

MINUTES

South Rutland Elementary Parent Advisory Council

Date | time 11/18/2014 6:35 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Heather Johnson

In Attendance

Heather Johnston	Sue Miles	Jennifer Larsen
Cathie Mutter	Elya Martinson	Tessa Russell- Hopkinson
Jackie Tower	Andrea Blanchard	Pat Rambold
Tanya Harnett	Sofia Simeonidis	

Agenda Approval

Jackie made a motion to adopt November 18, 2014 agenda, Elya Seconded.

Approval of Minutes

Tessa made a motion to accept the minutes for October 14, 2014. Minutes from June were unavailable and will be available for review at January 13, 2015 meeting.

President Report: Heather Johnson

Christmas Dance:

Our annual Christmas dance will be held December 4, 2014 from 6:30 PM till 8:00 PM. Shakedown Annie will be there as our DJ, while we have our raffle baskets on display and our concession will be open. Families will be asked to pre-order pizza, but pizza will be available for sale at our concession by the slice. Our PAC volunteers will be coming in on December 3, 2014 to decorate the gym.

Christmas Concert Elves:

There was discussion at the PAC meeting in regards to having door prizes. No decision was made at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Very little activity in the accounts. The gaming grant has been received. Andrea and Angela are still waiting for expenses from October to come out. Andrea made a motion to accept her report as read which was seconded by Sofia. All present voted in favor.

Principal's Report

Principal Cathie Mutter presented her report.

New Business

- Celebrating spirit day and twins day
- We Team fundraisers:
 - Students go to the classroom and talk about what they are doing
 - Baking and selling cookies (Girls vs. Boys)
 - Collect used battery's – can bring them to the school office
- One Starry Night: the gym will be decorated the Monday before

Board Motions and Decision

The school board is going to be doing changes to the grades in schools. Elementary will be from grades K thru 5, middle school from grades 6 thru 8, and high school from grades 9 thru 12. The school board is going to be looking at the best needs of each student and the unique community within the school district. They will also be considering financial considerations. The board is deciding when will be the best time to do this that will be best for the children and families, but will be fully switched over within two years. As a PAC we discussed the benefits and challenges for starting in 2015 or in 2016 and sent our recommendations with Cathie.

Teacher Request:

- Mrs. Miles requested \$110.00 for Color Me Mine
- Mrs. Miles requested \$288.00 for the Art Gallery
- Mrs. Miles Requested 44.00 to go to the Military Museum
- Mrs. Dione and Mr. Wibe requested \$288.00 for the Art Gallery/ The Router Club
- Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Williams requested \$462.00 for science workshops
- Mrs. Dione and Mr. Wibe requested \$288.00 for the Art Gallery/ The Router Club
- For a total of 1073.14 that is coming out of the gaming request.
- Cathie Mutter requested that the PAC assist with two carpets for our classrooms costing a total of 1399.90 coming out of our general account, which will stay with the school.

Pat makes a motion to spend 1480.00 out of the gaming account which was seconded by Sofia. All present voted in favor.

Tessa makes a motion to put 239.00 from last year field trip money into busing for the current year, which was seconded by Elya.

COPAC Report: Elya Martinson

Vivian has been elected to be the president for our COPAC. All positions have been now filled. A new grant has been announced that is available to schools that are willing to add a garden to their school. Parents interested in some parenting workshops can look on the COPAC website www.copac.sd23.bc.ca for the advertisements.

Committee Reports

Hot Lunch: Lisa Klassen and Josie Jagers

Lisa and Josie say that everything is going well and they encourage our parents, guardians, and students to give feedback on our hot lunch program, so we can enhance it to its fullest potential. Lisa and Josie request that parents and guardians make sure that the money and the order form for hot lunch stay together but putting it in a bag. If parents would like they are able to combine all their children on one cheque.

Fundraising: Jackie Tower and Tessa Hopkinson

Fundraising seems to be going well this year. It is too early to see what kind of results we are having but should have some solid information by January 13, 2015 meeting.

Other/New Business

No new business this month.

Next Meeting

1/13/2015 6:30 PM, Staff Room at South Rutland Elementary School

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 PM and was passed unanimously.

Treats are being brought by Cathie Mutter