



Meeting Minutes

27 March, 2015

Welcome to all members

Present were Chair Brana, Treasurer Rachel, Member at Large Monique and school representatives Wade Peary, Lynn Cummings and Julee Baker.

Item follow up from last agenda:

T-shirts have been ordered and should arrive next week. There were 42 ordered, for various transaction reasons. Apple green was not available in the t-shirt colour, but was used in the logo, and the shirts were ordered blue. Depending on enrolment for each event, it is the plan to give out shirts to kids participating in Track and Field and the Celebration of Learning Day. Eventually, we would like to see every student receive a shirt upon enrolment, and they be encouraged to wear them to ArtSmarts classes to assist with safety and clarity of participants.

T-shirts could be ordered in different colours for each event or year. Also in the interest of safety and clarity, it was suggested that vests, scarves or buttons with a bright logo could be purchased to be worn by a select group of parents at the ArtSmarts events, to mark them as persons children, and indeed other parents, could go to for assistance and information.

The Year End Event was determined to be PAC sponsored (paid for), but run by the school. This distinction must be made for liability purposes. The school district has been cracking down severely on issues like these, especially when they deme the events to be of "high risk", ie. hoseback riding, archery, or taking place near water. Our event will be at Camp Luther this year, but the PAC undertakes to have a completely PAC run event next year, that will be less formal, but more inclusive of the families of Summit. Due to liability, when an event is school run, only registered students may participate. If the PAC runs the event, siblings and family may be included. This, of course, will be COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON FINDING ENOUGH PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO ARRANGE AND RUN THE EVENT.

The ArtSmarts calendar went live today, and there are many wonderful events to choose from. Julee has done another wonderful job this term in finding events for the wide range of families at Summit.

The Easter Party is set to go ahead on the 2nd April, at Heritage Park. All those wishing to attend should have RSVP'd to Rachel already.

The High School Transition night is set for the 5th May, at 6:30pm. It concentrates on students moving from grade 7 to 8, and those moving from grade 9 to 10, but is open to anyone who would like the information, or is interested in looking ahead a few years. PAC will provide refreshment.

It was suggested that Summit students should be included in the Visit Day that other schools in the district enjoy at Riverside College. It was suggested by Rachel that Summit Students might enjoy a Buddy day with Riverside students to gain exposure to what is available to students who attend Riverside. Wade agreed this sounded like a good idea.

Rather than have a separate School Planning Committee, staff would like to use PAC meetings to introduce plans to the Summit community. They would most like assistance in gathering information before long term goals are set, to allow for the most informed position from which to start. It was decided that things like numeracy and literacy rates are something that the school always strives to improve, but that Summit would like loftier goals to attract new students and better meet the needs of existing students at the school. The staff wish to find out why new students come to the school, why those that leave us do so, and if the needs of students are being met. They would like to get parent and student feedback through surveys and PAC meetings. We all know that habit and routine can undermine communication and innovation, and we are hoping to combat that. The staff are also attending a provincial DL conference in April, and touring Abbey Virtual to share information with them to this end.

The PAC Meeting for 17 April is moved from 10:30am to 1:30pm, to account for ArtSmarts events also taking place that day. Perhaps, parents in attendance for these events could be new attendees of the PAC meeting.

Treasurer's Report

\$20 was deposited to the regular chequing account, bringing the balance to \$70 to keep it active.

The gaming account sits at a balance of \$10 239.05. The only activity since the last PAC meeting was cheque #128 for the amount of \$177.81 as part of the Valentine Party expenses. There are two cheques outstanding, however, and members are reminded to cash cheques as soon as they can to perpetuate an up-to-date bookkeeping system.

Principal's Report

The second parent teacher conference night had a very low attendance, and the staff are reviewing the necessity for these events. All else seems to be going well, with a number of new processes underway for management. The staff, as mentioned previously, will be meeting with the staff of Abbey Virtual to discuss a new student management system Summit is considering, that would better keep track of student progress across all subjects, and use emails and updates to help parents monitor progress and even needed attention to inactive students.

Adjournment until the next meeting -- 17 April.