

January 27th, 2010 Parent Group Meeting:

Present: Barb, Marsha, Leslie, Tara, Andrea, Tanya, Kathleen, Dana

Want to keep in mind: "What is our Goal?"

Dana offered to take minutes as Shanna not present tonight.

1. 7:10 pm meeting was called to order.
2. Approval of the agenda
3. **Selecting Board Positions:**

Principal: Kathleen Slashinsky

President: Barb

Secretary: Shanna has agreed to be Secretary – Leslie seconded

Directors: Tara Elliot, Leslie, Marsha

Will presume that everyone will read minutes from previous meeting, so that they will not be read at meeting.

4. Motion to approve minutes: Leslie, Tara - Minutes approved
5. **Principal Report: (see attached agenda from principal)**
 - \$3435.04 in account
 - Newsletter –hard copy as is since there were only 3 parent requests for it to be emailed. Wasn't much interest in it getting emailed out. Can access on our website
 - 50 students came out last Thursday. 30 Students today.
 - Open free skating on Sundays- not sticks
 - Feb. 17- Jump Rope for Heart
 - Family Winter Fest is in March (various fun outdoor activities)
 - Feb. 26th – Oak Hammock Marsh Presentations
 - Haiti Fund-raising activities- various activities have been happening
 - community event - pancake breakfast Feb. 12 8-12pm
 - Need volunteers 7:00am, donations of syrup and co-op pancake mix, sausages
 - PBIS: Positive Behaviour Intervention - Happening in our school. We have school-wide community groups that we work on various restitution / virtue activities . With PBIS we started a "Bingo" – Students are awarded "green slips" that recognize them for **Acceptance / Respect/Leadership**
 - School Bus Safety – audit done – good report. Orange vests were very helpful! Way to go Parent Group! Good idea! More vests are being ordered.
 - One door at recess is open now and working well.

- Next newsletter is Monday. It is always the first and third Monday of the month. Friday before is the deadline to get items in to Kay.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS”

- A. Raised \$1002.00 from the raffle. Raylene Head’s dad won.**
- B. R.R.S.D. Website** – Adding parent group page- Kathleen will arrange to add that.
Do all teachers has a class website? Parent noticed Gr. 3’s not up to date
- C. Vests:** A parent noticed that staff not always wearing them at every duty.
- D. Doors:** A parent surveyed 6 six and none of them knew which door was open at recess
- E. X-mas Concert:** Great turn out
- F. Craft Sale:** very successful

7. Correspondence: Manitoba Assoc. of Parent Councils (Y.E.S. – Youth Encouraging Sustainability Project).

8. New Business:

Motion: Barb / 2nd by Leslie

A. Have minutes and agenda distributed to parents separate from the newsletter (1 week after meetings)

-If you would like to add something to the agenda for the next meeting, please contact any of the Board members

B. Onanole Parent Group

Barb shared that they made it clear that meeting shouldn’t be a place to vent/ complain. If parents do have concerns, can bring it up but good idea to have a solution in mind as well.

Also learned that they haven’t been up and running very long. At one point there wasn’t much going on, not many coming out and it was okay to take a break for a while. They are very active right now.

Good to see how another group does things.

C. Swimming Lesstons:

Onanole has 59 students. They pay approx. \$30.00-\$35.00. They raised money to support the transportation - \$1500-\$1800.00.

Barb contacted Reg Klassen didn’t know anything about it.

Can we do this for next year? Is this something we want to do? Is the school interested? What is the purpose? Exercise? Water safety? Life skill? Need to be targeting younger students? Need to see if parents are interested?

Parent Group will survey parents to see if they are interested. (Carry forward)

“If it were a possibility to offer a swimming program for our students to attend swimming lessons in Brandon, Would you be interested to have your child attend...for a fee?”

D. Teacher Appreciation Week: Feb. 8-12

-Would we as a parent group, like to do something special for all staff, E.A.'s, custodian, bus drivers

-“My teacher is....” Posters / Card” (Dana will do up and get the kids to complete)

-Pancake breakfast, special banner / table cloth to serve the staff- kids can decorate?.

-Something in the bathroom?

-Cake?? School picture?

-Tara to ask Penny about Spa passes?

E. Camp Wanakumback

-Our students are not old enough to attend overnight field trips.

-Every year each class goes on different field trips

-Interpreter, naturalist, eco-systems....

-Janet Gusdal – min. 20 people, costs about \$30.00

-Kathleen will give Janet a call.

F. Bullying

-Parent wanting to know what the policy is.

-How are things handled?

-Discipline procedures reviewed.

-Parents please call and let teacher know about any concerns.

G. Can we have our own bank account?

-Kathleen to ask Laurie how Onanole does it?

H. Fundraising:

Discussion around Cookbook being a big money maker?? Carry forward.

Need to get letters out ASAP to Lions club and other service groups for financial support.

- I. Dana shared about the mentorship program that will be starting again in Feb. (2nd term for highschool). Highschool students volunteering here.

TO DO LIST:

-Dana will call Marlyse highschool to see if Volunteers interested in child-minding during our parent group meetings. Would more parents come out if child care wasn't a concern?

-Contact Numbers of Board Members need to go on website.

-Any students interested in tutoring? / Offering study group?

-Kathleen to ask Laurie about bank account & calling Janet Gusdal

-Kathleen looking into setting up parent group page on our website – Barb will put all the board member contact information on there.

-Minutes of meeting to go out 1 week after meeting. Agenda can be set just before meetings.

-Kathleen will review with students which door is unlocked at recess time to ensure they all know.

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Next Meeting: Wed. Feb. 24th at 7:00pm