



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

CTS PAC Our School Meeting

Date: Nov 30, 2010

Place of Meeting: CTS Library

19 Voting Members in attendance

Kathy Upton and Heather Meidinger in attendance

Meeting Chair: Duncan Cardinal and Gret Dowd

Meeting called to order: 6:35pm

Accept Oct 26th minutes: Mona Byrne/Tanya Creed

Additions to agenda:

Jami Wood (CTS Swag)

Gillian Douglas (OSC/Preschool Involvement)

Gret Dowd (Parenting Without Power Struggles)

Additions will be discussed if time permits.

Accept agenda with additions: Marlee Wilson/Jami Wood

Principal's Report: Kathy Upton

Report Cards going home on Dec 3rd

Parent/Teacher Interview times will be sent home with Report Cards

Holiday Concert – Dec 15th/16th at 6:30pm. Admission by tickets. Due to lack of chairs available to the school, it will be suggested that families do not bring siblings to the concert. Ticket info will be going home shortly.

Families are invited to watch the Winter Concert dress rehearsal on Dec 14th. If attending the Dress Rehearsal, please keep in mind that this is the only opportunity that the students will have to see the concert in its entirety.

Suggestion: Offer a Front Row Seat draw for the Winter Concerts.

Due to District cut-backs, there will be no more deliveries of tables/chairs to the school. Each school will receive an additional amount of chairs bringing our total up to approx 213.

THANK YOU to the PAC for covering the cost of the transportation to the Naden Band Concert. 5 busses will be taking the students to the Concert on Dec 15th.

Pro D Day: Teaching staff has been working on different aspects of Writing.

Looking at content/skill level as well as mechanics at different grade levels.

Staff has also been working on developing a Behaviour Matrix. Concentrating on desired behaviour and values in our school community.



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Action Schools! BC Workshop: Focused on quick activities for children that meet the physical fitness curriculum for schools. www.actionschoolsbc.ca

Word Work: Almost finished the first 6 week rotation. Students will be re-assessed and placed into groups for the next rotation. All classes taking part in the program. 2 Grade 1 classes are working within their class instead of in focus groups. The biggest impact/success has been seen in those students who do the daily follow-up home work.

Vice Principal's Report: Heather Meidinger

CTS field was closed today. As a result students are playing soccer on the pavement, which has resulted in a few bumps and bruises to the students. Looking into a solution... possibly separating the older students from the younger.

Scholastic Book Fair: Dec. 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th. Please see the school website for times.

Book Fair Family Night: Dec 3rd 5:30-6:30 Clifford The Big Red Dog will be in attendance.

60% of all book sales will donated back the school in the form of books!

Suggestion: To have the book sale open at 11:30am to accommodate the Preschool dismissal.

Remembrance Day Assembly was "Fabulous". The students performed a beautiful song with the help of Ms. Thompson!

BC Schools Superintendents Association Conference: Discussed 21st Century learning as well as personalized learning.

Highlight: Sir Ken Robinson You-Tube clip titled Changing Education Paradigms. www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDZFcDGpL4U

Kathy Upton: Follow-up on discussion/concerns about our Traditional School Model.

Proposed that a committee, comprised of Parents and Staff, be struck to take a look at the original Traditional School proposal. To see where we are now, and where we'd like to go.

A sign up sheet was passed around. 12 people have expressed an interest in joining the committee.

Treasurers Report: Melissa Nute

Please see the attached Treasurer's Report.

Note: The Available Funds does not reflect the earning from the Craft Fair. The amounts will be updated once the funds have been deposited.

Thrifty's Smile Cards: We received \$273.12 for Oct! What a great improvement!!!



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Mrs. Harrower has submitted her invoices for the Kindergarten field trips. The amounts came to \$105.20 above the amount (\$410) that was approved at the PAC Planning/Budget meeting.

MOTION: For the PAC to cover the additional \$105.20 for the Kindergarten field trip, to be paid from the PAC Gaming Account.

Proposed: Melissa Nute 2nd: Stacey Haase **Approved** (unanimously)

Funds Requests: Melissa Nute/Stacey Haase

Funds Request for \$93.95 to be paid to Genita Alexander for the Halloween Dance budget overage.

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

Funds Request Guideline Amendment: Stacey Haase

Proposed amendment to the Funds Request Guidelines to read as follows:

All receipts/invoices are to be presented to the CTS PAC Treasurer within 2 weeks of the fundraiser concluding. Upon receipt of the receipts/invoices, the reimbursement will be issued within 2 weeks. Reimbursement of any receipts presented after the 2 weeks deadline will be at the discretion of the PAC BOD

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

ACTION: **Stacey Haase** to update Funds Request Guideline to reflect the amendment.

Bottle Drive: Chris Kachanoski

CTS Bottle Drive, Jan 8th 9am – 3pm at the CTS Gym

No flyers will be handed door to door this year. We will rely on word of mouth, signage and FREE advertising graciously donated by the Black Press!

The ad will run on Dec 30th, Jan 3rd & 6th in the Victoria and Saanich News.

Discussion: Possibility of renting a truck for pick-ups. Suggestion to ask local restaurants/pubs for their empties. Advertising CTS Bottle Drive at local Beer and Wine stores.

Volunteers needed for day of the Bottle Drive. Especially drivers with trucks!

Please contact Chris at ckachanoski@hotmail.com or 250.661.5237 for more info.



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Discussion:

Amounts received from the Bottle Depot on-going fundraiser do not seem to reflect perceived donations. Many people have come forward saying they have donated their empties to CTS at the Bottle Depot. Cause?

PAC Socials: Gillian Douglas

Dec 3rd: Holiday Movie Night. Movie title to be voted on by ballot. Selection will be revealed at the end of tonights meeting.

Jan 28th: Drumming Workshop hosted by Murray Creed.

The gym will be split into two sections allowing smaller groups to rotate through the workshop.

Valentines Social/Dance: Possibility of holding a non-fundraiser dance on Feb 11/11 .

ACTION: Melissa Nute to confirm with Patrick O’Keeffe if he’d be willing to DJ

ACTION: Stacey Haase to confirm Gym availability.

Discussion/Concern: A few parents have come forward suggesting that the volume of the music at the last few dances has been too loud, making it uncomfortable for younger students. Solution: Suggest to Patrick (DJ) that the music volume be brought down a notch.

Another concern is that the gym is too dark, making it hard for younger students to find their parents or parent to find their children. Solution: Possibly setting up Christmas Lights?

Preschool Involvement: Gillian Douglas

OSC had their AGM on Nov 29th. A concern was brought forward by Preschool Parents that they were not getting the CTS Newsletter or Notification emails.

ACTION: To have the Preschool families email addresses forwarded (with their permission) to the school to be added to the Newsletter/Notice email list.

A second request for the school to add a link to the OSC website to the CTS website.

ACTION: Kathy Upton to add a link.



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Fundraisers:

Cob's Bread: Gret Dowd for Kelly Edwards

Be sure to mention that you are from Cloverdale Traditional School next time you make a purchase at Cob's Bread in the Shelbourne Plaza (this location only). 5% of your purchase will be donated back to CTS. Thank you Kelly Edwards for setting this up!

Halloween Dance: Stacey Haase for Genita Alexander

Thank you to all of the Volunteers and to everyone who came out the dance, making it a great success!

The total amount raised (after expenses) was \$930.72! Great job Genita!!!

Craft Fair: Michele Mork

This year the Craft Fair brought in \$5325.89 (before expenses)!!! What a great success!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered... This year everything ran so smoothly largely in part to the Volunteers, fantastic Committee Heads, PAC BOD and the School Staff and Admin!

The Craft Fair committee would like offer, in the future, 2 awards:

The Un-Sung Hero Award and The Grandparent Award. These awards would hopefully be presented at the Holiday Concert.

The PAC BOD would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Michele Mork and the Craft Fair Committee Heads for all of their hard work and dedication making the Craft Fair a huge success!!!

Discussion/Concern: Lack of chairs for the Holiday Concert.

Some parents feel that it is unacceptable to not allow siblings at the Holiday Concert. Staff are discussing solutions. We are currently short approx. 100 chairs
Suggestion by parents: The PAC would consider covering the cost of renting chairs for the upcoming Concert and to look into purchasing chairs for the future.

ACTION: **Kathy Upton** to look into the cost of rentals as well as the cost to purchase chairs.

VCPAC: Kelly Edwards (not in attendance) No report

PAC Planning Committee: Duncan Cardinal/Gret Dowd
Topic covered by Kathy Upton. Please see above.



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CTS Swag: Jami Wood

Presentation CTS logo travel coffee mugs.

Go Coffee (Lori King): Stainless Steel Travel Coffee Mugs. \$4.99/mug (minimum order – 48 mugs). Turn around time is approx. 2 weeks once the order is placed.

Discussion: Look into other options for mugs to have something to compare to. Possibility of offering other CTS Logo items: Key Chains, pencils, Toques etc. These items would be sold at CTS functions ie: Craft Fair, Holiday Concert, presales through the school.

Parenting Without Power Struggles Seminar: Gret Dowd

Hosted by the Boys and Girls Club

Date and Time: Thursday, December 2nd, 2010 6:30pm – 8:30pm

A Free Introductory Workshop for parents of preteens (age 8-12), Educators, Counsellors, Youth Workers. Topics will include: Our Unique Temperaments and Respectful Communications

Workshop is Being Offered at:

Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria

1240 Yates Street, Main Floor

Childminding Available – must Pre-register!

If You Plan To Attend, Please Register by Wednesday, Dec 1st :

Jan Townsend, Program Facilitator

250-384-9133, ext. 213

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Holiday Movie to be shown at the Dec PAC Social: The Santa Clause

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Attached:

Treasurer's Report – Nov 2010

