

PAC Meeting
September 19th 2016
Little Mountain Elementary Library

In attendance:

Stefanie Pemble, Lindsey Day, Dawn Whiddon, Claire Kim, Karyn McMahon, Karen Carlsen, Lisa Welch, Debbie Winter, Jennete Andrews, Rebecca LeGros, Andrea Bleasdale, Tracy Lundeberg-Virk, Gabe D'archangelo, Kim Heemskerk

Meeting called to order at 6:36

Introduction of those in attendance including the current PAC executive 2016/2017 school year.

President: Rebecca LeGros
Vice President: Debbie Winter
Treasurer: Andrea Bleasdale
Lunch Coordinator: Lindsey Day
Secretary: Tracy Lundeberg-Virk

Principals Report

Great start to the 2016/2017

- School district 33 enrolment is up by 440 students spanning from kindergarten to grade 12. The ages most affected are grade 3, grade 7, and grade 12
- Class enrolment is up. In June we had classes set with the anticipated 330 students. The school district removed once teacher. September full enrolment increased our numbers to 358 so we awaited the news of an additional teacher to be assigned. This was the delay for our classroom assignment.
- Wind and tide preschool is also up, four year olds are full with a wait list of 10 children. Space for the three year olds are still available. We will have a discussion about opening up another four year old class in January 2017
- We have 3 job postings open 1) Thursdays in Mrs. Huitema's class
2) 4 days per week to help cover Mrs. Haagenses class while she works on learning support 3) full position for 4/5 split class
- The learning support will be 90 minutes per group each day and this will be first priority over other activities.
- Once again Mrs. Wirrell will be running the enrichment program on Fridays in the library

- Afterschool programs will be starting this week. Information went home in the newsletters today, September 19th
- There is a new option this year: 'Afternoon Adventures'
This program will be run by First Avenue Church and volunteers from High Road Academy. The program itself is not religious based the goal is for the volunteers to be a positive influence in the children's lives. In December they will also provide a dinner for the participants and their families at no extra cost. Info on the grade level supplied in the newsletter was incorrect and we will make a note of this on the Facebook page. It is important that we have a correct balance of willing participants to ensure the success of this program.
- Cancer Awareness Month
We are collecting different coins each day this week, dimes quarters, loonies, toonies. Cops for cancer will be at the school Monday 26th at 12:40
Terry fox run will be next week the 28th at 9:00 am
Parent volunteers are needed for checkpoints throughout the path.
- Calendar overview, important days to remember: Pro D day is this Friday the 23rd. October 13th is picture day, October 21st is a district wide Pro D day
- October the 7th is the Turkey Trot. All names will be placed in a draw and 7 families will be chosen to win a turkey and all the trimmings. This is provided by both the school and donation
- October 18th at 6:30 will be training for all volunteers, both new and previous volunteers.
- October 20th School hike. This year all hikes will be held on Thursdays so we have time to communicate to the families during the week in case changes are to be made.
- November 24th. Grade 5 and 6 students will participate in a new program, Children of the Street Society. This will be a 60 min workshop for youth by youth about being safe online and in person. More info will go home in newsletters.
- We are a nut free school, this also has also been incorporated into our school fruit and veggie program
- All students with Life threatening anaphylaxis supply a medical note to the school board.
- Janitorial time management- Little Mountain is one of the three schools left with daytime janitorial staff. This is due to the severe allergies of some children that this is allowed. Gabe explained the routines of our daytime janitor duties, which include checking the playground for needles and other unsafe items discarded.

Update from Debbie Winter (Vice President)

- All of the constitutions and bylaws have been updated from the previous copy created in 2008. A revised edition has been made and hard copies were provided to those present at the meeting. A copy will be accessible online as well, a link will be placed on the LME Facebook page
- DPAC contacted our LME PAC representative for a vote to move forward on an action plan regarding the homeless camps setting up on school property Also to define the responsibility of the School District and the City of Chilliwack

Update from Lindsey Day (Lunch Coordinator)

- Hot lunch program has been set. Hard copies provided and parents can order online.
- A few changes have been made including home cooked options.
- Our Facebook LME page might not have all parents as members. We will look into this.
- Looking for more volunteers for the Fall Market 2016
- Spring annual market 2017 plans in the works

Treasurers Report (Andrea Bleasdale)

- \$2000.00 approved in June 2016 for Fine Arts equipment and to be spent this fall.
- All expenses have been paid from 2015/2016 school year
- Current bank balance \$12,600
- Ideal bank balance at the end of the school year is minimum 3000.00 so we are considered to be in very good shape.

New Business

- We will be looking into bins placed around the school for juice boxes and other refundable containers. An account at the bottle depot to be set up and families can donate at the bottle depot and we will collect at the school on a daily basis. We are looking for volunteers for help with this program
- A local school won the opportunity to have a water bottle refillable station installed in their school. We will look into the possibility and requirements for an application.
- Garden club – plans to start up a student garden club. School district will provide soil and digging out area we need. LME is required to find the materials to build the boxes.

- Little white coupon books have been sent home with students and books are still available through PAC
- Christmas Store, this year it will be organized by the PAC and profits will benefit the entire school.
- PAC is also looking into the gift card possibility as a fundraiser
- Purdy's chocolate brochures came in, last years profit was 1573.00. This is a successful event. Once again, Andrea Bleasdale will be coordinating this.
- Suggestions of events to consider, Neufeld farms, movie night, carnival event, and 'break the rule'

Meeting Adjourned 7:56pm

Next PAC meeting to be held October 17th in the LME library