

**McGowan Park PAC
Minutes March 2, 2014
McGowan Park Elementary Library**

Call to Order @ 6:38pm

In Attendance: Cori Wickes, Nadine Hamilton, Gitte Nessman, Nichole Rae, Loretta Espinoza, Joanne Etherington, Julie Ford

Adoption of Previous Minutes: Gitte motioned, Nadine seconded

Correspondence of Note: Nothing new to report at this time

Treasurer's Report:

Julie Ford is stepping down as treasurer effective immediately. Thank you for your service, Julie! Nichole Rae has accepted the position as the new PAC treasurer. Thank you for stepping up, Nichole! No other report at this time.

Chairperson's Report:

Julie Ford will run the Devry plant sale fundraiser.

School Planning Council Report:

The SPC met on March 2nd at 1PM. Instructional rounds took place at the school in February to look at the question of whether our students are assuming responsibility for their academic achievement. The SPC looked at strategies suggested by the instructional rounds team to increase that. The SPC is now working on a school growth plan incorporating students' assumption of academic and personal responsibility. Hoping to present the new plan in late April.

DPAC Report:

Loretta is looking for someone to share DPAC representative responsibilities. January DPAC meeting introduced Learn Now BC program – online resources including games, tutoring and counselling for kids of all school ages. Suggestion to put a link to the website in the next school newsletter. Discussion around the Askable Adult workshop and advertising it to our school community for any interested in attending. Cori believes it is on our school website and it is posted on our PAC bulletin board in the school. Suggestion to have it advertised in the school newsletter online. The effectiveness of the online newsletter format was discussed. It is hoped that this format will become more popular as it saves **alot** of paper.

Principal's Report:

Ongoing Business:

Winter carnival – very busy this year! 2015 silent auction total was \$1250, carnival total \$6600. Expenses were just under \$2000 giving a profit of \$5800 to be put into the library. Lineups in the gym were identified as being too long. More activities needed for next year, but more importantly more volunteers are urgently needed! A very successful evening of fun, community and fundraising. Well done Nadine and Gitte, thank you for all of your hard work!

5 Google Chromebooks have been purchased for the library so far, with thanks to PAC for the funding.

Sex Ed - TRU nursing program to support presentation to grades 6+7 within the curriculum. Health unit nurse presented to the kids a few years ago and was very well received. Nadine suggested that we bring in the same nurse again for sessions with the grade 6+7s this spring. Cost was \$150/hr for a total of approximately \$1500 for all presentations. Having her make an evening presentation to parents is also possible at about \$300. Should we look at doing this every year or every 2? Nadine motioned for PAC to fund 2 hours presentation for each of grade 6+7. Nichole seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Nadine nominated Nichole Rae for treasurer. Julie seconded. Motion carried.

Julie motioned for Will and Julie to be removed as signing authority, and Nichole and Gitte to be added. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

Pie fundraiser letters going home in backpacks tomorrow. Pies to be delivered April 1st. Joanne V coordinating.

DeVry's plant fundraiser to be announced soon with delivery May 7th in time for Mother's Day. Julie coordinating.

Administration requesting purchase of an ice machine for \$200.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday April 27th, 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned 8:02 PM