

Penson School Parent Council Meeting

Date: January 26, 2012

In attendance:

Karen Mroczek, Elizabeth Dyck, Christine Schlieff, Trina Wright, Jenny McAusland, Tanya Frith, Donna Smith, Sharon Biggs

The meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

1.0 Review agenda

1.1 No new items to add.

2.0 Review minutes from previous meeting

2.1 Minutes were not available.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

3.1 Bingo fund \$4132.98, includes bleachers but not January Bingo worked.

3.2 Playground fund balance of \$29,031.26.

3.3 Kids in the Know has been resubmitted.

3.4 Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Donna Smith, Seconded by Karen Mroczek.

4.0 School Trustee Report

4.1 Education Minister's 10 point plan; Penson School may be chosen as a pilot project.

4.2 Penson may be approached for study on bus ride times, commencing March, 2012. Due to criticism, the Board will suggest running the study for 2012/13 school year.

4.3 When parents/staff hear controversial media reports (i.e. wifi on buses), please contact Christine with any questions.

4.4 Government contract meetings have passed the 10 day deadline and all Districts have been told to get ready for bargaining.

4.5 Bus cancellations: policy is -40 actual temperature, wind chill is not considered. Individual drivers may cancel at own discretion. Parents may also choose not to send children.

4.6 E-Spotlight is gearing up to do 1st stories, currently "under construction." Please forward any photos or stories to Sue.

4.7 10 Year Capital Plan has been released: Penson School is not in top three for funding need.

- 4.8 Accountability Pillar results for Zone 1 are out.
- 4.9 The position of Assistant Superintendent will be advertised January 27th. Brian Shields will stay on part-time for 1-2 years to mentor new candidate.
- 4.10 Christine is calling for anyone interested in filling the Trustee position to please contact her. She will not leave the space vacant and also will stay on to mentor new candidate.
- 4.11 Motion to accept Trustee's report by Donna Smith, seconded by Karen Mroczek.

5.0 Principal's Report

- 5.1 Christmas concert had over 350 guests and was a big success. CDs have been made; Jenny will ask about copies to sell.
- 5.2 Science Fair saw 19 visiting judges. Winner's competing in Fairview in March.
- 5.3 GPRC Palaeontology team visited Penson grades 4, 5, 6. Grades 1, 2, and 3 had presentations on hand-washing by Public Health Nurse.
- 5.4 Upcoming presentations include UFA Farm Safety (grades 3, 4, 5), John Howard Society (varied programs for Elementary and Jr High students), and AB Health Services for Sexual Health presentation for Jr High students.
- 5.5 Upcoming activities include grade 4-6 Ski trip to Nighthawk, skating for grades 1-3, and swimming lessons in March. Basketball intramurals have commenced.
- 5.6 Library Sketch: currently looking for an artist to paint the mural. Parent Council thanks Jennifer Schmakeit for the wonderful sketch she created for the library mural.
- 5.7 Departure times: Teacher's and administration are now utilising One Note to communicate messages to bus supervisors. Please parents continue to communicate any changes in bus routine for departure times. Parents are also urged to contact their drivers directly.
- 5.8 AGM/School Council's Meeting March 20th. Will include presentations about accessing Power School from home and outcomes-based report cards.
- 5.9 Fundraising: "Dime at a Time" contest with competition between grades, pizza party for the winning classroom.
- 5.10 Next incentive trip is to the new Multiplex.
- 5.11 The bleachers are here and are awesome!
- 5.12 New signage to be posted: Welcome visitors (sign-in procedures), reminder notice for bus cancellation days, year-at-a-glance calendar, and monthly/daily calendar.
- 5.13 Motion to accept Principal's report by Donna Smith, Seconded by Karen Mroczek.

6.0 Fundraising Issue

- 6.1 At issue is the Christmas Concert fundraising raffle to buy chairs. The Fundraising Committee was approached by parents inquiring about the fundraiser, but neither the Committee nor Parent Council had any knowledge about the fundraiser.
- 6.2 Access to chairs through the Community Club is not guaranteed, meaning we could be without seating at major events such as our Christmas Concert. Also, moving chairs in winter conditions means chairs are not returned in condition they are borrowed.
- 6.3 Parent Council was not aware of the situation with the chairs and agrees they are needed, thus wants to help raise money for chairs.
- 6.4 General discussion about holding an annual golf-fundraiser, combined with other major fundraising events, with proceeds towards a new project/need each year.

7.0 Future of Bingos

- 7.1 Donna is not sure she will be continuing with Bingos; no planning for next year as yet.
- 7.2 Parent Council would like to book one or two Bingos for next year in order to keep our license; however, there is an issue of finding volunteers to work at the Bingos.
- 7.3 Idea of sharing Bingos with other community organisations is not well-received as any issues with Bingos (failure to attend meetings, staff shortages) will jeopardise our Bingo license. As well, the Treasurer is responsible for all the paperwork involved.

8.0 Dream Home Schedule

- 8.1 Will be posted for teacher's next week to give them the first selection of shifts.
- 8.2 This is a major fundraiser for the playground, providing \$25,000 to our project.

9.0 Open Discussion

- 9.1 No items to add.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM

Next Meeting- February 15, 2012