

## ECOLE ROSS ROAD SCHOOL

### PAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Unapproved - see note below)\*

**January 26, 2011 – 7:00pm Library**

<b>Pac Exec In attendance:</b>	Jane Ince Carolyn Sluis Lene Burgmann Lisa Birrell Gillian Gorton	Jen Vandermye Nancy Barton Rachel Eaves Barbara Mulleder
<b>Pac Exec Regrets:</b>	Bill Dyer Sherry Beryani	Harry Bulpit
<b>Administration:</b>	Eileen Hood David Prentice	Anami Naths
<b>Additional PAC Members:</b>	Approximately 23 additional members of the PAC Community were in attendance.	

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

Jane welcomed everyone announced that we received \$10,660 for gaming funds. This is very good news and worth celebrating. Cheers!

**2. Artists for Kids Presentation**

Jean Mill Shaw spoke about the developments and programs

Provide after school programs and summer camp programs that are highly recommended

The program is self-funded through the sale of artists' limited edition prints

Encouraged all parents to purchase prints of art

Encouraged schools to purchase art

Two ideas for PAC to consider

1. Buy print and sell by auction or 50/50
2. Send a child to camp – like a bursary program – paid by PAC – designate to Ross Rd students

A question was raised regarding having after school A4K programs at Ross Road. Since it is necessary to have a designated room for the art it is not a possibility for Ross Road.

Link to Artist4Kids website to be put on PAC website so that parents can easily access information regarding programs.

New gallery on Lonsdale Ave to have a “soft” opening Sept 2012

Programs will continue at Leo Marshall centre

Gallery to be opened in January 2013 for programs and open to the public

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** As we move with technology and the new pace of life, we are making changes to how and when information is shared with our parent population. PAC now has fewer General Meetings per school year than we have had in the past, and we are communicating much more via internet and email. Moving forward, we will post minutes from General Meetings on our website **BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND ACCEPTED** at a general meeting. Therefore, these minutes are NOT the final version and some content may change during the May PAC General Meeting.

3. **Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2010 General Meeting**

Lene motioned to accept the minutes of the last General Meeting, Kelly seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** Nothing was reported.

5. **Principal's Report**

- Anami – construction underway for an AV, photocopying room. This will be a great space for staff and PAC to prepare materials and will make more room in the office.
- Sports: Volleyball for Gr 6 and Gr 7 to begin in January. Inter-mural lunch time floor hockey on Wednesdays and Fridays to start in February.
- Drama Club - Mr. Broughton, a volunteer working with Ms Fraenkel, is starting up a drama club with grade 4 students on Mondays at lunchtime
- Environment Club – the project this year is composting. 40 plus members. Ms. Hood would like to have a garden on Ross Road property some time in the future.
- Peace Guerillas – Gr 6&7 – exploring ideas about peace. Video project re: what do people think peace is – Ms. Naths has applied for funding for group from district. Ms. Naths will be going to Ottawa re: workshop on working with youth for peace. She will be doing a presentation in February
- Pro D – Jan 31<sup>st</sup>- teachers participated in workshops on math, music, computers and IT.
- Ms. Hood is going to Quebec with Grade 7 students
- Student of the week program to begin this month. Each teacher will nominate student(s) from their classroom. The students will receive a certificate with their picture and will have juice and cookies with the Vice Principal/Principal at the end of the week. Some examples for student of the week are good citizenship or work
- Newcastle trip meeting – there will be a meeting Feb 10<sup>th</sup> to determine interest level
- Gr 7 students will go to Alice Lake for camping at the end of the year.
- February 9<sup>th</sup> - French film festival for Grade 3 and up. Participation is optional so there will be programs at the school for students who will not be attending.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- Gaming Funds came in – \$10,660!
- Currently our Gaming account has a balance of \$13,393.31 and our Operating account has a balance of \$25,186.54
- The Christmas Craft Fair was extremely successful. We raised \$6,519.44 net. Of that, \$3,551 from raffle tickets and are considered Gaming funds.
- Family Photos in September raised \$931.40.
- We have given each classroom a lump sum for Discretionary Funds - \$200 funds per class
- Over the past year PAC has funded the following:
  - Performing artists
  - Discretionary funds of \$200 per class
  - Tetherballs
  - Library purchases
  - Teachers Wish list for \$5000
  - Composters

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**7. New Business:**

1. Thank You – PAC presented Thank You cards to recognize those parents that have offered help with school needs. John Terjesen - helped with trimming the Butterfly Garden and offering supplies for the front garden. Susan Chalmers – garden transformation at the front of the school. Sue McPherson – won a bursary at a bank for \$500 and donated it RR for projector. Michele Ferguson – adult evening coordinator – took funds raised to purchase gym equipment. \$3650 worth of equipment coming Friday. Annette Arndt – CPF representative. Justine Simmons – yoga mats. Tanya Brown – lost and found representative. Thank you for your help. You are truly appreciated.
2. Bingo Night – March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 8. The theme is tropical. There will be prizes for dressing up. There will be pizza sold at the event. It will not be pre-ordered and it will only be sold for the first 45 minutes. There will be juices for sale throughout the night. A sign up sheet for registration will be sent home on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be eight Bingo games. Each game will have prizes. There will be a box for donations in the office. There will be lots of opportunity to help with set up and take down and a volunteer sign up sheets will be posted in the main lobby.
3. SPC (School Planning Council) – This is a council represented by parents, teacher, administration. Teachers have been asked by union not to join council. The purpose of the council is to develop a roadmap for the direction school will operate next year to improve student performance. The look at the school budget, curriculum and goals. SPC meets two or three times between now and June to put plan together. PAC Executive representative is Barb Mulleder. Ms. Hood is looking for two others. Tanya Brown and Elizabeth Bowker were voted in. Rachel Eaves was voted as alternate.
4. Spring Carnival – The date has been set on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Similar format to the past. Planning meeting Wed March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Location - TBA.
5. CPF Film Fest 2011 – Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – a PDF will be posted on website outlining the films to be viewed.

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6. Staff Appreciation Luncheon – an annual event that is put on by PAC. We ask families to contribute to a lunch for the teachers. On this day the teachers take an extra long lunch. The students get an extended break and the parents supervise the field for the teachers & lunch time monitors. All the staff gets to sit down together. The date has been set on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>. Contributions are greatly appreciated. There will be approximately 50 people. Extended break for students.
7. Constitution – DPAC reviewing constitution. Want to ensure the PAC Exec is communicating often and effectively. The RR constitution was last updated in 2000. By comparison to other schools, Ross Road is in good shape. Jane would like to form a committee with Sandra, Maddie and Rachel to review constitution. There will be 10 to 20 changes at the most. If anyone is interested please let Jane know. The committee will meet two or three times before the May PAC GM.
8. Jane reminded everyone that Carolyn and Jane are stepping down this year therefore replacements need to be found for the role of PAC chair for next year. Both will stay on the PAC as Members at Large.
9. YOGA – Justine Simmons, a registered Yoga Instructor, explained to the group that she is organizing a fundraiser for mats for full time kindergarten next year. She will be teaching yoga in the Ross Road library on Thursday evenings starting in the spring. 100% of the proceeds will go to purchase of the mats to be used by all Kindergarten classes.
10. Parent Night – in April or May – ideas that will benefit everyone. Music etc – wish list.

8. **Questions and Concerns from the Floor**

Issues with Dogs – idea was raised for PAC to support the idea of a fenced in area for “parking” dogs so that they would not be considered “abandoned” by Animal Control if tied to the fence surrounding the school. Jane responded by saying that, unfortunately, this is not within the PAC’s scope.

Issue regarding You Tube videos of class productions. Ms. Hood took this concern and will follow up with it. This is not within the scope of PAC.

9. Jane – thanked everyone coming out, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.