

Cedar Grove Elementary School

Parent Advisory Committee (P.A.C.)

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Present:

Bob Cotter (Acting Principal of Cedar Grove)	Karl Marits Kimberly Mckevitt Anneke van Swieten	Patty Young Arlene Longman Christine Miller (Treasurer)
Angela Sears (Co-chair)	Yvette Roberts	Tara Crosby
Heidi Riggs (Co-chair)	Michelle Mcleod	Brenda Gerbrandt
Maggie Chow	Lori Dixon (school trustee)	
Susan Goddard		

Recorder: Yvette Roberts

Call to order Heidi Riggs at 7:00 pm.

- Welcome to school trustee Lori Dixon. Lori is happy to hear from parents anytime. This board is very eager to communicate with parents. Lori's email is ldixon@sd46.bc.ca.
- Round Table of Introductions – nice to see some new parents here this time.
- Motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2011 made by Heidi Riggs. Seconded by Michelle McLeod.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance on hand is approximately \$3,900.00.
- We have a credit at IGA for approximately \$460. We can use that for sports day.
- We could give about \$250 towards the Justice Theatre performance of "Online Bullying" taking place Feb 6, 2012. Motion to approve made by Heidi Riggs and seconded by Angela Sears.

Fundraising Committee Report

- There is some more fundraising to happen this year including:

- Hot lunch program
 - Purdy's Easter order
 - Another Campbell's labels contest (to end May 15th). Mrs. Chambers class won the first one and received Pizza for the class
 - Re-loadable IGA cards program continues (please note this is a very good way to raise money)
 - Continue to turn in IGA grocery receipts (that is where the \$460 credit came from)
 - "Home décor" sale
- Feedback on Christmas package – many found it too overwhelming to get the whole package together at once.
 - Fundraising Committee is Maggie, Brenda and Mel. Brenda is organizing the "home décor" sale and sent around a list for anyone else to sign up to help with that and/or the other fundraising tasks.
 - Need a volunteer to distribute emails from the email list that Mel has set up. Yvette has volunteered to do this.

Yearbook Report

- We need pictures for the yearbook from anyone who can provide some. Talk to Patty or Bob if you have some.

Emergency Preparedness Update

- It appears that School board is now willing to take on raising funding for the Emergency Preparedness.
- This would involve them paying for the container and basic equipment.
- As a result the PAC will no longer be considering raising funds for this.

Administrator's Report (Bob Cotter)

- Feb 28th is the next D.P.A.C. Open to all parents who want to attend.
- Jan 31 there is a band assembly at 1:00 pm at the school. Interested parents can come watch.
- New website still in the works – a consultant is doing it.
- 4 basketball teams this year and they are doing well and having a great time.

- There is one parent interested in doing a facebook page for the school. Anyone else interested or opposed to the idea? (No one opposed.) Anyone interested can contact Bob for more information.
- Literacy week is coming up. We will have Family Reading Day Feb 2 (this coming Thursday) at 8:00 am in the gym for muffins, juice and reading. Wear PJ's or dress up as your favorite storybook character.

Other

- Wednesday February 15th is the teacher and staff appreciation lunch. We have decided to do Chinese food instead of Chili. Maggie will order it. Budget of \$200.00. Heidi Riggs made the motion and Arlene Longman seconded it.
- Upcoming fun events (date TBA):
 - Crazy Hair Day
 - Talent Show
- The committee had a discussion on becoming a community school. Lori gave some background on community schools and some information on how they work now:
 - Community schools were set-up with high-risk children in mind,
 - Funds come from Ministry of Education specifically for at risk children,
 - When program began some schools joined and others opted out,
 - Cedar Grove opted out,
 - Gibson's Elementary is a community school,
 - Funding is used to create after school programs that support at risk children,
 - Program is now closed as far as any new schools joining up,
 - Only option would be to partner with an existing community school,
 - Kay Tobbler is the woman who runs the community school currently.

Next P.A.C. meeting is Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.