

J.T. Errington PAC Minutes September 29, 2016

Attendees:

Anna Chang, Barbara Zhang, Cathy Chen, Diane Xu, Donna Lam, Isabel Liu, James Li, Jimmy Chan, Joanne Shum, John Lee, Julia Wu, Maggie Wu, Martin Irman, Mike Kwok, Nicole Chen, Sherrie Cao, Sydney Chang, Terry Kaplan, Wendy Wan

Handouts distributed. Attendance sheet circulated.

Committee Reports:

A) Chair-Mike Kwok

- Welcome and introduce new members

B) Treasurer- Barbara Zhang

- Gaming account: \$4053.03 – Gaming grant from the government will be received in October (\$25/per student, approximately \$5000 in total).
- General account: \$1086.15
- Playground account: cost of playground -- \$122,221.10; \$8288.90 remained in the account (\$1000 donated from TD bank) and has to be spent only on playground.
- Review of annual expenses and minimum balance requirement – the PAC has made a commitment in 2014 that there will be \$4000 kept in the general account for annual expenses.
- Teacher allocations for 2016 – 2017: \$100/ each to start with and see what we do for the rest of the school year. Request for teacher funding: \$1400 – Approved.

C) Fundraising-Maggie Yang

- Gift card fundraising for Christmas is planned to be launched in the end of October or the beginning of November.

D) Food Day Coordinator- Julia Wu

- Hot lunch notice and order form will be distributed in October. There will be two hot lunch days for this term: one in October (KFC), the other in November (Fresh slice).
- Exploring the use of Munch-a-Lunch

E) Principal- Mike Murray

- Staffing: Mrs. Megan Nakagawa – Grade 4/5; Ms. Stephanie Merrick will take over Mrs. Agnew's position to the end of September (Mrs. Agnew is going on maternity leave from October 7).

- ELC new teacher: Ms. Yuri Watanabe – starting next week.
- Another position for educational assistant will be filled in later.
- Update on Ms. Waugh: Ms. Waugh had a car accident in the summer time. She is currently off work and trying to get better. Her return date is uncertain for now.
- New curriculum information evening: October 4, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Parents are welcomed to join.
- Feedback on Meet the Teacher evening: overall, it was very successful; however, some parents had difficulties in rushing around different classrooms and might have missed some teachers' presentations. Mr. Murray agrees and changes will be made for next year.
- Feedback on Calgary trip: The students enjoyed the trip, especially visiting the museums.
- KEV system: Parents can make payments online now by creating a secure account for their families. Please visit our school website and click on the **SchoolCashOnline** button.
- Twitter feed: our school now has our own Twitter. Please follow the Twitter (managed by Mr. Murray) and get the most updated information about our school.
- Media form explanation: the students' information will only be used by the school or PAC. Parents do not have to worry about the information being used for other purposes outside of school.
- Drinking water: water from school fountain has been tested improperly in summer. Nevertheless, the retest result came out fine. To be precautious, the school water fountain has been taken out.
- Questions from parents:
 - How many students in school? There are totally 232 students enrolled in Errington and 9 in Learning Center. Only one space left in Kindergarten in the whole school.
 - Any news about the school closure? There are three elementary listed in the superintendent report for closure including Woodward, McKay, Dixon. The school board will make ultimate decision for which schools to be closed in October.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, October 27, 2016.

Motion to Adjourn: Carried-All in favor