

SULLIVAN ELEMENTARY PAC GENERAL MEETING

September 19, 2016

Attendees: Heather Brown, Marle Simmons, Jen Robbins, Harjeet Gill, Kelly Gil, Bal Litt, Monique Dunn, Shareen Singh, Heidi Cheng, Stacey Blondheim, Shelly Haines, Manj Bunwait, Cindy Saran, Tracy Schjelderup, Julie Desy, Sarah Amaral, Gemely Van Voorst Vader, Simi Sharma, Rita Sidhu, Amy Lucrezi.

School Staff: Dana Crowley, Principal; Sandra Succamore

Called to order at 6:35

1. Minutes passed as presented: Stacey 1st, Monique 2nd
2. Introductions around the table
3. PAC meetings – morning & afternoons to accommodate schedules
4. Fundraising – everyone to be responsible for bringing ideas
 - Photos – Sarah to bring proposals. Photos will take place in the spring.
 - Save-Around coupon book – going to skip a year
 - Clothing Drive - November
 - NEW FUNDRAISERS – Bottle Drive for Grade 7's, Monique has set up an account at bottle depot Return-It 604-597-1977; doing bottle drive right after NY's .
 - Fundraiser suggestion – Movie night change to \$5 pp, include popcorn & drink, parents don't necessarily need to stay
 - Fundraiser event – Bose corn maze, Sullivan day at the farm October 16
5. Communications
 - Pub night – made \$550, 28 attendees – thank you to Principal Crowley and staff who attended and supported!
 - Hallowe'en Dance – to be held in the gym, this year we can have kids decorate the week of
 - Communications Survey, different people want different things. Dana may make some changes to the "SullivanE Learns" blog/website.
6. Hot Lunch – Marle & Erin doing externals: Pizza, Booster Juice, Fuel, Krispy Kreme
 - Clarification of Lunch Lady – this is a separate company that comes as convenience for parents. Small amount comes back to Sullivan (\$48 last year). Parents like as convenience and don't see it as taking away from PAC hot lunches.
 - PAC kitchen has water filter on the cold water tap only for boiling hot dogs
7. Craft Fair – fundraiser, Janet Sheard sponsoring, new signs, pink signs can be discarded. Heather and Marle are looking for volunteers for committee and for some to take over.
 - Concession – Marle suggests having Grade 7's support
 - Mullen – snowflake day October 20 in the classroom
8. First Aid/Babysitting Course – for Ages 10-15. Will cost \$35/student instead of \$55. Will get babysitting & first aid certificate. Nov. 3/4 or Oct 20/21

- Mr. Mullen's grade 7's are doing lunch monitor. Dana has reviewed anaphylaxis with lunch monitors and identified children with anaphylactic allergies. There is a red hand in the room that the students can take out to wave in case of emergency.
9. Pancake Breakfast – Monique coordinating October 7. Would like event set up day/night before, easier to get volunteers to help after school day before. Dana to check on
10. Sports Equipment & Budget Requests
- Mr. Mullen requested and was approved to receive \$1200 last year for an outdoor sports cart with outdoor sports equipment. He has now sourced the complete list and the total is \$1688. *Motion to increase the total amount by \$488 and approve the request: 17 voted yes, 3 voted no. Motion carried.*
 - Mr. Taylor requested and was approved for \$500 last year for a floorball set. Floorball is different than hockey, specific sport but available and fun for most grades. After looking into this further, Mr. Taylor requests a full class set at \$1330. This amount includes 2 lessons. It was discussed and noted that a similar amount was spent on inline skating lessons with no equipment. Attendees questioned that they had not heard of floorball and it is requested to learn more.
Motion to defer to the October 25 meeting and request that Mr. Taylor attend the meeting: 13 voted yes.
 - K-3 classes are asking for \$1874. (detailed breakdown attached) Extensive discussion on the request. It is noted that not all requests are yet in, so we may not have all the information required to approve. This is a request from all K-3 classes, so it was proposed to set an amount per division. *Motion to assign \$250 per division for wishlists: 20 voted yes.*
 - LST is requesting 5 iPads. Discussion regarding taking from the \$200/class, it is preferred to keep it separate. Dana mentioned that they would be happy with iPad Minis, which come at a lower cost. Discussion whether to defer and discuss with LST. It was proposed that PAC approve a dollar amount so that LST can decide whether to purchase 5 iPad minis or 4 iPads. Sindy may be able to obtain cases. *Motion: approve \$2000 for LST to purchase iPads: 21 voted yes.*
11. Terry Fox Run – taking place Sept 23, volunteers needed (signup sheet was passed around)
12. Spirit Wear – Sullivan Elementary Spirit Wear will be available soon.
13. Principal's update
- School goals are emotional self-regulation and perseverance – students sometimes are quick to give up when faced with problems or challenges. Pro D day will focus on student self-assessment.
 - Focus on Reading & Math – home reading challenge to begin
 - Orange Shirt Day – raises awareness about effects of residential schools.
 - Sports teams – Soccer for Grade 6/7 boys (not enough girls for a team) & Cross Country for Grades 3-7
 - "We Club" – used to be Free the Children, students will choose a humanitarian project – Grades 3-7
 - Spirit Club – Grades 3-7
 - Please respect parking in the neighbourhood and speed limits

- There was some miscommunication and new jerseys were purchased at a cost of \$693.
Motion to approve \$693 for jerseys, 21 voted yes.

14. Question & Answer

- Questions about math, discuss with teachers directly
- FreshGrade has a new dedicated district resource to assist in implementation. There are still no letter grades.

SUMMARY / NOT OFFICIAL MINUTES

- **Fundraisers**
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 - Hallowe'en Dance – to be held in the gym
 - Craft Fair – sponsor Janet Sheard to provide new signs!
 - i. Mr. Mullen has snowflake day in his class Oct 20 if parents would like to help make snowflakes for the decoration of the hall for craft fair
- **Hot Lunch** – internal (hot dogs), external - Pizza, Booster Juice, Fuel, Krispy Kreme
 - Clarification of Lunch Lady – this is a separate company that comes as convenience for parents.
- A **First Aid/Babysitting Course** for Ages 10-15 will be made available at reduced cost over an evening and Pro-D day. Date to be confirmed.
 - Mr. Mullen's grade 7's are doing lunch monitor. Dana has reviewed anaphylaxis with lunch monitors and identified children with anaphylactic allergies. There is a red hand in the room that the students can take out to wave in case of emergency.
- Sports Equipment & Budget Requests
 - Increase in budget for outdoor sports trolley & equipment approved
 - Request for floorball set deferred to next meeting.
 - K-3 class consolidated request for learning materials approved
 - Learning Support request for iPads approved
- Terry Fox Run – taking place Sept 23
- Spirit Wear – Sullivan Elementary Spirit Wear will be available soon. Samples will be available to test sizing.
- Principal's update/Q&A (please contact Dana Crowley in the office with any further questions)
 - school goals this year will include emotional self-regulation, perseverance, and a focus on reading.
 - The expansion is behind schedule, construction will start fall 2017.
 - Bathrooms: please inform school if you hear of empty soap or other controllable issues
 - Orange Shirt Day is on September 30, the t-shirt is symbolic