

Wheatland Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

November 21st, 2018

Attendance:

Amy Van Vliet
Michelle Rushford
Nicole Miller
Stephanie Sweere
Shelly Neal

Danna Hanni
David Porter
Sheri Porter
Jenny Bakken
Melissa Piche

Meeting called to order at 7:09 by Nicole Miller

Approval of previous minutes

Motion by Stephanie

Second by Melissa

All in favour. Motion passed

Principal's report

Amy Van Vliet

- They would normally be presenting the Education Report at this time of year, but Wheatland is later in the rotation this year to present to the Board. Michelle and Amy will be presenting the Education Report to the 3 Superintendents on Monday. The report will be attached to this month's minutes and will be sent out with the email. It will also be posted on the school website.
- Once the school knows what their share of the fundraiser is, the staff has a wish list of what they'd like to spend some of the money on. At the top of their wish list is purchasing a Green Screen for the school. The Green Screen would be stored in a central location and teachers could sign it out. They have already started pricing one out and they are hoping to get a deal by purchasing it as a part of a Black Friday sale. It looks like it will cost \$500. The bulk of the fundraiser money goes towards bussing for field trips (to reduce costs for parents) as well as towards educational programs such as Raz Kids. Shelly has requested that the school provide PAC with a list outlining specifically what they have spent previous fundraiser money on.

Michelle Rushford

- Someone has approached the school about sponsoring a 2nd Buddy Bench. The Student Leadership Council would like to be involved in this process. They will contact the Piche's to discuss the building of a 2nd bench. The plan is to put it on the Div II side of the playground.
- 2100 items were collected during the We Scare Hunger event
- the grade 6s had their first ever away tournament for volleyball. There were lots of positive comments made from parents and staff from other schools about the students from our school. Two of our boys rushed over to help a young student at the host school (Wheatland Crossing) when she dropped her lunch. The principal at the school was quick to commend the 2 boys from our school.
- there was a mini volleyball tournament held at Wheatland Elementary recently
- Mrs. Carlson is helping with the Christmas concert
- the school is starting to work on the spring musical. They are looking at doing "The Rocking Tale of Robin Hood", which is a brand new play not performed before at the school. They hope to hold auditions before Christmas break.

Reports from committees

Hot Lunch – Stephanie Sweere

- December is already sitting at \$4000.00 and it has not closed yet
- the Booster Juice fundraiser is on the December order. Stephanie would like to see PAC donate the funds raised from the Booster Juice fundraiser to School Fuel or another charity that operates in the school and directly affects the students on a regular basis. She is going to look into this further.
- Pizza Hut has approached Stephanie about doing a Pizza Hut fundraiser, similar to the Booster Juice one, where coupons would be available to be purchased as a part of the hot lunch order. If we go ahead with that fundraiser, Stephanie would like to advertise ahead of time what the funds from that fundraiser will be going towards so parents know what they are supporting with the fundraiser. What the funds will be will be going towards will be determined at a later date.

Treasurer's report – given by Nicole (Angie not in attendance)

- \$23 433.87 is in the account (this includes the fundraiser money)
- \$6375 from the fundraising money will be going to the school, and \$2125 will be staying with PAC
- Casino account is at 1724.21

Fundraising report – given by Nicole and Melissa

- Total profit is \$8500, so we did not meet the goal of \$10 000.00
- Total sales were similar to last year, but Sobeys went down from 9% to 6%, so that may be a part of the drop in profit. Other factors may have been the fact that so many clubs and organizations were running fundraisers at the same time.
- Co-OP and Sobeys cards have arrived; still waiting on the No Frills cards. Gift cards will be picked up at Parent Teacher interviews on November 28&29.
- Melissa has secured the following prizes to given out as a part of a draw for students who participated in the fundraiser:
 - 10 theatre passes
 - 10 library memberships
 - Pizza party to the top homeroom (Pizza Hut has offered to give us a deal of large pizzas for \$10)
 - Free DQ cone cards for the whole school
 - Depending on funds available, there may also be a pizza party for the students who sold cards
 - Rona is donating the popcorn for the movie

Motion to purchase a pack of 20 Booster Juice gift cards to use as additional prizes and thank-you gifts for the babysitters made by Melissa.

2nd by David

All in favour. Motion passes

- We are still going to go ahead with the movie afternoon for the school because students sold \$121 000.00 worth of gift cards. The movie will take place in the afternoon of December 21, in conjunction with Pajama Day. The Student Leadership Council would be willing to help choose the movie.

- The plan is to run the gift card fundraiser again in the spring. Forms would be sent home on April 18 (the day before spring break starts) and have them due back on May 3rd. The hope is to have the cards ready to be picked up before May long weekend.

New business

Casino is this weekend. Motion made by Stephanie to pay the Casino advisors their fee from our general account.

2nd by Melissa.

All in favour. Motion passes

Members of PAC spent the remainder of the meeting counting and sorting the Co-Op and Sobeys gift cards. The total number of cards were counted twice, and then cards were sorted into individual student orders. The individual student orders were then counted a 2nd time to ensure everything was done correctly, and cards were placed in envelopes with student names and homerooms. The No Frills cards will be placed in envelopes when they arrive, following the same procedure (each order counted twice). At the end of the night, four \$25 Co-Op cards were left over. Nicole and Melissa will double-check all orders containing \$25 Co-Op cards to try to find where those 4 extra cards belong.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 by Nicole Miller

Casino meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:58 by Nicole Miller

\$3340.74 needs to come out of the Casino account to cover items that we went over-budget on for the playground (higher freight charges, paying for equipment that had been donated but could not be used, etc).

Stephanie motions that \$3340.74 be taken from the Casino account to pay for the remaining playground expenses.

2nd by David.

All in favour. Motion passes.

There will be \$1724.21 left in the account after the \$3340.74 is taken out.

There was a question regarding why more notice wasn't given to PAC about the extra playground expenses. Shelly explained that a Volunteer Packet was to have been sent to the school 6 months prior to the playground build, but it was never sent. Because of this, we had no idea that some of the equipment that had been donated was not going to work. It was very last minute (less than 2 weeks before the build) that some equipment, that had been lined up almost a year ago, had to be replaced.

A motion to repay the general account from the Casino account to pay for the Casino advisors' fee will need to be made at a later date. We need to find out how much the fee is before that motion can be made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 by Nicole.

Next meeting: TBA at 7:00pm at Wheatland Elementary

These minutes are considered to be a true and accurate account of the meeting discussions. Any errors or omissions must be reported to the Secretary before the next meeting.