

Port Guichon PAC Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2014

In Attendance:

Co-Chairs: Karen Sabourin and Keziah McCrystal Rothlin

Treasurer: Tracey Lundell

Recording Secretary: Kari Zantolas

Vice Principal: Mr. Douangchanh

Principal: Mr. Thompson

Teachers in Attendance: N/A

Parents in Attendance: Kate Armstrong, Tia Litz, Carmen Joost, Lesley Millward, Mary Neef, Lynn Tarumoto

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the April minutes:

Moved, seconded, carried to approve the minutes as above.

Principals' Report:

- The playground PALS program has been successful. Mrs. Tisley has found reliable older crews of girls to trouble shoot and take care of the program – signing out equipment. Mrs. van Ryn has also started training grade 7 students to run games.
- Sparklers program is going well. Each week students are recognized for their demonstration of school spirit or act of kindness and their names read over the PA system.
- Port Guichon did well at the Ladner Regional Track Meet on Thursday with 35 to 40 students participating and 23 qualified for the District Track Meet.
- A work order has been put through for the electrical work that needs to be done to accommodate a freezer in the PAC room. Freezer may be purchased shortly – but this may not happen before Sports Day.
- The emergency release drill went really well last week. Thank you so much to Debbie Archbold and Sharon Lum for all of their help.
- Math celebration was held at Port Guichon on April 17. Our students did really well, earning 4 gold, 11 silver and 1 bronze medal!
- The African cultural group, Kunda, came last week, funded by of the PAC. There are already 4 performance groups pre-booked for next year upon approval in September.
- Kite day was a huge success; we actually had wind this year!!
- Thank you to all for the efforts at our Spring Fair; it once again was a huge success.
- June 11th is our parent appreciation ceremony followed by a reception. The students don't know this yet, but administration hopes to coordinate their lessons for hip hop and perform for the parents at the appreciation ceremony.
- The resource room will be moving from Ladner Elementary School into the space at Port Guichon where the Orca pod currently is. The Orca Pod will move and replace the current computer lab. Computer labs are being phased out and replaced by laptops in many schools, so this shouldn't be a concern. Hopefully the school district will be providing some new technology soon. Students moving to Port Guichon with the resource room visited the school last week and were happy with the reception received. The transition will be done in June, but official move will be accomplished over the summer. The staff that came to visit from Ladner Elementary spoke very highly about our students at PG and the visit that they had here.
- The resource room moving back to PG means that more busses will be present for drop off and pick up. The secondary turn about that was installed a couple of years ago has some obvious safety concerns regarding the turnabout in the front of the school. It has been proposed that it should be widened to allow cars to pull over and others to bypass, put in higher barriers on the outer edge, and install a walkway around it. A rethink of parking around the entrance and exit was raised as well. Administration would also like to see the crosswalk paved and painted, along with better signage. Hopefully these changes making the turnabout a more permanent installation, will also help with the trucks and cars that have been seen driving around the fields of Port Guichon. This problem needs to be addressed ASAP to make sure that these fields are not accessible anymore.

- Job action has created some uncertainty for parents and teachers alike. As far as PG is concerned, field trips are still going ahead as planned (with the exception of those with non-refundable deposits, in case of the possibility of rotating strike). Teachers are not allowed to supervise or teach at lunch and recess, in the meantime, school board office management are rotating throughout the district to assist with supervision at all the schools. The teachers are not clear what the next actions are going to be; they do not know what's going to happen next.

Chairs' Report:

- This is our last main meeting including the principals.
- There will be an AGM meeting on June 10th
- Although this is not an official election year, Karen would like to know if anyone can take over in a vice-chair or co-chair position.
- This will also be an administrative meeting. We are hoping to clean up and clarify our constitution. We will look into it at our next meeting once people have a chance to look over it again.
- There will be a PAC social on June 13th @ the Boot and Sombrero.

Treasurer's Report

- The totals for fundraising profits are in for the year

FUNDRAISER	NET PROFIT
Raffle baskets ticket sales	\$ 3600.00
Raffle basket Donations/Expenses	\$ 81.70
TOTAL RAFFLE	\$3681.70
Spring Fair Ticket sales	\$ 792.63
\$5 Table	\$ 495.00
50/50 Ticket Sales	\$ 210.00
Popcorn/Cotton Candy	\$ 282.00
Concession	\$1904.29
Silent Auction	\$2319.00
TOTAL SPRING FAIR	\$ 6002.92
Purdy's	\$ 1122.95
Hot Cross Buns Sales	\$ 47.18
Easter Fundraising Deposit	\$2198.55
TOTAL EASTER FUNDRAISERS	\$1122.78
TOTAL TRACK MEET CONCESSION	\$ 659.20
TOTAL PG MARKET	\$1481.48
TOTAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISERS	\$1629.84
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED SO FAR	\$14577.92

- The Bottle drive has been pushed until the end of October – there were 3 in the community at the same time.
- There is still money left from the garage sale to go to the kid's wish list.
- There is \$10,000.00 surplus in the budget this year. A decision is required to spend this money. It was proposed to put excess towards a new playground for the west side (back) of school. Application for the BCCFA grant for \$75 needs to be filled out by the Principal. We should be trying again to apply for grants in the purchase of the new playground. We need some feedback from the children as to what they would like to see in the playground. It was proposed to print off some picture ideas and pass it around to classrooms to get some opinions from the students. A playground meeting will be set up and a committee gathered, get the students voice, decide on the vendor, work on a plan and get an estimate. Meeting is set for Tuesday, May 20th at 7pm in the library
- Apparently a number of playground balls have made their way onto the school roof, it was requested that the custodian be asked to help get them down

DPAC Report:

- Parent education grants will be available for next year. Suggestions were: media awareness with Jesse Miller, Justice Theatre which does enactments which may be more student directed, OPT has an approachable parent course for sexual health, Marc Landry is an amazing speaker and talks about coping with kids of all levels.
- Kate will liaise with Corinne of Neilson Grove PAC to see about sharing the cost of having Jesse Miller speak at one of our schools

Correspondence and Resolution

- Nil

Committees:

Hot Lunch

- A survey was distributed to the parents of Port Guichon to ask whether or not their children were enjoying the new hot lunch program. We received around 25 responses. Kari spent the first three lunches going from classroom to classroom asking students their opinion on the new program. As far as she could tell, they were all very happy with it. Apparently there are some parents who are not satisfied with the program and are not interested in ordering through this program anymore.
- Kari is still a bit unsure as to what will be happening next year with “the Lunch Lady” but in order to try to please the masses there is a good chance that this program will be cancelled. We are hoping to have a pizza or hot dog day once a month next year instead. A form will be sent out in 4-month increments, the first one being in September that will include orders up until December. That way the money counting is not so frequent and difficult. On the forms there will be a section for parents to fill out to help with food distribution on those days. Without help, there can be NO hot lunches, unless we use The Lunch Lady again.

Fundraising

Fundraising update

- 50/50 license came in for the pub night on May 22nd and for the Halloween dance fundraiser October 24 at the Fishermen’s Hall.
- notice to go out next week for the pub night at the Landing

Adhoc Committees:

Spring Fair

- the Fair was awesome!!!
- Lots of Neilson Grove families were in attendance
- Lots of positive comments
- The weather was great which always helps
- Spring Fair favorites were the bottle draw, hay ride and the prize wheel.
- Classes that won the bottle collection were given Dilly bars from Dairy Queen to be enjoyed at the teachers’ time of choice
- Thank you cards have been made by some of the classes and are being delivered to businesses who donated

Track Meet

- It was misinterpreted that children were to pack lunches on the day of the track meet and not use the concession. The concession was not nearly as busy as it could have been.
- The responsibility of the concession was shared with Neilson Grove. The next time PG hosts the track meet concession, it is important that only one school buys the supplies needed, so we don’t end up with tons of extras and the aftermath of figuring expenses out.
- Thank you so much to Tia Litz and Lynne Tarumoto for all of their hard work.
- A letter was sent out discussing protocol on how to handle money at a double event like this one. Money should be jointly “eyeballed” before it gets sent off site. It was unfair for Mr. Thompson to be handed cash without it being counted.

Book Swap

- June 5th and 6th will be the book swap days. Kids are to bring in a gently used book that they don't read anymore and they receive a ticket for each book (max 3) they bring in to swap for another. A friend of Keziah's has donated whole bunch of books, so this should help ensure that students have a chance to get a book this year even without a swap. Kids are encouraged to bring multiple books to help make sure their classmates all get a chance for a book.

Sports Day

- We will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs this year at the concession. This will alleviate some of the surplus from the track meet.

Old Business:

- Keziah asked about the proposal to have FVRL come and meet with the grade 7's to reintroduce the library and its resources at the library for study use (including online resources). Mrs. Grannary has made initial contact, Mr. D will look into what became of that
- We will contact Opt, sexual health educator for next year, at end of summer and fill in plan at the September's meeting. When planning it was said that the best time for the educator to come to PG would be late spring so, there was no urgency to contact.

New Business:

- There has been some talk about the ease in using sign up genius. It was mentioned that it is hard for volunteers to find sign ups without the email link. We will send out a notice to remind people who the creator is of the sign up genius and add login information to PG PAC webpage so sign up is simpler.

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NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 10TH, 2014