

Parent Council Minutes: March 11, 2014

- Called meeting to order at 7:04 pm. There were 9 people in attendance.
- Leah reviewed the secretary's report from the January 21, 2014 meeting. Minutes were adopted by Larissa Koshel, seconded by Michelle Bennett.
- Twyla gave the treasurer's report. We have approximately \$1600 in our account. We still have some Scoop-a-lot funds to distribute - \$1000 to \$1200. We like to keep approximately \$400 in the account, in case of incidentals.
- Correspondence: Judy Aitken memorial award for volunteerism in a school; Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) – having nominations for the provincial board. MAPC annual conference is April 25 & 26, 2014.

Old Business:

- Staff Appreciation week: Staff greatly appreciated the food and snacks donated by parents. Feedback from the week – have the big meal mid-week instead of Friday because there is usually leftovers. Add one more parent on each playground for a total of 6 parents doing noon recess duty. A focus person for organizing all the parent volunteers would be helpful. Try a Staff Appreciation month instead of a week by having one special day a week.

Principal's report:

- Mr. Hanke discussed Spring Fling. As the Brothers of the Road band has disbanded, there was a questionnaire sent out to parents in regards to whether to continue Spring Fling with a recorded DJ or not have the Fling this year. The majority of feedback received was to continue the Fling with a DJ. Jamie Ellis will look into asking someone to DJ for us. After discussion, April 25 was chosen for date of Spring Fling. Water and cups will be provided at the Fling. The Yellowhead hall has been suggested as a bigger location to have Spring Fling but because a very large volunteer base would be needed, this option wasn't explored.
- BPSD is working on an electronic devices in classrooms policy. There has been discussion of doing trials in the Middle years. It isn't likely that students will have their own individual electronic device and they will be only one of the various teaching tools. The types of electronic devices hasn't been chosen yet but the division is setting money aside. BPSD will also be discussing the ethics of using the devices.
- Approximately 2/3 of the money has been raised for the replacement climbing wall. Mr. Hanke and Mrs. Douglas were presenting to a service club to ask for funds on March 11.
- Ms. McKinnon mentioned the next Diversity day is March 27.

Motions:

- Leah Sumner made a motion to give \$1200 to the school to purchase books for the Literacy library. Levels of the books will be determined by the Reading Committee. Seconded by Jamie Ellis.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.
- Next meeting – May 13, 2014 at 7 pm in the HMK staff room.