



# Meeting Minutes

17 April, 2015

Welcome to all members

Present were Chair Brana, Treasurer Rachel, and school representatives Wade Peary, and Julee Baker.

Item follow up from last agenda:

T-Shirts arrived, and look good, excepting a minor controversy over the spelling of Centre. Which, will be spelled 'Centre' on the next, and any subsequent orders, to fall in line with previous school practice, and the commonly accepted spelling standard. Numbers of registration have determined that all track and field and all Project Day participants receive a T-shirt.

The Year End Event is set for 16 June, at Camp Luther. There will be lunch provided in the form of a beverage, pasta, and a caesar salad. PAC has opted to pay for the lunches of siblings and parents of the 49 registered participants who signed up through Artsmarts. As always, with any school run event, only registered Summit students will be participating in the events, regardless of whether PAC is paying for the day.

New Items

Parents inquired about hearing, vision and vaccination booster information and screening, like other schools in the district have. Based on a conversation held directly before the meeting, Lynn volunteered to contact the Health Unit, and set up a day for families to receive information and care across all age groups. She was unable to attend the PAC meeting itself. Further information will follow from the school.

Parents inquired about a broader involvement in district and regional events e.g. Destination Imagination, OOTM and District Science Fairs. Wade enthusiastically agreed we should participate in these events whenever possible. At the first meeting of next year, the PAC and school will go over the calendar of events, and see on which areas Summit would like to focus. He thought we could easily have a Science Fair here at Summit leading to Lower Mainland and regional fairs. He also mentioned there was an Historical Fair that covered from Langley to Chilliwack that Summit students could enter if they were to win the Summit Historical Fair. There are also Skills competitions with robotics challenges, spaghetti bridge and gravity cart categories. Summit and the PAC plan to be involved in many of these events in the 2015/2016 school year.

Parents inquired about feedback for out of date curriculum, and errors in the current programs, giving the examples of the Canada Food Guide and the regions of the tongue diagram. Wade suggested, first and foremost, to approach your teacher directly with this sort of query or suggestion. These errors or changes can be made by individual instructors to their course, if they see fit, and Summit has no desire to be teaching incorrect or irrelevant information to students. This desire to teach more relevant and more up to date topics and information will be further reflected in the Principal's Report below.

#### Treasurer's Report

The balance of the regular chequing account is \$70. The gaming account sits at a balance of \$9721.28 after the recent expenditures of the \$500 Camp Luther deposit, and an additional \$70 expenditure. There are two outstanding cheques for the Easter event and the T-shirts that are not yet taken out of the total balance. Members are reminded to cash cheques as soon as they can to perpetuate an up-to-date bookkeeping system.

#### Principal's Report

The staff will be attending a distance learning conference in late April in a continued effort to advance our school agenda and long term goals. Wade does not anticipate many staff changes in the coming year, but the structure of the school and location cannot be necessarily assured. Mission is a small district with many budget challenges that requires some of it's administrative challenges to be dealt with in creative ways. That being said, there seem to be some interesting changes coming to the Ministry of Education in regards to curriculum. There seems to be a new curriculum for K-6 students that places the emphasis on deeper thinking and learning on a smaller variety of subjects. The details are not yet clear, nor are the effects of these changes on older students, but the school will keep us up to date with changes as they occur.

The Chairman emphasized that any changes, to structure or curriculum, would be areas where heightened communication between parents and school will be vital. Summit parents, especially, will be will be eager to know of any new directions, and plans that effect the students and their teachers. The PAC pledges to give any assistance possible to help facilitate communication between parents and school, through PAC meeting, emails or seminars.

Adjournment until the next meeting -- Friday, 22 May, 10:30am.