

Ferris Elementary School

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MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2015

6:30PM

TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly PAC Meeting
PAC EXECUTIVES	Kiersten Moore, Chair Daisy Quon & Cathy Li, Fundraising Louise Mah, Secretary and Carnival Head Jenny Ma, Fiona Mak, Tricia Weeks, co-treasurers
NOTE TAKER	Lisa Wong

Agenda topics

MR. HARRINGTON

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generated \$1900 from the Terry Fox Run • 1st parent teacher conference last week • Oct 15 – BC Shakeout day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Earthquake drill • Oct 21 - WE Day at Rogers Arena <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 22 tickets available for kids and teachers ◦ 1st cause from the students: We Scare Hunger food drive • Nov 10 - Photo Retake • Nov 10 – Assembly 10:30am • Nov 17 – Grade 7 volleyball tournament • Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This year was in Camp Elphinstone in April for 3 days with approximately 120 grade 6/7 students ◦ Cost was \$240 per student that includes ferry/bus/lodging/food/guide ◦ Going forward the plan is to go to camp every other year for grade 6/7 students so every student will get the chance to go ◦ Next camp tentatively scheduled for Oct 2016 ◦ Mr. Harrington asked for \$1k from PAC to support the camp event • District Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ School closures possible for low occupancy/seismically unsafe schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ferris has been seismically upgraded (except for office?!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Go to http://www.sd38.bc.ca/ for more information and take part in surveys ◦ New TRANSFORM curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New curriculum is more about how teachers teach than what they teach ▪ Already started implementation in Ferris; District goal full implementation by Sept 2016 ▪ Attend Letstalk meeting Oct 26 at Brighthouse for more information ◦ 2 Additional yet unscheduled ProD days for this year to help teachers with implementation of new curriculum 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Harrington asked for \$1k from PAC to support the camp event - approved 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will inform parents of date for the 2 additional ProD days this year 	School/Teachers	TBA

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hip Hop Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whole school participation ○ Expensive – quote this year is \$6k plus tax ○ PAC meeting participants expressed interest in this because all kids get to participate • Professional Choir/Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was suggested to bring in a professional choir teacher to teach children how to sing ○ But Ferris is the only elementary school in the district to have a dedicated arts/music teacher • Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A club can be started with parent volunteers but each club requires a teacher sponsor present ○ Call out to any parents who would like to volunteer to run/teach a club (ie. Chess, choir, etc) and teacher sponsors can be canvassed 		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Mr. Harrington to ask teachers for arts programs ideas	Mr. Harrington	
• Mr. Harrington to get more detail on Hip Hop Program	Mr. Harrington	
• Any parent interested in volunteering to run/start a club can contact the PAC	Parent Volunteers	

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaming Account Balance - \$2188.16 • General Account Balance - \$9877.89 (includes movie night and nova food funds) • Movie Night profits - \$694.99 • Nova Food profits - \$1653 • \$10,340 Grant approved! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs to be spent on 'extracurricular' activities • Ask RDPA for reduced costs on movie licensing fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last year cost \$300/year 		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Jenny to ask RDPA regarding reduced licensing costs	Jenny	

DISCUSSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pizza Lunches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 dates set – Oct 30, Nov 27, Dec 11 ▪ We should be getting spare pizzas in case of order mistakes ▪ Jenny mentioned a new supplier who might be able to supply each pizza in its own pizza box ○ Movie Nights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st movie night - Mr Harrington spent a lot of time cleaning up mats the day after from spilled juice. He requested that we either just offer water or provide supplies for clean up. ▪ Next movie night: Dec 4 or Dec 11 ○ Chocolate Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No date set ○ Donation Letter to Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scheduled to be sent out the next two weeks ▪ Parents will receive donation receipt for anything \$20 and above ▪ Any opposition contact Jenny • Future Fundraising Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring Movie night ○ More pizza lunches ○ Chocolate Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No date set ○ Travel Insurance Fundraiser ○ Gift Card Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Harrington expressed concern but having students pick up gift cards at school once they are purchased ○ Carnival ○ Family Photo Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$20 per family includes 1 8x10 and session sitting ▪ Sometime in November ○ Clothing Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$2/bag ▪ Logistics challenge – no storage space • Transaction Fee Savings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion on ideas on how to save on 30cent transaction fee ○ Cathy was asking if we could add the chocolate orders in soon so families could order the pizza and chocolates at the same time; this would save the PAC the transaction fee; no date for chocolate drive yet ○ One idea was to offer a package of 3 pizza days, but this was technically too difficult with the choices of pizza ○ Another idea was to collect all the orders manually but this is logistically too difficult

CONCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Nights – PAC will provide supplies for cleanup

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Chocolate Fundraiser - Need to set a date		
• Movie Night - Put together cleanup supplies		
• Donation Letter – any opposition contact Jenny	PAC members	
• Donation Letter – needs to be drafted and translated	Jenny	
• Gift Card Fundraiser – get more info	Lisa	
• Travel Insurance Fundraiser – get more info	Lisa	
• Pizza night – discuss supplier who can box pizza in individual slice boxes	Jenny/Cathy	

KIERSTEN MOORE

BCCPAC MEMBERSHIP

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do we want to pay the \$27 membership fee?		
CONCLUSIONS		
NO decision		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

KIERSTEN MOORE

PAC VOLUNTEERS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">27 volunteers so farNeed point person for each division to organize volunteer list for their divisionFirst school event need volunteers for is Pizza Day<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteer needs to deliver pizza to class and distribute to each child		
CONCLUSIONS		
NO decision		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Put together volunteer list	Kiersten	

NEXT MEETING: NOV 17 6:30pm