

BDES PAWSS SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:30 p.m.

School Library

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

- Michelle Wood
- Diane Baggs
- Wendy Green
- Krista Reading
- Mary Ann Shay
- Adam Walker
- Anne Parkhill
- Charyl Balog

1. Principal Update:

- a. Welcome to new VP Adam Walker
 - i. Will be at the school every day 4 plus a bit
- b. Fundschrift Fundraising:
 - i. Maybe aim for longer turn around time from hand out to collection for next year
 - ii. Next year address collection of money...instead of teachers doing it
 - iii. Missing money...we were short around \$850, but no discrepancy at the office
 1. Break-in problems were discussed, including incidents on Nov. 11, Nov. 14th and Dec. 29th...we think the money could have been taken then.
 - a. Evidence leads to possibility of someone having a master key and getting in
 - b. Ms. Shay is working with facility services to work on making sure the building is secure
 - c. In the mean time, staff brings money to the office at the end of each day
 - d. Discussed possibility of installing cameras but they are expensive and don't tend to provide much information during an incident
 - e. Ms. Shay will inquire about police response for motion sensor activation at the school
- c. Financial Statement:
 - i. Poinsettia Fundraiser \$1292.38
 - ii. Fundschrift Fundraiser \$1340.06 - losses Net \$490.26
 - iii. Graduation - \$501 held over from last year....need to clear up misunderstanding about whether we need to give them this year's \$500 too...will look to October minutes for what we discussed
 - iv. \$65.85 misc. carried over from previous year's balance forward
 - v. We gave \$500 of our fundraising money to the Turkey Dinner
- d. CPIP submitted for School Ground Greening
- e. CPIP submitted for the stage (curtains, lighting, floor refinished?, sound system, paint background, drop down screen)
- f. GEPIC grant-submitted by Ms. Shay
 - i. Money towards a Social Media speaker
 - ii. Looking to have someone come to speak at one of our parent council meetings

- g. Learning Commons (Library) update:
 - i. Have been adding found furniture and rearranging for a better space
 - ii. Will move forward gradually
- h. Parking Update:
 - i. Ms. Shay talked to by law enforcement officers...they feel people have been following rules...crossing guard also thinks it hasn't been a problem lately...seems to have been resolved
 - ii. Will put a refresher in the newsletter about the kiss and drop off zone
- 2. School Ground Greening Update:
 - a. Waiting to find out cost of installation of the Buddy Benches in the spring...
 - b. School will do a Walk around the track Day instead of a Walk to school day
- 3. Christmas Turkey Dinner Update:
 - a. Very successful...kids loved it 😊
- 4. Fundraising Update:
 - a. Concert stage fundraising...received between \$400 and \$500 donations during Christmas Concert
 - b. Dance a thon...Diane is our Parent Council lead for this; Ms. Shay will be the School Staff contact
 - i. Will use "Professor Jamz" <http://www.professorjamz.com/>
 - 1. Different packages available online
 - 2. Diane has experience with this company and says it is very well organized and makes it very little work for the school
 - 3. Dates: Will aim for before a weekend in March or April:
 - a. April 27 or 13th, March 24th or 31st...Diane will call to book one of these
 - 4. Will need approx. 6 parent council volunteers to help during the event
 - a. When the date is confirmed a committee for the volunteers should be formed
 - 5. An assembly will be held 2 weeks before to introduce it to the kids
 - 6. Involves online pledges
 - 7. During the event:
 - a. All students may participate and all will get a glow stick
 - b. Much of the money raised is from sales of items from the "Cosmic Store"
 - c. Will need to work out when each class will participate throughout the day.
 - ii. Hoping to put the money raised here towards the stage
 - c. Other Fundraising Ideas?
 - i. That's enough for this school year between the Gr. 6-8 chocolate bar sales and the Fun Fair
 - d. Fun fair...will be on the agenda next month
- 5. Misc.:
 - a. Pink Shirt day...doing it in spring
 - i. Art Club designing a logo and being printed up by the spirit wear company
 - ii. Orders online?
 - iii. Date? April? Need to get it on the calendar
 - b. Spirit wear...will sell again in the spring due to interest
 - c. "Super Star" (not sure if this is the proper name) Assembly
 - i. Will be starting this month and will be on the last Monday of each month.

- ii. Would be really nice if parents could be notified in advance if their child is receiving an award
- d. Heather Keen...from Optimists will be looking for an Inclusion speaker...Someone to come to talk to kids about buddy benches...
- e. Discussion about some taunting between the French and English stream kids that the kids have been reporting to parents
 - i. School staff has been aware of a bit
- 6. Parents Reaching Out Grant update:
 - a. Sarah Westbrook "Building Resiliency in Children" is booked for March 30th
 - i. Kids during the day (younger and older separate), parents at night 6:30-7:30
 - ii. Childcare at night?
- 7. Correspondence/Communications:
 - a. The Health Unit is offering Triple P Parenting programs
 - i. Discussed possibility of offering it to our kindergarten families first due to limited spots available
 - b. Special education plan consult for SCAC 8....
 - i. Regarding demonstration schools...given to us for review.
 - ii. We don't have input on this...
- 8. Proposed dates for future meetings (to be cleared with Lisa)
 - a. Feb. 22nd
 - b. March 22nd
 - c. April 26th
 - d. May 24th

Adjournment: 8:20

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2017; 6:30 p.m.