

DPAC Monthly Meeting: 3rd March 2011

Cobbs provided treats – hot cross buns.

Approval of Minutes from meeting held February 3rd 2010
Approved by Dawn, seconded by Laura

Agenda was approved.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Walkability in Shelbourne Corridor – Mei Lee, Tom and Jean Newton

Jean gave a fantastic presentation. Mei will provide a list trouble spots identified by attendees to the PAC.

Kathy – Mission Statement Survey

Passed out the survey

Hot Lunch and food days, Michelle

suggestions for data entry and paperwork – we can make some streamlined.

There are websites that help manage these times of school programs.

Looking for helpers for Jen who runs the hot lunch – if anyone is interested in helping let the PAC know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Planning Council

Not met yet – meeting in the next month

Canadian Parents for French

No attendee

PAC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Math Mania

Bingo Night

Working Groups.

The new executive met for the first time in January to talk about hopes, plans and aims for the year. The Executive identified 3 main objectives to work on and established working groups to take these ideas forward.

Playground Improvement Team(led by Dawn and Sheena)

A number of catalogues being ordered

Competition with Evida

Next Steps to meet with James H. to decide what we need for the playground.

Tech/Green Team (led by Byron and Ian)

Updates on previous ideas:

- replacing CRTs with LCDs – more energy efficient, poss grants, thinner/more space
 - no grants identified
 - looking at businesses to offer a discount screens
- screen / display in entrance area – advertise school initiatives, photos from school events, info hub.
- e-commerce option for deposits\payments eg: paypal
 - Easiest option is PayPal – goes right into our bank account
 - Action to follow up with Coast Capital on a Payment Gateway

Mission Statement Team (led by Kathy and Cheryl)

Our current mission statement is - Doncaster parent community working to enhance kids school experience.

Survey passed out to the PAC on the mission statement.

Other Business

Discussion of Family pictures – Life Touch, formerly Gibsons are in competition so a lot of good offers.

Next steps – President to Contact them about starting in September with a Family package and other good offers.

Maples Labels – a May fund raiser – email of information to follow from PAC President.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kindergarten registration

2011-12 year will have 3 full day French classes and 1 English with the school 2/3 French and 1/3 English. Pise will move out to make room!

Demonstrated at Doncaster Assembly

Perseverance will be the theme for April 18th Recognition Ceremony.

Sports Teams

Basketball Jamboree on April 12th for Grade 5s.

Waste and Recycle

Looking at sending home all waste – but it is still being assessed. When it does happen clear instructions will be given to parents and kids.

Spring Concert

Grades 3-5 May 4th – this date is not YET firm!

Open House

April 12 will be the School Open House from 1 to 5 pm (to be confirmed) – aim is to welcome the community – the PAC will help so please email the president if you would like to help!

Track and Field

The idea to take the kids to the Track and Field event to cheer for their classmates was suggested. James to check with the staff.

Meeting adjourned.