

QE PAC MINUTES
Wednesday, February 27, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order a 7:05 p.m. (Jane Taylor). Introductions all round.
2. Acceptance of the Agenda with amendments. Brenda motions. Kris seconds.
3. Acceptance of Minutes - voted and approved spending. Jane motions. Kris seconds.
4. Principal's Report (Magdalena Kassis)
 - Ready, set, learn event was held for pre-schoolers. This was a Ministry of Education Initiative 17 kids. We had a singer, it was very interactive and about 17 children attended.
 - Our lunar year performance was held on the 8th. Very well done.
 - We had a pink day anti-bullying assembly this year – a new initiative. It was simple but gave the message it was a serious assembly.
 - We've used the screen in the auditorium.
 - Science Fair was really well done. Very impressed with the older kids. Younger children did a diorama. There was a lot of variety and the children all had a chance to go around and share their information.
 - Quick rundown of what will be purchased. The screen has been installed in the auditorium. We have a lot of items to order: printers, projectors, whiteboards and the gym equipment. Everything must go through the VSB so looking at paperwork, estimates and timing for everything. A uniform assessment will be done after the basketball season to determine what we have.
 - A request was made at the last meeting about what the teacher's spend their allowance on. They are given \$250 each September to purchase supplies such as: pocket charts, border trim for the classroom, posters, stickers, pocket charts, science scales, basket, fancy art supplies (including sculpey, etc.). The money gets used every year and they are grateful for it.
 - Acadia - they will be on-site for the 2013/14 school year. Enrollment is continually increasing and they now have 200 students although they are mainly k/1's. As the numbers increase will determine if we need stagger lunches and recess for next year.
5. Other Business
 - Ms. Symons class is selling bulbs and seeds to pay for Project Chef.
 - We will be selling hanging baskets and plants for mother's day – pick up on May 8th.
 - Fundraising Strategy: Jenny and Kirstin are happy to prepare a needs assessment to bring back to the PAC. Need to get a committee going and look at a broader fundraising strategy. Main source of funds now come from hot lunch and the yearly bingo or carnival - those are great for ongoing issues but not for the additional needs of the school which will likely come from a direct appeal. Could they get a copy of the previous appeal that went out a few years ago? Might want to time the direct appeal for the beginning of the new school year.
 - Field – is there a possibility of getting it graded properly? It is in very poor shape and safety-wise there is no clear line of sight. Tap into fundraisers.
 - Building Leaks: The VSB is patching it and will not do anymore until the capital budget is done and we find out when the QE seismic upgrade will be done.
 - Next meeting will be in April 2013 as March has a 2 week spring break.
 - Can Spell - It is not the country-wide competition that it was for the last few years but our school will be participating and 2 teachers will host after spring break.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:20 p.m. In attendance: Jane Taylor, Kris Jensen, Brenda White, Julia Arthur, Duncan Mackay, Lashoohur Lin, Kristin McAllister, Jenny Langley.