

VRPAC Minutes

Meeting was called to order by president Mark Downton at 6:37pm.

In attendance

Mark Downton President
Pamela Duncan Vice President
Jackie Raby Treasurer
Jennifer Wark Secretary
Elaine Dolan Principal
Laurie Hamm Vice Principal
Terra Pickwick Teacher
Steve Lovering Parent
Chris Stansfeld Garden City guest speaker
Carrie LeBlanc Parent
Colleen Acton Parent
Mo Jessa Parent
Kim Gailloux Parent
Shantael Sleight Parent
Clare Cronin Parent
Tricia England Parent
Catherine Chernoff Parent

Introductions

Approval of February's minutes

Correspondence

- Carried over to next month's meeting to make time for playground meeting.

Playground

- Terra Pickwick gave a presentation of the positive aspects of a natural playground.
- Bringing kids back to nature
- Fine motor
- Gross motor
- Creative and imaginative play
- Assess ability for all.
- Chris Stanfeld talked about layout, design and features included
- Wobbly bridge, balancing beams, spinning web, swing, dry creek bed, net climber.
- Next PAC meeting will solidify the cost.

PAC made the motion to commit to the design presented and will continue to raise funds.

1st Mark Downton
2nd Tricia England
All in favour, non-opposed.

Administration Report

- Newsletter out on Friday
- Story Theatre presentation to students after Spring break
- New student agendas unique to school will be presented at next PAC meeting.
- Discussion around new mural for the library. Possibility of a parent doing the artwork.
- Elaine discussing with school division to help pay for earthquake bars.
- Community Link funding for vulnerable learners has been reduced due to the decrease of vulnerable learner population within the school. The school needed to maintain above the 30th percentile to maintain the funding. This will affect the reading recovery program.
- Rugby to start on Wednesdays after spring break
- Spring cross-country to start for grade 3, 4, and 5 students.
- Transition meetings to commence soon for graduating grade 5 students.

Treasurers Report

- To date total assets are 28,111.41.

Old Business

- Will be opening a separate account for funds raised for playground.
- Bottle drive April 16th.
- New bottle drive coordinator needed.

New Business

- None

Next meeting April 13, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

1st Mark Downton
2nd Jennifer Wark
Motion carried unanimously.