

PALGRAVE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2011

MINUTES

1.0 Principal's Report

Laurie Johnson sends her apologies; Ms Lataille-Herdsman reported on her behalf that at least half of the outdoor classroom will start in the spring. They will be cramming the cruiser on Monday 12th 2011 with all the donations from the toy and food drive.

Ms Lataille-Herdsman reported the first pilot "Our Voice Counts" survey for the school, grades 5-8, was a great success. The school will get the tally back soon. There will be a parent survey in the future.

Ms Lataille-Herdsman reported the Christmas concert rehearsals are going to be on Tuesday 13th at 9:30am and the concert will be held on Wednesday 14th at 6:30pm.

Ms Lataille-Herdsman reported the last week of school there will be theme days. The Glee club will have a sing-a-long on Thursday 22nd in the afternoon.

2.0 Shannon Brillinger called the meeting to order in the library at 7:30 pm. Eight people were in attendance.

3.0 Heather Patterson and Amanda Zarifopoulos approved the agenda.

4.0 Debbi Lam and Sandi Piitz approved the minutes from the November 10th 2011 meeting.

5.0 Correspondence

Shannon Brillinger requested on behalf of Christine Hackett Czar for more items to put in the newsletter and for anyone to forward material to her.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

Debbi Lam presented the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, and Budget Status for transactions in November 2011.

TOTAL ASSETS (Oct 31 2011)	30,337.80
REVENUE	-5,901.73
EXPENSES	4,982.73
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - MILK	-290.90
HST	-78.63
TOTAL ASSETS AS PER BALANCE SHEET (Nov 30 2011)	<u>29,049.27</u>

The following release from Home and School budget was discussed:

\$84.58 for dance-a-thon Chocolates that Heather Patterson had purchased in the sale

A motion to release the above monies was made by Debbi Lam, seconded by Sandi Piitz, voted and carried.

Note: please contact Debbi Lam for more information regarding Treasurer's Reports.

7.0 Committee Report

Memberships

Heather Paterson reported that a number of memberships were in and there were still more to come so the numbers will be carried over to the next meeting.

Dance-a-thon

Shannon Brillinger reported that the Dance-a-thon committee would meet at Sandi Piitz's house on Monday December 12th to get started on the planning. Amanda Zarifopoulos will send an e-mail to Ganz to try and get a donation of toys. Heather Patterson suggested putting a box in the volunteer room for donations.

Volunteers

Krista Murray reported that there are about a dozen returned volunteer forms. The sewing club and running club were still in need of coordinators. Sandi Piitz asked if some of the grade 8s could help with running club. Ms Lataille-Herdsman said that it shouldn't be an issue. Sandi Piitz also reported that they need 5 more volunteers for the reading program; it runs in the morning and is approximately 2 hours a week.

Greening Committee

Ms Lataille-Herdsman reported that the first half of the outdoor classroom would be started in the spring. There is still an outstanding balance of approximately \$3000 so Sandi Piitz suggested that the overage from the Dance-a-thon go to that. This will be discussed in the next meeting.

Games Club

Shannon Brillinger reported that the Games club will start in February. It will run on 2 days during the week, one for grade 1's and the other day for grade 2's. She is looking for volunteers to help with both days. Sandi Piitz suggested using grade 8 students. Additional volunteers and location will be carried over to the next meeting.

Sleeping Children around the World (SCAW)

Sandi Piitz reported that the SACW letter and forms to order bedkits will be going out on Friday. The display will be set up in the school by Friday. The closing/P.J. assembly will be January 27th 2012. Sandi Piitz reports that gift cards are now available on-line.

8.0 Other

Shannon Brillinger asked if we wanted to put on the Volunteer Wine and Cheese this year as not many volunteers have been produced from it. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Next Home and School Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd 2012 at 7:30pm in the Palgrave Public School library.