

**PAC meeting for Dufferin School
March 4, 2013**

11 Parents in attendance:

Bill Abley, Angela Cadarette, Neil Trouton, Lesley Willford, Josee Lang, Sue McDonald, Kirsten Christianson, Denise York, Angie Sherman, Sandra Lawrence, Teresa Neves, Karen MacKenzie

President: Angela Cadarette

- Welcome and Introductions
- February 2013 minutes approved by Sue, Sandra seconded.
- Request from Mrs. Ritcey to purchase two Speed Staking sports pack. \$531.25
www.speedstacks.com/groups/teacher_central.php PAC requested more information put forward to April meeting.

Treasures report:

Karen Mackenzie has stepped forward to be the treasurer. A HUGE thank you!!
Josee Lang will be backup.

Thank you to Sandra and Sue for gathering and forwarding all the information to Karen.

Principal's report- presented by Bill Abley.

- Bully Survey still being tallied. Information will be passed on to student, teachers, and parents.
- Grade 4 and 7 FSA have been completed last weekend and parent surveys will be going out. In the past, this was a paper survey and had a good return rate. Since the Ministry of Education put this parent survey online, it has not been completed. Students will be completing their satisfaction survey online this week at school. Grade 4 reading goal was to achieve greater than 73% we reached 78% and district goal was 72% Grade 7 reading goal was to achieve greater than 86% we reached 90% district was 78%
- Kindergarten registrations began today up to 13-14.
- Two parents raised concerns over children being bullied and wondering what protocol is. Bill suggested that they encourage their children to come speak to him in addition if parents witness bullying to speak to Bill ASAP.
- Discussion on playground separation and primary students being bullied by older students. Bill explained that with the results of the survey will come education around prevention and supporting others in combating bullying. Suggestion from parents that there be more involvement by the principal and vice principal during playground time. Currently there is no supervision in the morning. We have been fortunate that Bill has been able to supervise.

- Dufferin’s enrollment projected to decline next year. Discussion on reorganizing school classroom structure, suggestion to segregate primary and secondary, teachers not in favor as their currently is lots of opportunities for mentoring among students and problem solving amongst students.
- Follow up on from Discussion on locked doors, staff requiring keys from school district.
- Received enough parent interest to go ahead with the Bike Rodeo. March 14-15, 2013. Recreation students from TRU will be facilitating this event for Grades 3,4,5,6.
- Report card will go out March 28,13
- **DPAC report (District Parent Advisory Committee) Neil Trouton**
 - Grants handed out for School district 73. IB school received a grant for “Project Peak”.
 - Workshop on “Get Better grades in School” by Terry Small. Was well attended.
 - For interest check out the school board website and view “S Trips”, an organization puts trips together for students. Parent brought forward concern that students are not well chaperoned.
 - School District requesting parents to sit on committee to create new policy on head lice. Policy used to be that you send your kids home, now student is kept at school and parents receive a letter identifying your child’s class has a lice outbreak and protocol. If you are interested in being on this committee check district website. – Discussion on students sharing lockers. Suggestion from a parent to put lots of hairspray, gel, and wash hair less frequent during lice outbreaks.
 - **March 6, 2013 7:00pm Henry Grube meeting for school district changes for 2014- 2015. Proposed changes on website.**
 - Norkam hosting a “family free dinner” every other Wednesday March and April with kids up to 17 years of age. Sponsored by Rotary Club.
 - Discussion on communication, suggested that Dufferin PAC minutes to be posted on Dufferin website. PAC minutes will be forwarded to Bill to be added to the Dufferin website.
 - Check out the DPAC website <http://dpac.sd73.bc.ca/>

New business:

- Zumba made \$60.00. 32 people attended.
- A few parents put forth idea to create a PAC facebook page. Discussion on pros and cons. Another suggestion was to create email and text lists to get information about events out to parents. Karen MacKenzie and Teresa Neves will create a closed facebook page to “try it out”. Another suggestion was to create a networking list of parents that have businesses or services to share with each other.

- “Stay Home Alone Course” Sunday April 7.13 for 10 year olds and “Babysitting Course” Saturday April 6, for 10-11-12 year olds Courses are 5 hours and cost \$30 each, require more than 6 participants to proceed.
- Staff appreciation week March 11-15, 2013 29 staff in school.
Monday: cinnamon buns/ flowers recess. 10:15 Karen
Wednesday: Cookies Sue and Karen.
Friday: Chocolate fondue with fruit on Friday lunch Teresa and Angie.
- Discussion on new events: *Movie night May 10,2013
*Family Bingo night April 19, 2013
- Dielman fundraising in the Spring Books go out next week. April 5 deadline to return orders. Delivery April 26, 2013
- PAC to purchase a new Coffee maker. Everyone in favor for 60 cup.

Next meeting: April 8, 2013 @ 7:00pm

School planning meeting prior to meeting at 6:15pm.

Angela motion to adjourn meeting, Josee second. Meeting adjourned: at 9:00