

**Parkland Parent Advisory Council Minutes**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting: December 4, 2013**  
**Parkland Elementary School**

**Meeting called to order:** at 6:00pm by Kristy Wallace

**Attending:** Amanda Roberts, Kristy Wallace, Marisa Kemp, Michelle Alix, Lori Peterat, Lana Sprinkle and Amanda Stafford.

**Last Meeting's Minutes:** read by Kristie Wallace

Marisa made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Amanda Stafford. Carried

**Principal's Report:** given by Amanda Roberts

- Board Highlights (see notes)
- Trust Balance is \$10 300 (\$5300 committed)
- Exhibition: all families except one attended. Three possible reasons for good turnout; food, phone calls, evening event
- Board Meeting: Brenda, Kate and Amanda are presenting. The focus is on PBL and our report cards.
- Country Christmas Celebration: Parents sign up to help with stations. There are 82 people that have RSVP'd so far, is everything on track for the shopping and prep?
- Upcoming Events: Friday, December 13- Country Christmas (6:00-8:30)  
Tuesday, December 17- Curiosity Assembly (12:15)  
Monday, December 23 to Friday, January 3- Winter Vacation  
Wednesday, January 8- PAC Meeting (6:00pm)

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no treasurer's report, as Betty was not in attendance.

**Old Business**

- Breakfast Club: Maybe we'll try something new. Lori and Amanda R talked. We are considering running a breakfast club on our own, not using the monies from Breakfast Clubs of Canada. We may consider offering it 2-3 days per week, instead of 5 days per week. We have enough parent volunteers to make the breakfasts. Lori will approach oil companies about donations to support this. We will aim to start after spring break (April), and are looking for a 12 month donation.
- Kitchen: Most of the teachers are not comfortable with the idea of changing the Early Learning room into a kitchen. They are concerned about relocating the StrongStart &

Preschool room. Yes, they would like a bigger kitchen, but the relocation is a concern. Amanda R is not opposed to changing the Early Learning room to add a kitchen. Kristie will talk to Betty, and have Betty talk to Al about our next step; what do we need to do next?

### **New Business**

- **Movie Night:** We should do this, instead of a silent auction/dinner/dance. We will plan one for January/February, after Kristie finds out what movies are available. We'll only have approximately 3 weeks to plan it, and can include ideas like; popcorn, pajamas, funky slipper contest, etc.
- **Report Cards:** A question was raised about whether the columns correspond with letter grades. Amanda R provided some clarification. The answer to the previous question is, "No." Karen and Brenda's report cards are different because Karen's class is taking part in the Primary Literacy Project and she will have to use the same report card for the duration of the project, for data collection purposes. A parent requested that the teachers provide more clarity, maybe adding a small description to the different columns (emerging, etc.). The parents all agreed that we would love to have report cards brought home before parent/teacher interviews again next term.
- **Country Christmas:** There are 86 people confirmed to attend. The band students will be performing first in the gym. If it is colder than -25 the evening will be cancelled.
- **Sub Teachers:** Parents are able to do a short training session and become a substitute because there are currently not enough qualified teachers available to be substitutes.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 7:45 by Kristy Wallace

**Next Meeting:** January 8 at 6:00pm at Parkland Elementary