

**PAC meeting for Dufferin School
March 3, 2014**

In attendance:

Kirsten Christianson, Elizabeth, Tracey, Colby and Greg Griffiths, Josee Lang, Lesley Willford, Mike Bowden, Neil Trouton, Karen Mckenzie, Angie Sherman, Sue McDonald, Mike Bowden

President: Kirsten Christianson called to order 6:35pm

- Welcome and Introductions
- February Minutes approved by Karen, seconded by Lesley, everyone in favor.
- Thank you from the Griffiths family for supporting the boys in reaching their Alzheimer's fundraising goal of \$6500.00. Colby and Greg have offered to help with future movie nights.
- Vancouver Aqua Van booked for April 15,2014. PAC members encouraged to attend and take pictures.
- Diehlman Fundraiser and Plant orders have gone out.
- Chili night cancelled, not enough interest. Future family night activities, tubing, bowling, swimming.
- Signing authority has been changed.
- Food Safe course, sponsored by DPAC. March 8,2014
- Teacher appreciation day Friday March 7,2014.

Principal's report- presented by Mike Bowden.

- Day of Recognition, "Sucwentwecw" means Recognition of Everyone. School board past resolution to have a day of recognition that the school is on Scwepmec Territory. Elders or representative of Nation will welcome everyone and discuss the various Shuswap Nations. Assembly April 7, 2014, same day as YPC will have the assembly in the afternoon.
- Dufferin has purchased a Movie License for 2013-2014 year.
- Video Display is up and running at front entrance. Smart Boards are not installed yet. Long waiting list for installation. Dufferin will have WIFI in school will the largest bandwidth in district. Students will not have access to WIFI.
- Provincial Satisfaction surveys, (school in general, bullying,culture etc..) should be out for Grade 4-7 parents. School planning council will review the results.
- Teacher Strike Vote. Teachers are taking strike vote now, have 2-3 stages before implementation of Strike.
- Helmet Initiative, Brain Injury Association contacted schools to supply helmets to families for ½ price as a brain safety initiative. Helmets will be here by end of April.

Treasures report: Karen McKenzie

- Reviewed statement.
- 4 hot lunches was donated in past for Eagle Bay.
- Karen wondering about running monthly concession for students healthy items, sun chips, juice.
- Hot lunch for track day. Preorder.

DPAC meeting: Neil Trouton

- Food safe course,
- BCC PAC conference email DPAC if you would like to attend.
- March 27, Henry Grube Centre, Public meeting regarding potential school closures and recommendations.
- Hiring a new superintendent. Canada wide search, interviews before Spring Break. DPAC invited to be part of interview process.
- 2 week spring break to start next year 2014-2015 and next two years. pros and cons for both sides. There is a committee put together to offer activities for second week. School Board has an “opt out” clause if there is too much push back against the two week break from the school community. In order to fulfill the required teaching hours the time will be taken from the lunch break. Discussion on lunch hours, recess etc...
- Discussion on catchments areas because of school closures and French programs.
- Trustee discussed aboriginal graduation rates have increased.
- Jessie Miller speaker on technology. Grade 6-7 students attended Pacific Way. He will be coming again in the Spring. TEDX TALKS Kamloops.

Old Business

- Picnic table may be fixed in the Spring, Order two tables and one bench. Mike will take information and see if we get school tax break.
- Steeped tea fundraiser put to next meeting

Fundraising Committee

- Shakewood Annie- April 4, 6:30-8:00pm. Discussion on Donations vs. Entry fee. Agreed that PAC will not charge entry fee, however donations will be gratefully appreciated. Shakewood Annie will provide prizes and PAC is to provide a shareable prize for family to win. Movie tickets for a family of 4. Need to have a stage set up. Need helpers to take down equipment, strings lights etc... Concession that night. Water, candy bags, chips, Lesley, Josee, Neil to help out.
- Fun Fair, June 12,2014 Bouncy castle rentals reserved. Cotton Candy machine from Rogers. Cake Walk.

New Business:

- Newsletter; suggestion to go back to printing. Have students write it in agenda, and send home notices to kindergarten. Perhaps have email list to create a database.
- Dog Tags for Grade 7, Sue to order.

Next meeting March 31, 2014 6:30pm Monday