

North Saanich Middle School Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting



MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

7:00 P.M.

NSMS SCHOOL LIBRARY

ATTENDEES		
	Kal Russell , Principal	David Mark , Vice Principal
	Rebekah Hunter , Vice President	Christine Bennett , Treasurer
	Kerri Tuggle , Secretary	Kerry Stratton
	Jen Langard	Robert Downey
	Heather Bond	

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHRISTINE BENNETT

DISCUSSION

Account Balances at Fiscal Year End (June 30, 2012)

- **General** **\$13,296.22**
- **Gaming** **\$ 6,905.98**

Christine noted that the current year gaming funds usually arrive in September so that money will be forthcoming shortly.

Teacher Requests for PAC Funding

At this time of year, the PAC communicates with teachers regarding providing support for teacher/classroom needs. Request forms will be distributed to the teachers to provide specific information requesting PAC support. These budget request forms will be reviewed at future PAC meetings.

Budget

Christine has been working on developing a PAC budget for the 2012-2013 year. Current items on budget are:

- Field maintenance
- Garden / greenhouse costs
- Classroom funds (\$100 per class)
- Yearend awards
- Earthquake supplies

DISCUSSION**Commencement of School Year**

The beginning of the school year had a very successful start and Mr. Russell is really enjoying the new school.

Appeals Process

Mr. Russell wanted to ensure that all PAC members and parents are aware of the correct Complaint and Appeals process. The complete steps to follow as well as the applicable SD#63 policies will be outlined in the September newsletter.

School / Class Set Up

The school has had an influx of students this year and is close to full. At the end of last year there were 35 spots open for the 2012-2013 year but there are now only a handful of spots left.

Intramurals

Lunchtime intramural games will begin this week. Games will be classes vs classes.

Upcoming Events

- **September 20** - Motivational speaker Michael Bortolotto will be doing 3 presentations regarding social responsibility – parents welcome!
- **September 20** - Meet the teacher night
- **September 24** – Non-instructional day
- **September 25** – Grade 5 Immunization day

School Planning Council

Mr. Russell requested three PAC members' participation in the School Planning Council. Kerry Stratton, Christine Bennett and Rebekah Hunter were nominated for SPC and voted in by acclamation. Robert Downey stated that he is interested in being an alternate for this position if required.

M/S/C – Kerri Tuggle / Jen Langard

Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Books have already gone home with the kids. These books are a teacher-coordinated fundraiser to support field trips and funds for the band.

Grade Eight Leadership and Service Program

This year a new program will be implemented for grade eight students. Each grade eight student will have about 20 choices of various activities to perform with/for the school. This will be discussed in advisory one day every other week. Kids will rotate activities three times in the school year to get them involved in various areas. This program is to encourage leadership in the grade eights and to avoid the same students getting involved in various activities again and again – gets more children involved.

DISCUSSION

David stated that he is happy to be back at NSMS – he worked here previously approximately 10 years ago. He really enjoys the new school and the teachers are great. He is looking forward to working with the grade eights in the new Leadership and Service Program and is excited about the upcoming school year.

DISCUSSION**PAC Executive Positions**

The PAC Executive still has open positions available that we are looking for volunteers for:

- PAC President
- Fundraiser

COPACS

Jen Langard stated that she is interested in filling the COPACS position on the PAC Executive as she is already currently serving this position for the KELSET Elementary PAC. Jen was voted in by acclamation.

M/S/C – Christine Bennett / Kerri Tuggle

Meet the Teacher Night

The PAC will provide cookies, juice and water on September 20th at the Meet the Teacher night. Christine Bennett will speak and encourage parents to attend PAC meetings and to let them know that there are still some PAC Executive positions available.

NEW BUSINESS**DISCUSSION****Fundraising Ideas**

It was discussed that the PAC will have to conduct some fundraising this year. Various ideas were discussed:

- **Marigold Nurseries** – Christine Bennett will look into this fundraiser. It has been successful in the past.
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- **Winter Carnival** – This was a popular event held two years ago to fundraise for the playground. It was discussed that it should take place on a Friday night and that the PAC will have to review available dates with Panorama Recreation as they have use of the building after hours. When we have a date determined, we will look at creating a Winter Carnival committee to work on planning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 7:00 p.m.