

HAPPY VALLEY PAC MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2015

Minutes recorded by Shannon Battle

In Attendance: Tarra Rosenke, Shannon Battle, Kim Strandlund, Ann Solomon, Sarah Laughton, Tamara Farwell, Cynthia Major, Liz Wadsworth, Kristine Kosolofski, Karen DeCicco, Sara Bacic

Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Approval of May 7, 2015 PAC meeting minutes: moved by Kim Strandlund, seconded by Ann Solomon, carried.

Guest Speaker: Karen DeCicco for Michelle O'Regan

- Karen read a letter to the PAC from Michelle. The letter discussed the huge success of the Art Show and the impact the money raised by the PAC has on being able to obtain quality art supplies, which in turn gives students the opportunity to experience these different mediums when creating their projects. Having the PAC purchase these supplies freed up money in the school budget to buy gym and sports equipment this year. Karen also spoke to the impact the Artists in Residency had on the students. Not just the end result, but the process leading up to it.

Principal's Report by Karen DeCicco

- Cannot comment on next year's teachers and classes because they have not all been finalized. 2 postings are closing this week.

- There will likely be 4, 4/5 split classes and 3 straight K classes

- They will be trying to avoid the 3/4 split for the 2015/2016 school year due to the maturity difference in grade 3 and 4 students, the lunch scheduling challenges, and the 24 primary students vs. 30 intermediate students class numbers.

- Ms. St Jean and Ms. Stracker will be gone next year due to seniority. Ms. Roberts will be back in the Fall. Ms. Knoke will be taking a leave again so she will be losing her spot at Happy Valley. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Price and Mr. Cook will be in intermediate classes. Jessie Moore will be on parental leave, therefore loses seniority at Happy Valley.

- Fun Day: the Gr. 4 students will go to Eagle Ridge for Bowling, etc. The Primary students will be at the school for Fun Day in the morning and a movie in the afternoon. Some primary classes will be busy with 4Cats Art Studio in the afternoon.

- **ALL** parents attending Beach Day will need to have their CRC completed and submitted to the school prior to the event. We still need Volunteers for this day.

- Class placement requests must be in tomorrow.

- Kindergarten orientation went well.

- Curling in PE will be held at the end of the year.

- There will be a Talent Show on June 24th in the morning before the grade 5/6 grad ceremony at 10:15 a.m.. Parents are welcome to attend the Talent Show. There will be a BBQ at 1 pm.

- Aboriginal Day is June 16th and there will be drummers and jiggling.

Vice Principal's Report by Sarah Laughton

- Sarah is working with the primary teachers organizing the Primary Fun Day. There will likely be 5 stations, with a 1/2 hour at each station. Things like Lego, face painting and inflatables. May need parent volunteers but teachers will take care of that. Is there money in the PAC budget for popsicles and freezies? Not if the full budget for Fun Day is spent.

- Beach day is June 18th and the monitor swim is June 19th.

Teacher's Report by Kristine Kofolofski

- Thank you for the PAC support with the Artists in Residency. It was great to see kids putting themselves out there and trying new things.

- Huge thank you for the PAC's contribution to the school Art Show.

- Students are in the midst of track and field currently.

- Lots of field trips and activities are happening right now. Again, thank you for making this possible.

Emergency Preparedness Report by Sara Bacic

- Forms will go out next week for ordering kits for the fall. Sara needs the demo kit back (it's hers). Tarra suggested we buy it as the school's demo kit and Sara purchase a new one.

- Sara to arrange handing back this year's kits to classrooms in the last week of school.

Treasurer's Report by Shannon Battle for Tasha Bodnar Heck

- Regarding Spring Fair, it looked like there may have been a few extra expenses this year as these numbers were up. Tamara said Glenwood's patties cost much more this year. There may also have been some expenses that were not in the budget last year. There are only 3 baskets left for pick up and they total roughly \$50. Next year the first Thursday in May is the AGM, so we should not book the Spring Fair then.

- We should look at the "supplies vs. trip" money amounts for next year and possibly adjust them.

Fundraising Report

- No report tonight as Jasmine is not present.

- Tarra brought up discontinuing soup can labels because work involved does not gather much benefit. Cynthia Major will contact Jasmine regarding discontinuing Island Farms and Campbell's soup labels. Fairways fundraiser will continue next year.

- No word on state of Thrifty's cards fundraiser. Cynthia to check with Jasmine. Cynthia will be working PT and going to school next year, therefore she will not have enough time to do fundraising full time. We will need to address this in the fall.

- Kim Strandlund will be in charge of the Save Around fundraiser next year.

Hot Lunch by Tamara Farwell

- Hot Lunch co-ordinators would like to change hot lunch days from Friday to Monday next year. An autodialer will need to go out regarding this. They could also send out a Teacher survey regarding this if it is deemed necessary. Tarra raised the question "can we change the hot lunch day to Monday instead of

Friday next year without a vote? Consensus was mixed. It was agreed that we should try the change for the first school term and then re-evaluate it for the second term.

- Still need volunteers for this upcoming Monday's Hot Lunch.

Spring Fair by Tamara Farwell

- Donations that weren't bid on, and don't have expiry dates, can roll over to next year. The question was raised about what to do with the donations that do have expiry dates? Karen said the school will buy the donated eye exam, as there is always a family needing help buying glasses (\$20). There was not enough garbage and recycling available at the fair this year, therefore there will need to be more put out next year. Garbage cans were overstuffed.

NEW BUSINESS

Vacant Positions

- There will be the vacant positions to fill in the fall. We should consider adding a Bursary Committee to next year. We will have 2 High Schools next year so we will need to budget for 2 bursaries.

Beach Day

- We still need volunteers.

- Tarra has a list of things to get. Hot dogs and buns have been ordered. Tarra to bring BBQ. Tamara to bring turkey ring for BBQ. Cynthia will ask Jasmine if she can bring turkey ring also.

Bursary

- There was only one application for this year's bursary. There are 2 bursaries still not picked up for years past. Karen said the general process for bursary pick up is one year to pick it up. There is \$1000 unclaimed, therefore we will need to retrieve it and put it into the PAC account. This money can be used for next year's 2 bursaries.

Fun Day

- Budgeted money has been split between the grades by percentages (Gr. 5/6 get 29%, Gr. 4's get 13%, and K-3 get 58%).

Last Day of School

- Karen to organize lemonade and cookies for parent volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Next PAC Meeting will be September 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.