

J.T. Errington PAC Minutes October 27, 2016

Attendees:

Anna Chang, Barbara Zhang, Cathy Chen, James Li, Julia Wu, Maggie Yang, Mike Kwok, Sydney Chang, Ping Gan

Handouts distributed. Attendance sheet circulated.

Committee Reports:

A) Chair-Mike Kwok

- Munch-a-Lunch: adding more options of hot lunch vendors; more volunteers will be needed if school hot lunch is arranged to deliver twice a month.

B) Treasurer- Barbara Zhang

- Gaming account: \$4053.03 – another \$5000 gaming grant from the government will be coming in next month.
- General account: \$1086.15 – another deposit of \$1600 (approximately) from Hot Food Day is in the account and will be on next month's statement.
- Playground account: Move the remainder of the playground donation account (\$8000 approximately) back to the general account. Waiting for the cheque to be issued.
- Request to purchase 5 additional iPads for primary classes: \$2500 approximately from Gaming account – **Approved.**
- Request for PAC to cover the cost of Family Skate Night (\$500 approximately) from Gaming account – Tuesday, December 6th, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. – **Approved.**

C) Fundraising - Maggie Yang

- Gift card launch: 15 order forms returned (around \$1000 revenue earned).
- Krispy Kreme donuts: Sending out letter to Krispy Kreme to join their fundraising program

D) Food day coordinator- Julia Wu

- KFC hot lunch on Oct 27, 2016 – profit \$300 (approximately).
- Kernels – adding to Munch-a-Lunch retailer contacts

E) Principal- Mike Murray

- Staffing: Mrs. Agnew currently on maternity leave and had a baby boy.
- Educational assistants update: district-wide crisis with educational assistants. Short of EAs to fill positions / absences. The wage issue has been a concern to attract people. It is a big challenge for the school to have enough EAs to care for those children in need.
- Old playground has not taken down yet. Most of our students were playing on the new playground and it was very crowded. So the primary and intermediate classes take turns to play on new playground. Primary one day, intermediate next day.
- Parent Appreciation Tea – Friday, May19, 1:00 p.m.
- LIF (Learning improvement Fund) teacher and purpose: LIF teachers (e.g. resource teacher, Learning teacher, ELL teachers) look at our school students three times (December, March, June) per year to target specific children and see what kind of additional support they need.
- Three For Me: a few students not really connected to school. Some kids are emotionally fragile. The school currently initiates a program which assigns three kids to one of the school staff so that staff in an effort to connect the student to the school. Research shows that the more the kids connected to the school, the more successful they are.
- Notices will be sent home for those children being late often – it is becoming a problem again.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, November 24, 8:45 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Carried-All in favor