

Sept 13, 2011
PAC 7pm

Chairperson: Need someone

Secretary: Jen Mertz

Treasurer: Audra Anderson

- \$21000, \$13000 outstanding (~have about \$9000)

Chairperson, helps to coordinate agenda with Mrs. Huntley
Pam Seabrook would like to volunteer for this position

Principal Report

Staffing and Enrollment

- REALLY busy beginning of the year, gone really well. Mr. Jones is on medical leave, and we are hopeful he will be back for xmas time.
- Will be adding another kindergarten class (Tuesday and Thursday)
- Hired a new teacher Sophie denHaan. Has 4.5 yrs teaching experience. Setting it up in the room right across from the kindergarten class.
- MW class will be bigger, but still have to talk with everyone.
- Confirmed 19 kids in T. T. class, 24 in MW class. New kids will go to T. and Th. Class.
- Gr 3 class has 29 kids in it, has a girl who requires some assistance, therefore topped up the funding to keep the EA in there full time.
- Gr 5=35 kids in it. Split into 2 classes for all of math and LA b/c 6-7 kids go to LAC. When they are together, they have an EA with them.
- Rest of classes are good, all in 20's
- 5 international kids for a month

AISI Project, Last year of assessment focus

- More performance tasks
- 'I can' statements – sharing with the students what the outcomes are

Facing cutbacks

- Have programs disappeared? Early lit is not gone, cut back, but not gone. As a result the teachers started to learn some of the early lit programs to help all of the kids, sharing strategies etc. Family Resource worker has not been cut. Parents can call her directly, and kids can access her from school. Still have speech in K and grade 1. Mrs. Humphry still available for psych ed assessments etc. Still have access to a pediatrician and psychiatrist. New to us this year, we have had OT's, but now we have her here 2 full days every other week. We are going to have backpack workshops for our students, girls should have no more than 10% of your body weight etc.

- Dr Sader and his wife and the Clarks plus volunteers are doing a running club at lunch. Trying to keep kids active, tying it in with nutrition.

PAT Results

- Great! Participation rate is higher than the province therefore we have a very low number of kids who do not take the tests. We try to prepare the kids in a positive way with breakfast and try not to stress them out.

Technology

- 2 carts (60) of netbooks for gr 4-6 students. K-3 have extra lab time.
- Use them as a tool.
- Will be asking all of the kids to get ear-buds. Each student would have their own pair in a Ziploc to take out during computer time.
- Just changed our student attendance programs. We now do ‘visual attendance’, up on the active board with picture, and click to confirm they are here.

School Enhancement

- Still in negotiations about the fence with the town.
- Interior of the school looks great, but outside could use some work. We have been brainstorming. Shed is getting thrown out. Still talking about a sign, thinking we need to get rid of some trees
- Got a big B in the middle of the gym floor.

Money

- Mrs. LeMoine is asking for \$ for accelerated reading prizes again (\$500)
 - Christina Shaw makes a motion, Heather Kelly second’s it
- Healthy Active living, tokens etc. (\$500)
 - Heather Kelly makes a motion, Nikki West second’s it
- Milk cooler- everyone will keep their ears open to see if they can find something inexpensive
- Cheadle lions has one that they don’t use but it needs a bit of fixing, Mr. Jones is looking into how much work.
- \$1000 will be donated for hot lunch

Lisa Thiessen – website – who updates it? How often?

- We pay someone to update the site, but we have a new program (School Logic) that should allow us to do it ourselves, but it is in the works, so we are holding off until we can figure out if it is a go. For now, we have phoned Michelle Baragar and she has agreed to keep us with our basic updates.