

**PAC meeting for Dufferin School
May 5, 2014**

In attendance:

Kirsten Christianson, Josee Lang, Tracy Mirtle, Lesley Willford, Mike Bowden, Karen Mckenzie, Angie Sherman, Mike Bowden, Julianne Traczsuc, Shari Harrison, Tereasa Neves.

President: Kirsten Christianson called to order 6:35pm

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Elections
- Discussion on elections and school staff are not eligible to stand on executive. Positions opened Secretary, and 2 non-executive positions, DPAC and fundraising/event coordinator. Lesley Willford has accepted Secretary position, Karen McKenzie and Tracy Mirtle will share DPAC position. Tracy Mirtle has volunteered to do fundraising and Tracy Mirtle will step in for fundraiser coordinator.
- April Minutes approved by Karen, seconded by Julianne everyone in favor.
 - Shakedown Annie dance was not well attended, but really good feedback. Overall consensus that we do it again next year and have the pre-dance instruction during the day. Concession went well, Glow sticks were a great hit!
 - Aquavan mixed reviews.
 - Picnic table has been fixed. Benches and tables order pending.
 - Sweet home café. Monday and Wednesday order online. Information to come home.
 - Dielman and Greenhouse fundraiser, moderate income.
 - Parent volunteers needed for track meet.
 - Discussion on providing concession for Fridays for track meet? No one available from PAC.

Principal's report- presented by Mike Bowden.

- Family Group/den groups to start in September. Kids are placed in groups of K-7 for special activities, first assembly of year. Kids get to know each other throughout year and hope to build connections between grades.
- Parent request for student placement. Mike will look into how to do this for next year. Parents can make educational requests, not teacher requests. If you have concerns with a teacher; policy is to speak to teacher, if no resolution then speak to Mike. Procedure is in the BCPAC rules.
- Staffing, next year we are anticipating we will be down a class, as enrollment declines. Staffing will be tight, a teacher will be retiring. A number of teachers are on term certain positions and may be shuffled. Class demographics will not be known until registrations are done. 80% of classes are combined (multigrade) which is average for province.
- Job Action, length is unknown. So far it has not impacted day to day, teachers need to leave school by 3:30pm, further action will be taken as government and union talks continue. Be aware that job action may impact school activities.
- Mike will be presenting at a Reading conference next week. Deb Piggan from Haldane school will be covering for Mike.
- Update on Mrs. Carter. Recovering from surgery and will be gone for remainder of year.

Treasures report: Karen McKenzie

- Report will be coming out tomorrow.
- Proceeds from this hot lunch will go for Eagle Bay Field Trip.
- Great little Coupon Book, appears to be a good fundraiser.

Old Business

- Sports jerseys still looking into pricing.
- Grade 7 dog tags? Unsure as Sue is looking after this task.
- Funfair, Planning meeting next Monday 7:00pm May 7.14 at School.

Fundraising Committee

Hot lunch, looking at perhaps utilizing paypal and phasing out cheques.

New Business:

- Dufferin Fish, beautification project along the fence, each child will paint a fish and it will be hung up. Home hardware donated wood, Woodworkers guild cut them and leadership kids presented why they choose fish. Everyone in favor of approving cost of paint.
- Motion to approve cost for busing kids for High school tour for Gr.7.
- Red Cross Adult Anti bullying workshop, how to help your kids with bullying.
- Dielman fundraisers, if we sign up early get an extra 2% commission for next year.
- PAC party end of year, June 7. Where: Karen McKenzie home.
- Teacher luncheon, June Angie will look into caterers.
- Request from Mrs. Simpson, carpet for classroom K-1. Defer to September.
- Defer conversation re: retirement gift for Mrs.Kwan till June meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

Next meeting June 2. 2014 6:30pm Monday