe

Accept Agenda: Ginny Woodfine & Judith Berrington

Principal's Report: Renee Pick

Staff Update – New Staff:

1. EA Supervisor - Miss Sherri Collis
2. Grade 1 part time for Kay Marshall – Mrs. Leigh McIntyre
3. Grade 4/5 – Miss Jocelyn Burrridge
4. Aboriginal Studies – John Harris as casual until December

Communications

- Appreciate parent interactions this month, see teacher first before principal, when in doubt bring student to the meeting

Discipline Notices

- Showed examples of Thinking Paper and Conduct Report used in situations where students were required to see the Principal, copy of Conduct Report goes home in agenda to be signed and returned
- Students encouraged to always tell the truth, speak of for themselves and relate the whole story to address situations
- All information regarding students behaviour should go through the teacher (from parents, EA assistants, principal, playground supervisors)

Attendance/Late Letters mailed to homes this week

- 20% school missed is marker for potential problems
- Letters will be sent out each month

Report Cards – December 9th

- Principal and Vice Principal responsible for ensuring report cards are sent home
- Modified report card will be sent home with subject areas and attendance
- Note will be made on back regarding teacher's job action and placed in student's file to explain blank report cards
- For further info see Greater Victoria School District website
- Appointments can be made at any time with student's teacher if desired



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Volunteer Sign-in – Now in the office

Parent support much appreciated:

- Halloween Dance very successful
- Earthquake kits
- Driving for field trips

Thank you!

Grade 5 Strings played at District Event at Mt. Doug Secondary

Still awaiting word regarding Soccer Field and Sound System

Vice Principal's Report: Heather Meidinger

Christmas Musical – will be a collection of songs

- No evening performances due to job action
- Afternoon performances on December 14 & 15, probably around 1:15pm
- Dress Rehearsal on morning of December 13, limited space for parents

Grade 5 Soccer attend Soccer Jamboree with Mr. Said, may be moving inside soon as weather dictates

Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th

- Member of Armed Forces will speak at the assembly and will later talk further with Grade 4's and 5's

Recycling

- Green Team has been emptying bins, collection recyclables
- No composting yet
- Trying to encourage reusable over recyclable (reduce)

1000X5

- Pink bin in office to collect books for children under 5
- Packaged up in gift bags for Strong Start programs throughout Victoria
- Goal is 1000 books read by age 5 (Success by 6)
- More information available in newsletters
- Students can bring in books of any size or shape in good condition
- Program would like to move into food banks, etc.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Nute

- Gaming Grant received - \$5260
- Teachers funds of \$100/division must be used for items that are not curriculum based, for the students, not the teachers (eg. games)
- Halloween Dance made \$1171 profit
- Smile Card payment of \$70 received
- Regal fundraiser up and running, on school website



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CTS Agenda Vote: Tanya Creed

We as a PAC approve to pay for half of the outstanding balance of the school agendas after donations have been collected to a maximum of \$775.98 from the general account

2nd – Tara Poilevre

VOTE: unanimous

Organic Garden Proposal: Korene Tourney

- Proposal put forth to establish raised organic garden beds at the school
- 6-8 garden beds desired with students starting seeds in class, transplant and maintain as part of the school curriculum, during school hours
- Will speak with OSC to see if they would like to maintain gardens as part of summer camps
- Discussion regarding steps to be taken
 - Speak with teacher`s to get their support
 - School Board rules, they are on board but have guidelines and suggestions to use existing garden beds that need beautification
 - PAC to organize
 - Possible partnership with Haliburton Farms, Thrifty Foods?
 - Corporate donations suggested – Vancity, Trio
- Proposal will be outlined in newsletter to see if there is support for the plan
- Grants for funding may be available from “Healthy Saanich”, \$1000 available through a competition

Save Around Books: Melissa Nute

- Finished and successful, 248 books sold
- \$3040 raised

Christmas Ornaments: Lois Parkes

- Year 3 of wooden xmas ornaments handmade by Lois Parke`s husband
- Oak leaf design this year
- Will sell for \$10 as donation to PAC
- To be sold at craft fair in bake sale area, possibly at Christmas Concert
- Have some leftovers from previous years for those that would like to collect
- Will have some in teacher`s staff room for them to purchase if they wish

Bottle Depot: Tanya Creed

- Glanford and Queen St. locations have been added as well as Quadra location

Uniform Swap: Tanya Creed

- Anyone interested in coordinating a uniform swap in January?
- Discussion ensued regarding possible locations and times – at PAC socials, BBQ, Craft Fair, during uniform sale
- Office has lots of donated uniforms



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Bottle Drive: Tracey Lowe

- January 8, 2011
- Need volunteers, sent around sign up sheet
- Notices will be delivered around route prior to Xmas, drivers will be needed for route
- Flyer will be sent out to class reps for distribution
- Request for driver`s and Flyer delivery will be added to newsletter
- Possibly have bottle drive outside this year, under tent? More visible to neighbourhood

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm