

Parent Council Minutes: November 19, 2013

- Called meeting to order at 7:04. There were 6 people in attendance.
- Leah reviewed the secretary's report from the Sept. 17 meeting. Minutes were adopted by Cheryl, seconded by Twyla.
- Twyla gave the treasurer's report. We have approximately \$650 in our account. There were a few late orders for Scoop-a-lot and have 1 NSF cheque to collect. Totals are not finalized from Scoop-a-lot but we expect to raise \$4000-\$4500.
- Still waiting on the bank to complete forms for signing power.
- Correspondence: Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching – criteria required to nominate a teacher was provided.

Principal's report:

- Level 3 Reading Intervention kit (Fountais & Pinnel) has been ordered – cost \$5500. \$3000 is the amount still required after applying previously raised funds. Motion by Cheryl Beaumont: To give \$1000 to cover some of the cost of the Fountais & Pinnel level 3 Reading Intervention kit. Seconded by Shelly Williams.
- Mr. Murray (head custodian) has noticed the south playground structure has increased wear and will only last a few more years. Parent council will work on ideas on how to increase the playground fun to \$70,000-\$80,000. Will look into a possible grant from Safeway or the Beautiful Plains Foundation.
- A couple parents have brought concerns to Mr. Hanke about watching videos or on-line sites (eg Tumble books) during lunch time. This was done in hopes that would decrease behavior problems. The teachers have duty-free lunches written in their contract. Noon supervision is done by 4 education assistant staff – 1 staff for both huts, 1 in south part of school, 1 in east hallway and 1 in west hallway. The 4 staff do their best to monitor all classrooms.
- The Grade 5 students are going on a ski trip to Aessissippi, Dec 18, 2013. The total cost is \$50.31/student. After fund raising efforts (eg Kids helping kids buckets and two cookie sales), it's hoped that students will only have to pay \$20/each. Mr. Parrott submitted a request to the parent council asking if funds were available for the ski trip. Motion by Shelly Williams: To donate up to \$500 to the Grade 5 ski trip, the amount depending on the total amount raised from fund raising and if any students need assistance to cover their cost. Seconded by Twyla Kopyko.

Vice-principal's report:

- Diversity days – an idea created by the EAL and Building Community committees to celebrate what our cultures have in common. Five Thursday afternoons in December, January, March, and May have been chosen for these days. Students will be divided cross-grades, into groups of 20. December 19, 2013, the following activities have been booked: making perogies, knitting, card making, friendship bracelets, Filipino Christmas traditions, embroidery, gingerbread men, craft with old Christmas cards and the Natives will play road hockey. If anyone else is available or knows of someone to share a special skill, tradition or culture, they are asked to contact Ms. McKinnon.
- A staff member approached Ms. McKinnon about raising money for the typhoon relief in the Philippines. A possible lunch fundraiser and collection at the Christmas concert was discussed.
- Tentative allotment of the Scoop-a-lot funds were discussed: \$500 Grade 5 ski trip, \$1000 artist

in the school, \$1000 for the Fontais & Pinnel level 3 intervention reading kit, \$500 playground fund and \$1000-\$1500 (depending on amount raised) to future requests.

- Teacher appreciation week is the last week of February. More information will follow after the Christmas break.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.
- Next meeting – January 21, 2014 at 7 pm in the HMK staff room.