

PALGRAVE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2011

MINUTES

1.0 Principal's Report

Ms. Johnson reported that the classroom reorganization affected all classes. The office personally called all the families that were immediately affected. The resulting reorganization removed three split classrooms - 5/6, 6/7, 7/8. One new kindergarten class, a 3 / 4 split and 4 / 5 split were added.

Ms. Johnson reported that she will send all concerns over the late classroom reorganization date to the ministry to address.

Ms. Johnson reported the primary (K-3) concert date will be Wednesday December 14. A grade 4-8 concert will be held in the spring.

Ms. Johnson reported that the 3 A's Art night will be Wednesday April 25 during Education Week.

Ms. Johnson reported that next Wednesday, October 19 is Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

Ms. Johnson reported that the school was a designated polling station. Although it was closed off for the children, the grade 7 and 8 students participated in the Student Vote Canada program. This organization is a not profit organization setup to encourage young people to vote and practice the responsibilities of their citizenship. Ms. Hull coordinated the program in Palgrave PS and reported that the student's results were:

1st Green

2nd NDP

3rd Conservatives

4th Liberals

Many parents said they were pleasantly surprised with the student's enthusiasm to learn about this.

2.0 Shannon Brillinger called the meeting to order in the library at 7:55 pm. Approximately 10 people were in attendance.

Shannon Brillinger requested the meeting date for next month be changed from November 3 to November 10, due to the Professional Development Day scheduled for November 4. All agreed to move the Home & School meeting to November 10 at 7:30 p.m.

3.0 Heather Patterson and Krista Murray approved the agenda.

4.0 Sandy Piitz and Shannon Brillinger approved the minutes from the September 20 2011 meeting.

5.0 Correspondence

Christine Hackett Czar reported that thank you cards will be sent out to the Barbeque suppliers; Rock Garden Farms, the Fire Department, Zehrs, M&M Meats, Garden Foods, the Rotary Club and Albion Orchards. Thank you card will also be given to the staff for helping with the event.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

Heather Patterson reported on behalf of Debbi Lam. She presented the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, and Budget Status for transactions as of Sept 30, 2011.

Total Assets at August 31, 2011 (including cash & shares) \$5,962.39
Total Outdoor Learning Environment Funds Aug 31, 2011 \$11,029.39

Total Income Sept 2011 \$1.40
Total Expenses Sept 2011 \$0.00

Total Assets at Sept 30, 2011 \$5,963.79
Total Outdoor Learning Environment Funds Sep 30, 2011 \$11,029.39

Total Outstanding Cheques \$519.60
Total Accounts Payable \$535.14
Total GST Receivable \$1180.49

7.0 Committee Report

Fall BBQ

Shannon Brillinger reported that the BBQ went great, the numbers may have down slightly from last year but considering the weather conditions it was a success.

There were concerns that the Rotary left early leaving parents with unused bacon tickets. It was suggested that next year the Rotary Chuck wagon park out front with the BBQ. Ms. Johnson approved this suggestion.

Volunteer Drive

Krista Murray reported that the volunteer forms will be going out shortly.

Memberships

Shannon Brillinger reported that the membership drive envelopes will be included with the volunteer forms going home to parents later this month.

Milk Program

Shannon Brillinger reported on behalf of Barb O'Handley that the milk program is running smoothly.

Ms. Johnson reported that bottle water will not be offered for sale in the 2nd cycle. This is due to the waste issues with the bottles. It was also discussed about the smoothies also being a waste issue.

Food Program

Shannon Brillinger reported on behalf of Vesna Merrick that the food is slightly down but that everything is running smoothly.

Magazine Fundraiser

Meredith Taylor reported that although the deadline was Tuesday October 11 it has been extended slightly. A reminder for paper orders will be sent home to the parents next week. Online orders can be placed after the deadline but the students will not be eligible for the QSP prizes.

Ms. Taylor reported that the online orders were going well and the paper orders were still coming in slowly.

Popcorn Fundraiser & Gift Card Fundraiser

Christine Hackett Czar reported the sale of the popcorn at the BBQ was great and the response was good. She will present Ms. Johnson with the final draft on Monday for approval.

It was then decided that the popcorn fundraiser would be put on hold and the focus be set on the Gift Card Fundraiser in time for Christmas. Gift cards will be picked up by the parents during the parent/teacher interviews on November 17 and 18.

Sandi Piitz suggested a prize be set for the student that orders the most gift cards. Ms. Johnson approved and also suggested a 2nd and 3rd prize also be offered.

8.0 Other

The Dance-a-thon will be held on Valentine's Day, Wednesday February 14, 2012. Shannon Brillinger suggested that the Staff Appreciation Week be held on April 10 – 13, 2012.

Ms. Johnson approved these dates.

Shannon Brillinger reported that Christine Hackett-Czar is collecting information for the October Home and School newsletter. This newsletter will contain a write up about the Fall Barbeque success, what the Home and School has been doing and what is coming up, as well as a plea for volunteers.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Next Home and School Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10th at 7:30pm. in the Palgrave Public School library.