McKinney PAC Meeting - Minutes

Sept 24th, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Welcome & Call to Order	7:05 pm - Call to Order
Meeting Attendees:	Angela Yip, Brenda Khoo, Dora G., Jayne Kor, Jiameng Zhang, Leanne Santha, Mukta Surma, Ut Yue, Val Stillwell.
McKinney Administration:	Allan Osadchy and Jil Ashton-Leigh
Approval of Sept 24 th Agenda	Agenda was adopted as presented: moved by Leanne and seconded by Val. Motion passed.
Approval of May 21 st 2015 minutes	Minutes from May 21, 2015: Motion moved by Suzie, seconded by Leanne. All in favour, motion passed.
Reports: School Administration. Allan Osadchy and Jil- Ashton-Leigh	 Mr. O: Library courtyard is ready> Library was renovated it is not ready yet. It will take time to reopen. Repairs to school were done over the summer, roof was painted, and carpets were replaced with flooring in some classrooms. School staff is organizing a potluck for the carpenters Neighbourhood classes are full. Montessori class size has dropped as some students have moved to later French Immersion schools. Monica Sood is our new Montessori Teacher for Grade 5, 6 & 7-Division 3. It is expected some elementary schools within our district will be closing within next 5 years as enrolment in neighbourhood schools is declining. Families with young kids are moving out of the city to places with more affordable housing. The Richmond school district is conducting a public consultation process. Mr. O encouraged parents to give their input at http://letstalksd38.ca This school year will be the last year for the school administrators, Mr. O and Ms. Ashton-Leigh as they would be retiring. Mr. O said some other staff member will also be retiring this year. New BC Curriculum for Grades K-9 was circulated. Mr. O suggested parents to review it. The new curriculum is available for optional use this year. Some teachers in our school have decided to use it from this year. October 26th new playground will be installed. Ms. Ashton-Leigh: Brazilian Soccer is booked for one week session in November 2015. Buses have been booked for February 2016 for transporting kids to and from swimming lessons. Students will be attending the Children's Festival this school year too. October 21st and 22 are Parent-Teacher conferences, early dismissal on both days. Next week, meeting with teachers.
Reports: PAC Chair – Brenda and Dora	 Brenda introduced PAC Executives and committee members for this school year to the PAC members. Brenda read a thank you letter to McKinney PAC from Dorothy Woo, recipient Steveston-London Scholarship for this year. Class Parent consent forms for PAC e-mail list were sent home, only 50% were

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Treasurer – Leanne Santha	signed and returned. Ms. Ann, Ms. Gourlay and Mrs. Sahota have been conducting a Multicultural/ Friendship club for past few years. The students learn about other cultures and do art and craft activities as group. The class teacher generally recommends a child to participate in the club based on the needs of the child. Parent volunteers are needed to help in the multicultural club for craft activities. A parent volunteer is also needed to attend and report on the District PAC (DPAC) meetings. The meetings are held on the 1 st Tuesday of every month. Interested parent can contact Brenda Khoo or Dora. Following current agenda items were postponed for discussion in the next PAC meeting on Oct 29, 2015: (a) Asian Parent liaison (b) Grade 7 assistance in PAC initiatives (c) Survey regarding PAC monies (d) BCTF presentations Leanne presented draft budget for 2015-2015 school year: General a/c budgeted income items discussed: Expected revenue from Clothes donation box- \$50 p.m. flat rate Movie night fund raiser-\$500 was budgeted for admission to the movie night. \$300 was budgeted for Boston Pizza kid's meal card sales. Idea was to sell \$5 meal cards for \$10. It was decided not to conduct this fundraiser as it may not generate enough income. General a/c budgeted expenses: Red Cedar awards was budgeted for \$200 Steveston-London Scholarship was budgeted in the past as \$250. It was decided to increase the budget to \$300. Leanne said that the gaming a/c funds can be used for student scholarships. She suggested moving Steveston –London Scholarship expense from general a/c expenses to gaming a/c expense. PAC decided to contribute \$50 towards lunch organized by School staff for carpenters. Gaming a/c budget: It was decided to use excess funds in Gaming a/c towards the transportation for Children's festival. Motion to adopt the budget with the changes discussed was moved by Kushal and seconded by Val. All in favour. Motion passed.
	General Account balance as of Sept 24, 2015 is \$ 15,268.35. Gaming Account balance as of Sept 24, 2015 is \$ 1,276.84.
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Library Liaison- Suzie	- Book Fair is being planned for winter.
Social Responsibility Liaison- Suzie	- No report.
Food Days Coordinator – Dora Groumotis	- Food days have started. Next food day is from Boston Pizza.

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Playground Committee- Val, Michelle & Leanne Fund Raising	 Playground Committee- Planning and Updates: New playground will be installed on Saturday, Sept 26, 2015. Parent volunteer forms were sent out. We have 17 parents signed up for Friday to unload the trucks, 37 parents have signed up for Saturday. Starbucks will be donating coffee on Saturday morning. Coast Capital Savings has donated \$300 for pizza lunch. We have received some items as donations from Cobs bread and Rod's building supplies. Kushal: Movie night is planned for October 22. Doors will open at 6:16 p.m., movie will start at 6:45 p.m. Price is \$2 per ticket and \$3 for ticket with popcorn.
	 Kushal suggested other food options such as frozen yogurt, fruit juice etc. Some parents suggested to have a non-diary option as some kids may be allergic to dairy products. It was decided just sell popcorn. We will also be having the basket raffle fundraiser from Oct 19-22 (Monday to Thursday). Draws will be made after the movie on Oct 22. We will have a 50-50 fundraiser and Save Around coupon books will be sold on the movie night as well. Logo'd Clothing (Spirit wear) - Kushal said we will be selling clothing with the school logo on it at cost to the students. Order forms for the Spirit wear will be sent home.
Caring Committee-	
Position vacant	
Fruit and Veg. Program –	The BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional program has started. Cherry Tomatoes
Puneet Bains	were given to the kids. Grapes will be given next week.
School Planning	No report.
Committee- Mr. O,	
Brenda and Suzie	
Destination Imagination Brenda	No report.
RAM Chair- Kushal Samy	RAM's AGM is on next Thursday, Oct 1, 2015 @ Manoah Steves Elementary.
Adjournment at 8: 30 pm	Next Meeting- Oct 29, 2015 at 7:00p.m.