

**Aberdeen Elementary School  
Parent's Advisory Council Meeting**

**MINUTES  
Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Erika.

**ADOPTION OF SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> MINUTES:** briefly reviewed, motion to accept by Michelle, seconded by Annette.

**CO-CHAIR REPORTS:**

- Thank you card from Grade 1's classes for **Come Read to Me** – to the PAC
- Mini-Med session by RIH Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm Conference #1 @ RIH, 250.314.2325 Topic: Anxiety in Children

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Photos ready, retakes next week if needed – see Stacey Flynn– office secretary

Report cards – new system being used, reports cards will be one week later than normal; Sally went down the list of new staff at the school, pie throwing fantastic end to Terry Fox fundraiser, Aberdeen Facebook page going well, Remembrance Day assembly 10:45 on November 10<sup>th</sup> – parents welcome!

Safe Arrival phone number still up and running: **250.434.2237**

**FUNDING REQUEST:**

Michelle, volleyball coach, explained a \$250 +/- 15% cart request for managing balls in the gym for classes and extracurricular sports activities. Motion to accept by Megan, seconded by Annette. Dollars to come out of the miscellaneous account.

**SCHOOL EVENTS:**

HOT LUNCH:	Erika and Shannon committee heads
MILK:	Run by Angela – Milk cards now cut off for October, open the first 2 weeks of every month
SPAGHETTI DINNER:	Corey committee head – date booked already for February
POINSETTIA SALES:	Melanie committee head – delivery date November 24th
POPCORN DAYS:	Didn't end up being discussed
FAMILY DANCE:	Tamara committee head, made \$600 last year and a great community building activity, intermediate right after school with pizza at 5pm and the families then arrived as well, continued as an all ages dance until 7pm.
FUN FAIR:	Annette committee head
PLAYGROUND:	Still working on a plan to replace playground. Corey offered some great advice, will hopefully join the committee. Hopefully there will be a vote in January regarding the overall plan and we can buy pieces of equipment as we can afford it. There is a large hole in the playground now where the maypole chains were taken

out. This would be a perfect place to put one piece of equipment in the spring. Also, the \$5000 towards the memorial courtyard could go to basketball nets, painting lines and painting the walls. It is in relatively good shape.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Patricia went over the budget and made necessary adjustments (see below). Approval of the budget motion to accept by Stephanie, seconded by Megan.

Patricia suggested that we clear out the PayPal account \$16,000+ and move it to the General Account.

Hot Lunch a bit messy right now because those wanting to pay cash – it is hard to track who is paying and who is not. Hot lunches can send an invoice to those unpaid for this year and last.

### **Draft Budget for 2015-2016**

#### **Projected Income**

Popcorn Sales (x3) Nov/Feb/April	\$500
Hot Lunches (x12)	\$4800
Art Cards (Feb)	\$2000
Poinsettias (Nov)	\$3000
Spaghetti Dinner (Feb)	\$1000
SD 73	\$200
Concessions (x2)	\$1200
Gaming Grant	<u>\$7554</u>
	<b>7,000</b>

#### **Projected Expenses**

Library	\$500
Primary Music	\$500
Band	\$500
First Nations Support Worker	\$500
Learning Assistance	\$500
Come Read with Me	\$300
Staff year end lunch	\$400
Gr.7 Grad	\$500
Eureka Science Program	\$1500
Misc. (1:1, Juice, Ribbons etc)	\$2000
Terry Fox Run	\$150
Donation Fund	\$2000
Class Allotments (385x20)	\$12,000
Lunch Program (annual software fees)	\$300
Playground Fund	\$3000
Pac Meetings	<u>\$250</u>
	<b>24,900</b>

**MATH EVENT:**

Kindergartens will be doing this in November 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 9:30am but essentially a parent education session, request to the PAC to fund the snacks etc.

**MISC:**

- iPads or Chrome books – Annette suggested we look into that
- Holly runs the noon hour supervision – Corey inquired
- Request that the agenda be posted on the website and emailed out a week before

**DPAC REPORT:**

Danalee attended on behalf of the Aberdeen PAC. Below are the key points.

A full copy of the minutes from the DPAC meetings are available at <http://dpac.sd73.bc.ca/>

- A discussion was had re. PAC funds being shared with other district schools that have identified a need. History... A Juniper Ridge parent was approached by another elementary school for financial support for a Breakfast Program that they can no longer afford. A South Sahali Elementary parent was approached as well. Discussion followed, including a “sister school” program or a multi-school initiative where groups with a bit more money could support those groups with less. Other points were raised that when one PAC raises money, the parents at the school expect the money raised to be for \*their\* children. Further discussion surrounded whether or not DPAC should only be approached when all community resources have been exhausted, and whether that was the case. Meghan Wade from SD73 will explore the need of such funds and a larger discussion will then ensue as to whether there is a role for PAC/DPAC participation in helping with funding-needs
- Many PACs are asking for an Askable Adult session for parents – more information to follow.
- In response to interest from some PACs for an education session on Internet Safety, Google Accounts for the chromebooks and Social Media components - and parent concerns about new district policy on student google accounts (where and how information is stored) - DPAC is exploring providing a related information night to parents.
- DPAC will facilitate information sharing of new BC Ed plan with parents (if this isn't being done by the district already) & information about the plan is available on the BC Ministry of Education website.
- There has been a shift in Board Trustees to align with new groupings within the district called “families of schools”
- Boogie the Bridge 2016 organizers sent out a request to PACs to attend a meeting to sharing information with the district school about school specific Boogie teams/programs.

The next DPAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm at the Henry Grube Centre.