

Parkland Parent Advisory Council Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting: February 4, 2015
Parkland Elementary School

Meeting called to order: at 6:05pm by Kristie Wallace

Attending: Joanne Dueck, Kristie Wallace, Lori Peterat, Betty Kirtzinger, Nicole Soontiens, Marisa Kemp and Amanda Stafford.

Last Meeting's Minutes: Read by Amanda Stafford. Motion to accept the minutes as read made by Betty, seconded by Lori, carried.

Principal's Report: given by Joanne Dueck

- Welcome To Kindergarten: will be held on May 21, 2015. The upcoming kindergarteners will be invited to this event.
- 21st Century Meeting: Keith Maurer, Al Van Tassle, The Project-based learning teachers, and all the teachers were present. Laura Craig also attended, she is bringing trades instruction to the school and has helped the children build their garden boxes.
 1. Brenda's class is embarking on an archeological study!
 2. Robert and Karen's class is studying castles and are going to have a castle week.
 3. Sharlene's class is doing a storytelling unit, looking at the stories about the childrens' families.
- At the last Admin meeting Sharlene and Robert presented on the e-portfolio, which was well received.
- Parkland website: We all went through what is on the website and updated/made changes for Kim to implement.

Board Trustee: Nicole Soontiens

Nicole went over the Board Highlights

- There was a presentation from Jamie Maxwell from the High School.
- Regional Science Fair- Karen Frederickson
- Go cart project @ Pouce Coupe and Devereaux , there will be a competition
- Pouce Coupe- music program

DPAC Highlights: Lori

- Guest speaker on Mental Health, Jaclyn Jensen, on using drugs can trigger mental illness.

- Our PAC's constitution info should be available to all parents. The constitution can be updated. *We should add this to the website.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Betty.

Gaming account: \$ 1 163.81

Regular account: \$ 1 300.31

HIS account: \$ 18 026.74

- Crescent Park switched their accounts to the TD Bank. They are paying \$1.95/month for 5 transactions and get 15 deposit items per month.
- We haven't received a statement from the Credit Union as of yet with any extra/changed charges on it. Betty had spoken to someone who has received a statement and was disgusted by the charges. They were charged an additional \$15.00 with no explanation.
- CIBC didn't seem to know what Crescent Park was looking for when they were asking, they were not very helpful, and they wanted a lot more information up front.
- Our decision is to wait until we receive a statement with the extra charges on it, then decide if/when we will switch banks.

Old Business

- Preschool: Alisha Guild is still interested. She is currently doing her criminal record checks. Amanda will type up the preschool insurance letter. Joanne will check into any extra information that is needed for her to take this on.
- Kitchen Thank You: We will take a photo of the students using the kitchen and make a big thank you card for the companies that donated.

New Business

- Nicole is going to set up a facebook page where she will post facts and information to keep parents up to date, and give them the opportunity to communicate with her.
- Lori asked about the 2 fridges and freezer, what are we selling them for? Mike would like the freezer, Amanda would like the fridge. Betty makes a motion we sell Mike the freezer for \$50.00, Marisa 2nds, carried. Lori makes a motion that we sell Amanda the fridge for \$50.00, Betty 2nds, carried. We will put the other fridge for sale in the next newsletter.
- Supplies for the Kitchen: Lori spoke to Kim about the Farmerettes supplies that are already in the kitchen. We are welcome to use whatever we need of theirs. Should we purchase blenders so we can add smoothies to our special lunch options? Betty makes a motion for Lori to spend up to \$500.00 on blenders, Marisa 2nds, carried.

- Discussion re: 3 New Students: H came home and told Betty that students moved classes. Joanne spoke to Robert about who could be moved into his class from Sharlene's class. He welcomed all the grade 2s. A few parents were excited about the move. The final decision was to leave Sharlene's class the way it is, she can have a maximum of 22 children in her K/1/2 class. Once the new children are all in attendance, the numbers are as follows: Sharlene's class-19, Robert's class-18, Brenda's class- 19. Children will have the opportunity to move around within the school, for subjects such as literacy, into appropriate groups so they will thrive in their learning. Between recess and lunch, 3 days/week, there will be different centres set up around the school for children to go to, not just stay in their classrooms.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:15pm by Kristie Wallace

Next Meeting: March 4th, 2015 at 6:00pm at Parkland Elementary