

Lake Hill Elementary School
PAC Meeting
September 20th 7:00-8:30pm



Meeting Minutes

Attendees- Stacey Locke, David Vadar, Renée Alexander, Adrienne Donerty, Cassie Thorogood, Natalie McKay, Leanne Ross, April Brosius, Brenda Kovitz, Angela Sawyer, Rani Parmar, Lauren Roger, Tami Sperber, Jaime Stapleton, Sarah Kebede, Kristen Kirby, Lisa Pecorelli, Ben Davidson, Kimberly Shaw, Debbie Ord, Lisa Higgins, Amy Polson, Michelle Vingo

President's report- Stacey Locke

Goals of PAC this year

1. Communication: How best to get the information out. i.e Facebook Page, Friday emails, School website. We welcome any ideas.
2. Fundraising: We plan to do two main fundraising events this year, a parents night out in the fall and kids walk-a-thon in the spring. Smaller scale fundraising like the Thrifty's Smile Cards, SaveAround coupon books, fun lunches and cupcake days will continue. We'd like to minimize the cost of PAC social events for parents.
3. Classroom reps- Call to fill volunteer positions for each classroom was made. The following people have volunteered.
 - Division 1- Lauren Roger and Lisa Higgins
 - Division 2 – Jackie Paterson
 - Division 3- TBD
 - Division 4- Jen Pennock and Tove Pika
 - Division 5- Cassie Thorogood and Kalyn Sarkany
 - Division 6- Christie Johnston
 - Division 7 – Ben Davidson
4. Nature playground is now open and it seems to be loved by all. It creates imaginative play. Thank you once again for all the help.

5. Back to School BBQ- recap. Thank you for another great time. Thank you to all the volunteers, organizer Deidre Langlois and her husband, Maple Leaf, Thrifty's, Macdonald Realty, and Dempsters. We made about \$1,200 from food sales. After paying Games2U and other expenses, we expect to break even or make a small profit.
6. Save around coupon book as Fundraiser. The books cost \$25.00 and half of that goes to the PAC, which would use it to buy the Bottle fillers watering station for the school. The PAC has been asked to pay \$1200 towards it. The books go out next week, this year there is an app you can use, instead of carrying the books around. Please see Adrienne Doherty for more information or if you would like to assist her.
7. Events planned for fall are :
 - a. Cupcake day, first one on October 19th for Division 1
 - b. Scarecrow Stomp- Please see Angela Sawyer for volunteering positions and more
 - c. Parents night, please see David Vlarar for more information or suggestions proposed date so far is November 25th
 - d. Scholastic Book Fair-end of November, please see Jen Hill for more information and volunteering positions.
 - e. Fun lunch this year's first one is December 2, please see Jen Pennock and Cassie Thorogood
8. Emergency preparedness- Cassie Thorogood team lead. We need to do more of this and if we spend money we need to keep track as we may be re-imbursed.

Treasurers Report – Cassie Thorogood

PAC raised about \$9,000 last year through a variety of fundraisers and events. Savings in the general and gaming accounts total about \$6,200 currently. The annual gaming grant of about \$3,200 is expected in early October. Updated figures and a budget for this year will be presented at next month's meeting.

Administration's Report – Amy Polson and Michelle Vingo

Amy

- The filters on the water fountains will be in place by end of October, if you require further information please go to the SD website. The PAC will also be supporting the purchase of a water bottle filling station.
- Administration is excited by all the new teacher and student faces. Welcome everyone.
- A new line-up change is making things safer for the kids.
- Please continue to call the safe arrival line to advise if your child will not be at school that day. If no call is received and your child is not in class, an email will be sent to you automatically. If no response is received within a reasonable timeframe, Lisa Fernyhough will follow up with a phone call.

- If your child is late and the teacher has already taken attendance you must go to the office to record this as it will not be entered into the system if not.
- The nature playground is a huge hit; even teachers have been using it. Right now it is open to classes in rotation to ensure it isn't too busy. Garden City Landscaping has removed the trees temporarily, as they weren't doing well, but they will be replaced. Also, we are still waiting for another picnic table.
- To go along with the renewed Curriculum, there will be some changes to reporting on student progress. There are two reporting options available to teachers 'Freshgrade' or CSL. Some classes were trying the new reporting methods last year. If your child's teacher is using Freshgrade you will receive more information from them.
- Drivers Abstract and Criminal Record Check are good for 5 years. Every year you must bring in your licence and insurance.
- Self-regulation was the focus of a recent professional day. Staff discussed the book Self Reg by Stuart Shanker. Administration would like to give parents and caregivers the opportunity to learn more about this topic.

Michelle

- Cross country will be taken over by Mindy Myttenar. Grades 3-5
- Soccer starts soon with Mrs. Belanger Grades 4-5 and Jamboree takes 5's first then grades 4's if there aren't enough.
- We need Volunteer's for Basketball for December/January start time, and floor hockey starting in February/march. If anyone can assist please let Michelle know.

Lisa Higgins is asking for 170 Juice lids for the craft project; please leave them in the office for her.