

VRPAC Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
Wednesday January 8th, 2014

In attendance:

Mo Jessa	President
Chris Synesael	Vice President
Jackie Raby	Treasurer – absent
Mary Rankin	Secretary
Tyann Blewett	Parent
Sherry Fraser	Parent
Ron Stonehouse	Parent
Chris Skillings	Parent
Fred Kozak	Grandparent
Betty Kozak	Grandparent
Janis Hoffmann	Grandparent
Lori Hoffmann	Parent
Rob Parker	Principal
Laurie Hamm	Vice Principal

Introductions of all those in attendance

Minutes from previous meeting were approved

First – Chris Skillings
Second – Ron Stonehouse

Correspondence:

- Fun Food information – Mo will give to Jason
- Parent emailed about Staples contest. The parent will work with Rob to complete. Chris Skillings will contact parent about this discussion.

Administration Report

- **December 2013**
 - Busy month with all the events
 - Christmas concerts a success – 2 day concerts and 1 evening concert worked well
- **Educational Issues**
 - Starting to work on VR Self-Regulation in school
 - Preparing to work on checklist to use at the school - will work to use this in the VR school based team

- **Pro D January 24th**
- **Basketball season starting this week**

Treasures Report

- Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement was distributed and reviewed
 - Major Asset summary:
 - Bank \$13,451.80
 - Gaming \$5,263.00

Old Business

- **Seniors Tea**
 - Very successful – about 250 Seniors attended
 - Choir received a standing ovation at the end
 - Gym looked great – thank you to all the volunteers who set up and helped to make this successful
 - Murals were put on the wall. Corners need to be fixed before they are ruined. This will be put forward for next year at set up to tape.
- **VIP Seating – Christmas Concert**
 - Successful and was well received. \$300 made with minimal effort
 - Thank you to Tyann for setting this up and making it a success
- **Coupon Books**
 - Last 6 received
 - 22 books still out – have not been returned
 - Book is well received – much better than other books
- **Shoreline Principal**
 - Kim Strom – Principal at Shoreline willing to come to our PAC meeting to talk to VR parents
 - May move PAC meeting to Feb 5th based on Kim's availability
 - Rob will contact her and let the PAC know
- **Parent Education Night**
 - Learning resource teacher in our district will be coming to speak to parents
 - Notice will be sent home with students and will be held on the evening of Thursday January 23
 - Parents will be asked to reply if they will be attending or not. Event will run from 6:30 – 8:00
 - PAC will provide snacks and \$100 for a set of books
 - PAC will provide babysitting

- **Motion to spend \$100 to purchase 2 sets of books for prize draw for this event**
 - **1st Chris Synesael**
 - **2nd Tyann Blewett**

No one opposed to the motion to spend \$100 2 sets of books for prizes. Motion carried.

- **Bottle Drive**
 - Flyers out this weekend and posters will go up tomorrow
 - Notice of contest next week and notices will also be sent home
 - Need drivers – still short this at other bottle drives
 - Laurie is organizing sign-up sheets
 - Anne will take care of food and drinks for volunteers
 - Friday January 17th will be the final day for the contest – Anne will get classroom tally sheets out to teachers and coordinate pizza for winners

New Business

- **Valentine's Dance and Silent Auction**
 - Mary responsible for dance, will be sending email for volunteers
 - DJ booked and dance will run from 6:30 – 8:30
 - Silent Auction will end at 8:00 – Sarah will send donation letter to parents as requested
 - Chris will update website with the letter for parents to easily access it
- **Purchase of iPads**
 - December request made by Rob to purchase 14 iPads made up of 9 regular size iPads and 5 iPad mini's
 - \$6500 for cases and iPad combination
 - This would equal one per classroom are in addition to the iPads that the school already has
 - There have been concern raised about having iPad in airplane mode
 - Can purchase cable to hook up to the classroom smartboard
 - Trying to move away from lecture model & immersed in with the children, moving around with the student, within the class

Question put to the group by Mo if there are any questions or comments before iPad motion put to vote

- 1) Are grandparents eligible to vote? – one vote per student allowed**
- 2) Janis Hoffman – wanted to make sure if the PAC purchases the iPads, they usable without WiFi in the classroom – response from Rob was Yes they are.**

- **Motion put forward to spend \$7000.00 to purchase 14 iPads and cases**
 - **1st Chris Synesael**
 - **2nd Ron Stonehouse**

All in attendance in favour to purchase 14 iPads and cases except for Betty Kozak who was the only person who was opposed to this motion. Individual verbal confirmation of both Yes and No vote was made by Mo.

Motion carried to spend \$7000.00 to purchase 14 iPads and cases

- **Wifi in school or not**

- Rob emailed other schools about how they are dealing with the Wifi ruling. Received approximately 10 responses were received which found they will be doing online surveys and special sessions
- Rob would like to get access to the VRPAC email that was sent out with the 4 PRO/CON links – Janis Hoffmann will forward this onto Rob
- Families opposed to Wifi have to be accommodated as per Superintendent of schools
- Janis will check the links to ensure they are valid still
- Betty Kozak donated a book of reference to library on how to use Wifi safely

AOB

None

Adjourned at 8:56 pm

Motion to adjourn made by – Mo Jessa

1st – Chris Synesael

2nd – Janis Hoffmann