

Ecole Margaret Jenkins School

General Meeting

Parent Advisory Council

Thursday, May 22nd, 2008

In attendance:

Peter Fairley, chair

Greg Lawrance, 1st vice chair

Lynda Fraser, minutes secretary

Gabriela Hirt, 2nd vice chair

Carol Hyland, SPC executive

Dave Brougham, treasurer

Heather Thomas, correspondence secretary

Krista de Goede

Joanne Service

Marnie Hare

Thor Wishart

Koo Parekh-Walch

Manjit Aitken

Sara Beam

Lesley Friedmann

Beate Schmidtke

Lei Shen

Rachel Franklin

Melissa Edwards

Rita Parikh

Neil Scott-Moncrieff

Sarah Chritchley

Andrew McLeod

Emma Hallett (child entering Kindergarten September 2008)

Lister Farrar

Brian Fraser

Rob Parker, principal

Ken Harper, vice-principal

Meeting called to order at 7:20.

Motion to approve agenda:

- moved by Heather Thomas, seconded by Carol Hyland
- carried unanimously

Motion to approve minutes of April 24, 2008 general meeting:

- moved by Carol Hyland, seconded by Lister Farrar
- carried unanimously

Principal's Report: Rob Parker

- thank you to PAC for support of school events and equipment
- new sports equipment for recesses is very well received
- planning for move to Richmond is going well
 - staff visited Richmond during May Pro-D Day
 - pleasantly surprised
 - classroom choices made

- looking for help packing up classrooms, especially for those teachers who are temporary (district cartage staff will move boxes, but not pack them)
- contractor wants all staff and boxes out by July 2nd
- busing survey went out today (school survey, not PAC survey)
 - looking forward to more information from PAC survey yet to come
 - did a test run of the bus route
- earthquake drill today went well
- external district review will happen in June
 - looking at how the district supports the school
 - committee will talk to principal, SPC, PAC reps, staff members
- Fraser Institute Report published recently in the paper has raised some questions
 - doesn't think the report is credible
 - oversimplified report – doesn't use enough data, sometimes uses outdated data (e.g. average parent education years)
 - EMJS does okay or better than okay when FSA results are compared with district and provincial results
 - within the school, we look at a much broader range of assessments when we assess how our students are doing
 - catchment boundaries are more relaxed than in the past, bringing students with learning gaps
 - need to look at trends over time, not one year's results
 - need to look long term – how do students do in high school and beyond
 - there is much more to a school than what is shown in those numbers in the newspaper and parents are encouraged to ask staff or administration for more information if they have concerns or questions
 - recent staff turnover has an impact on cohesiveness and continuity

Chair's Report: Peter Fairley

- see written report
- summed up the year, highlighting our wonderful volunteers, our successes and our goals
- highlighted how fun and rewarding being on PAC executive is!

PAC Executive Elections

- chaired by Andrew McLeod
- positions explained by each person now in that position
- the results of the election are as follows, with no contests for any position and leaving the position of Minutes Secretary vacant.

- nominations and election results were accepted by each person indicated
- there was a secret ballot for the SPC rep positions

EMJS PAC Executive 2008 – 2009:

- **Chair: Missie Edwards**
- **1st Vice Chair: Gabriela Hirt**
- **2nd Vice Chair: Marnie Hare**
- **Treasurer: Dave Brougham**
- **Correspondence Secretary: Krista de Goede**
- **SPC Reps:**
 - **executive member: Carol Hyland**
 - **reps: Rachel Franklin, Joanne Service**
- **Minutes Secretary: Vacant**

Spring Fair Update: Lesley Friedmann

- committee has met twice already
- Krista has set up a planning website
- not wanting to see a profit from this event
- hiring entertainment
- change in entrance fee from paying for tickets to charge per family (\$10) then games are free
- separate charges for food, bake sale, book sale, rummage sale
- emphasis on less litter, more recycling
- there will be a talent show, games, food, bouncy castle, bake sale, book sale, rummage sale
- volunteers for stations are being recruited through class reps

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Dave Brougham

- see 3 reports:
 - Net Worth Statement
 - looking at having about \$15000 available to spend at the end of June
 - Budget vs. Actual September 2007 – May 2008
 - our revenue was a little higher than expected
 - we didn't spend as much as forecasted (e.g. \$1000 budgeted for PAC speakers, but they were all free)
 - **Motion** to accept Financial Report Budget vs. Actual September 2007 - May 2008

- moved by Carol Hyland, seconded by Krista de Goede
 - carried unanimously
- PAC Budget Actual and Budget 2008 through 2009
- Discussion:
 - \$6000 wanted for Community Mapping
 - proposed by Beate Schmidtke, but separate to Visual Arts
 - could be under line 19, community projects
 - community mapping would involve a wide array of outcomes – literacy, social responsibility, math, etc.
 - see May executive meeting minutes for explanation of community mapping
 - \$6000 would be for professional fees
 - this project would lead towards the mural
 - discussion about whether the school community and staff are supportive enough to warrant this amount of money spent on one project
 - discussion about whether to add money to the Visual Arts budget line 35 (already at \$6500) or add to the Community Projects budget line 19
 - discussion about doing the groundwork for this mapping project next year (promoting it to the school community and staff), then look at doing it in 2009 – 2010
 - \$500 would be worthwhile as “seed money” to get them started
- **Motion** to approve budget 2008 – 2009 with change to line 19 increasing it from \$2000 to \$2500, allocating \$500 to the Community Mapping project
 - moved by Krista de Goede, seconded by Heather Thomas
 - carried unanimously

Motion to adjourn

- moved by Neil Scott-Moncrieff, seconded by Sara Beam
- carried unanimously