

**Aberdeen Elementary  
Parents' Advisory Council Meeting  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 16, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 by Erika. Erika chaired the meeting.

PRESENTATION – Sue Steenson and Jennifer Elliott presented on PBIS (Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports)

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – minutes of February 17, 2016 PAC. Motion to accept by Mandy. Seconded by Tamara.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – No new items were added to the agenda. Motion to accept by Mandy. Seconded by Tamara.

CHAIR REPORT – Erika

Cory and Nancy were thanked for hosting a successful Spaghetti Dinner. It was a great event that was enjoyed by all who attended. Suggestions included running the event from 5–7 pm and having more volunteers.

A conversation was held around the need for improved communication with parents. Not all parents are getting information that is posted on the school web site and FB page. The PAC will put out a 'pilot' PAC one–page newsletter/update in April & feedback will determine whether or not we will create a monthly (or quarterly) paper update.

EVENT AND FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fun Fair (April 14th) – Annette reported that the committee has been meeting and things are on track. A newsletter/email will go out (as per above) reminding parents of event details (date, time) with a note re. donations to the silent auction and stuffies are still needed.

Hot Lunch – Erika reported that things are going smoothly. It would help to have more volunteers.

Milk Program – It was noted that the milk program could move to two days a week (rather than the current three) if finding volunteers to cover shifts becomes an issue. A similar shift could be made with hot lunches – we can only offer what we have enough volunteers to sustain.

Playground – A proposal with a dollar value of \$25,115 – to be voted on at the April PAC meeting (April 26th @ 6 pm)– was distributed, as follows;

- 1) Memorial Courtyard Upgrade – \$1,000
- 2) Picnic Tables for Intermediate Area – \$5,772
- 3) Playground Equipment – \$17,343 (to replace the former ‘maypole’ with a Berliner of Tanenbaum spinner. It would be phase one of a larger design.)

Ms. Sewell reported that she has submitted an application for an artist’s grant from the City for assistance from a local artist.

All members of the school community are invited to give their input. The plan received an enthusiastic response when presented at a staff meeting earlier this month.

#### TREASURER’S REPORT

Current balances of PAC’s accounts are; \$12,578.63 in the general account, \$7,770.08 in the PayPal account, and \$22,930.38 in the gaming account.

The Smartboard & installation (for the library) will come in under budget (final price TBD).

It is proposed that a contingency fund of \$10,000 (minimum) be reserved to start the 2016/17 school year.

Committed monies not yet paid total \$13,242.82 (plus SmartBoard installation). Total projected income remaining this school year totals \$10,689.00 (please note, this is projected ONLY).

#### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Report cards go out Friday.
- Wordles representing the Attribute Survey are posted in the school hall outside the office and on the school FB page.
- Basketball season has wrapped up; Tier 1 & 2 boys were district champions, Tier 1 girls made the championship game & were runner-ups.
- Mrs. Allen-Innis’s students and the school band performed at Kamloops Festival of Performing Arts.
- The library has been re-configured (and has new tables).
- May 4th is the Welcome to the Kindergarten families day. Last year the PAC provided snacks and a brief welcome to parents & future K’s on behalf of the parent community.

PAC will be involved again this year. Details to be confirmed. Cory offered to do some baking for the event.

- Our school Intermediate Track & Field date is May 9th.

#### DPAC

Our PAC has offered to host the DPAC Askable Adult session on April 26th @ 7 pm in our community room. The invitation will be extended to all PACs & community members in general. PAC agreed to promote event to our surrounding community as an offering. Parents present who have attended this session in the past gave it rave reviews and hope to encourage other parents to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm