

McGowan Park PAC
Minutes, October 25, 2012
Library

Call to order at 6:30

In Attendance: Nadine Hamilton, Joanne Vorpahl, Terri Lynn Day, Cathy Sloan, Kristi Hansen, Alana Frymire, Gloria Hall

Adoption of previous minutes – Terri Lynn Day, motioned - Cathy Sloan, second.

Treasurer's Report – Nadine presented on behalf of Julie Ford

- Gaming account balance \$6,242.00 includes \$5,420.00 annual deposit.
- General account balance \$7,030.00 includes \$400.00 profit from welcome back bbq and \$492.00 profit from Halloween dance.

Chairperson report : no report

School Planning Council: no report

DPAC Meeting – no report, check website for any information

Principal's Report:

1. **Curling:** Thanks for the great curling opportunity. The students really seemed to learn a lot. We got a teacher guide in the mail, which we will put in the teacher resource section of the library.
2. **Anti-Bullying Program at McGowan Park Elementary:** We follow the Ministry of Education guidelines for our prevention and response plan. The lessons we teach from the “Working It Out” kit go on all throughout the year, with a stand alone Dealing With Bullying section in April. We have performances that come to the school to reinforce pro-social behaviour, as well as taking part in the Pink Shirt campaign. These follow ministry guidelines in the Health and Career section of the curriculum. Consequences for bullying acts are administered according to district policy. (quiz)
3. **Teacher Request for Funding from the Parent Advisory Council:** Please see the outline following this report.
4. **Playground Project:** A group of senior students and 2 teachers went on a tour of 4 school playgrounds and came back with recommendations about which equipment they liked the best.
5. **Feedback Requested about School Photos:** Comments about this year's pictures and clarification about class and whole school photos.
6. **School Math Expo:** We will be holding a display and judging event on November 15th to see if any projects (done at home) qualify to go to the District Event at the end of November.
7. **Staffing Update:** Our staffing has almost been completed. Some staff have leave provisions.

McGowan Staff Requests to the PAC

October, 2012

Firstly, thank you for all your wonderful support in the past. The staff appreciates the PAC support in considering the requests.

Whole School:

Classroom projects: \$150.00 per classroom for projects and teacher special supplies, to be put directly into teacher accounts, not to be carried over. Total 15 x 150 = \$2,250.00 Gen

Eureka Science: 4 sets of 3 workshops of extracurricular science activities. Total = \$460.00 Gen

Primary Physical Activity: 2 extra curricular gymnastics sessions for each primary class,
\$8.00 x 160 = \$1280.00, plus bus transportation \$490 Total = \$1,770.00 Gam

Intermediate Physical Activity: \$8.00 per student for tennis or other sport
\$8.00 x 148 = \$1184.00 Total = \$ 1,184.00 Gam

Total of above = \$6,640.00

Other:

Cookie Bake for New Life Mission ingredients \$150.00 Gen

McGowan Parloff Ribbons \$400.00 Gam

Cordless Microphone (includes tax) \$338.00 Gam

Spring Production (up to) \$300.00 Gen

Art Club \$300.00 Gam

SMART Board/projector set as per School Improvement Plan \$2100.00 Gam

Working It Out Resources for the Library \$500.00 Gen

Total of above = \$4,188.00

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence of note – playground project – letters and pictures were viewed regarding the various playground equipment wish list from the grade 6 and 7 student playground tour. We thank the students and Miss Baerg and Ms Christiansen for taking the time to research possible new equipment for our playground. We will be looking into different fund raising options to help finance such playground updates.

Alana moves to support all staff requests for pac spending, Cathy Seconded - Accounts noted on page with requests – either Gam or Gen

Ongoing Business:

- Spirit wear – various sizes and styles still available for purchase
- Hot lunch program rolling out Nov 7, Senior Froggy's - \$5.00 for entrée, drink, snack - \$3.00 for extra entrée, thank you to Joanne Etherington for all her hard work organizing this.
- Family dance – having Mrs McCarthy's classroom available was a big hit for the smaller students and siblings
- Regarding photo question – some feedback given, go ahead with composite

New business

- Supplemental Sexual Health Education – Nadine spoke of having a speaker come in early February to discuss sexual health with grade 6 and 7 students (2 – 3 sessions each, approx. 1.5 hours). Version A - 2 sessions for grade 6 and 3 sessions for grade 7 is \$1,200.00, travel costs on top of that could add \$200 - \$300. Version B - \$1,650.00, includes one more session per class. Terri Lynn Day motioned to go forward (after researching some of the questions raised) with version A, spending only up to \$1,500.00, Alana seconded, would like to see who the speaker would be before sessions are booked. All in favour. If all goes well, planning to do the talks each year.
- Next PAC Meeting – December 11 @ 1:00