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January 8 2020 PAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:35pm

Present:

Catherine Chernoff- President
Tarrie Simpson- Secretary
Amanda Campbell-VCPAC rep
Mandy Gorman- Health and safety co-ordinator
Megan Newhouse-Webmaster/ communications
Jenn Devesa- Fun Food Co-ordinator
Renee Pick-Principal
Sarah Winkler-Vice Principal
Natalie Bandringa – CRD (Ready, Step Roll program)

Trish Tahouny, Jackie Raby and Leigh Patten send regrets

Quorum is not met.

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Natalie Bandringa from Ready Step Roll program joined us to provide an update.
Since the walkabout, all problems that were brought up are being addressed and looked into.

- *Adjusting traffic patterns on E&N trail, as well as school zone signage
- *Improving sight lines in Helmcken roundabout
- *Reassessment of Helmcken and Old Island Highway crossing times

There are many more upcoming events and initiatives to improve the safety of students in the area.
Any additional concerns or questions can be emailed to: nbandringa@crd.bc.ca

A scooter rack has been ordered as the prize for most survey responses in the city. There is some confusion as to us also getting a bike rack, as we were told by a previous CRD employee that she had money set aside for us, as well as a grant that would go towards the purchase. Megan and Natalie will look into this and get back to us. In the meantime, the school is requesting that the PAC purchase another bike rack at \$1000, as we are in need of more.

Ready Step Roll will have a table and map set up at the Valentines dance for parents to chat with the CRD and show their favorite routes to school.

Go By Bike company will be coming to our school to do a bike safety lesson with grades 4 and 5 students. This will be a 60 minute in class session, then 90 minutes out on bikes on a bike course designed for them. Natalie and Miss Pick will look into getting bikes for students who do not have their own.

Administration Report:
Renee Pick:

-Renee thanks the PAC for being so supportive.

PAC classroom funds have been spent on items to help improve the classrooms, such as: craft supplies, Christmas items, markers, writing implements, food for classroom fish tanks.

The question of the Pac paying annually for grades 2&4 to go to the symphony at \$850, and grades 1-4 going to Naden band at \$1,400 was brought up by staff again. The PAC needs to have quorum to vote on this, so will discuss at a later date.

Updates and Old Business:

November minutes can not be passed as we have not met quorum.

Fundraising report:

-Valentines dance date has changed to February 7th due to the old date being on a long weekend.

We will need volunteers for this event. An online sign up sheet is coming soon.

-Discussion about all donations from the dance going towards buying a new bike rack for the school.

New Business:

Funding requests:

Mrs Winkler would like \$750 to bring in a presenter for pink shirt day. This would be a school wide assembly, so everyone would benefit. Exec will vote online as this is time sensitive.

Miss Pick would like PAC to purchase a bike rack for the school at \$1000. We will vote on this at a later time, as we may use dance donations towards it.

-Mandy brought forward that we need to make parents aware of what PAC fundraising goes towards. There isn't any "face" of the PAC within the school. As a solution, we will be looking at making signs and having a bulletin board within the school. Mandy has offered to keep it updated and fresh.

-Free lunch for students will be skipped this year. With the Executive members feeling overwhelmed and burnt out, there is nobody to take on planning of this. The budget is also a concern, given that we have less fundraisers this year.

-Executive members are feeling that this is becoming too much work for such a small group of people to handle. We must find a way to recruit new members and people who are willing to help out on a regular basis. How do we get the point across to the parent population that we need help? How do we keep the community feel to this school without needing to put such a strain on our volunteers? Do we need to go to a donation only platform and stop all fundraising?

Executive positions that will be vacant next year due to people moving on:

Bottle drive co-ordinator

Fundraising co-ordinator

VCPAC rep

Treasurer

Fun food co-ordinator

-Megan has created a survey to be sent to all parents. This should help us to figure out where the PAC needs to spend its energy going forward.

Treasurers Report:

Jackie is absent, but Megan brought account info

General Account: \$18,432.32

Gaming account: \$4,041.35

Comfy couch raffle \$486

Purdys \$1138.86

Movie \$425.82

2 babysitters Aaron Campbell and Hannah Simpson will be paid at a later date due to Jackie being away.

Motion to adjourn 7:52

1st Mandy

2nd Amanda

All in favour.