

Weledeh Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

In Attendance: Susan, Renee, Barb, Tara, Ann, Liz, Jenny

Regrets: Simone

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Opening Prayer - Liz
3. School Report

Information

- October 19: DO Fundraiser: Buddy Washisname. Staff volunteered to man all the roles and raised \$4500 for the program. Hoping this will carry the operations of the program for activities.
- Legion just gave us \$5000 for our food program. Will help us with other items not covered by the government funds
- Gr. 7 Boys won gold in Volleyball
- All kids will be celebrated at the end of our Remembrance Liturgy
- Sandra Profit's brother passed away on the weekend, funeral on Monday at St. Pat's Church
- Halloween costume parade and cake auction. Made \$700
- Lots of subs in the building, work on the culture calming down
- Report cards come out soon

Winter Clothes

- advertise need for winter clothing for the school, primary children in particular. Running out of boys pants and shirts. Indoor clothing
- Will put out a notice in the newsletter
- Renee to pick up clothing from the lost and found at the pool and drop off at the school

Parking

- Parking lot: Staff are parking in visitor parking.
- Staff get first 18, then we go over to the HS
- If there are any open, then we can give staff stalls to subs
- we cannot police this issue, but we will bring up through Janet Toner
- we also have high school students who use our visitor parking

- we have asked the by law to come, but they do not come.
- people often create a barrier to the bus lane and the fire lane
- folding signs to put in the fire lane?
- crossing between two busses is very dangerous
- general public park across the street
- staff have tried to enforce the rules and are treated poorly
- orange pylons and vests every morning? asked bylaw last year to come and this did not happen
- bylaw is understaffed
- parents who park in the cross walk

4. PAC Items:

PAC Lunches

- Tara created a chicken recipe and priced out how eaasy it can be to eat healthy in Yellowknife for the newsletter
- She can continue to do this for other news letters, keeping in mind that it should still be susinct due to the need for newsletters to be informative but user friendly
- Susan would still like to have information in the newsletter such as upcoming events
- Liz mentioned that as a district we are looking into social media about how we need to protect the privacy of our kids
- On PAC lunches, for chicken nugget day we will do carrots on the side.
- Tara inquired about using the High School Rock Cafe to cater the student lunches, Jenny explained that she had contacted him in September about catering the PAC meetings and he had indicated at that point that he would not be able to do that yet.
- Parents making soups and chilis at home, freezing then bringing in? Are there food regulations? We would have to look into this.
- Pizza spikes children's blood sugars and many kids have allergies, can we find a restaurant that would cater healthier options?
- We went to the food program because of convenience, and fundraising.
- Carrots and chicken nuggets would be easy
- If we had enough people to prepare foods or have people supervise with students the day prior we can prepare soups and vegetables
- Simone has a count of supplies required for chicken nugget day
- Ann and Barb to purchase items.

- Members to meet at 10:30 in the canteen. Don't give too many options.
- Jenny to let Caihla know what day it is

Christmas Basket Raffle

- need to solicit for donations.
- funds raised to go to the playground
- Tara to write a letter to the city re: funding the playground
- Liz to get Janet Toner to send the letter from the city that declined to fund the playground
- Dec. 17 is the date for the Christmas Concert
- If you know someone who has a business we can ask for donations
- Parents donate as well, we can put in the newsletter
- Ann and Barb and Renee are not able to attend
- Put the word out that we are going to be making these: Dec. 14 @7
- Ann to bring in baby clothes

5. Other Items:

- Message from the superintendent:
In the upcoming election, when candidates come to the door, parents can ask: Are you prepared to advocate for Yellowknife Specific issues? Advance Placement? Junior Kindergarten? Special Needs? Do you believe JK should be funded in YK the same as in the communities? Do you feel we need an increase in funding for education?
- This will be sent out electronically and on paper.
- Board trustees are willing to meet with PAC members to put key messages out to the public about what is happening with the educational system and the cuts that are facing the GNWT specifically about special needs and JK programs.
- Tara asked about tax dollars, Liz explained that taxes go directly to the Board, but some people do not know that they have to specifically indicate where their taxes go
- Weledeh is in the Yellowknife North riding, however Tara pointed out that all potential new candidates should be aware of and informed about these issues.
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6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2015

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1 Kavanaugh	Simone Gessler		5 Murphy	
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2 Boggis			6 Anthony-Reid	Barb Cameron
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3 Monks			7 Brown	Anne Lynagh
$\frac{3}{4}$ Morton				