



Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC Executive Meeting

October 16, 2013

Chair: Emil Zimmermann

Secretary: Eموke Zimmermann

Attendees:

Tracey Yuruk	Kari Perkins
Denise Affleck	Ashiya Sequeira
Alicia Tarry	Susan Gottfredsen
Sabrina Scardillo	Emoke Zimmermann
	Emil Zimmermann

Meeting called to order at 1:35 pm.

1. Executive Meeting Format

1.1 Emil asked if having an additional meeting (the executive meeting) is a big stretch for the attendees. We agreed that it is.

1.2 Emil also explained that the point in having separate executive meetings is to allow for parents to have additional value in the regular PAC meeting. However it is not necessary to gather every month for an executive meeting as we can also try e-mail meetings. The overall response was encouraging. As an experiment we will try to conduct an email executive meeting in November

2. PHPAC T-Shirt Fundraiser

2.1 A number of parents expressed their interest in having a PHPAC T-Shirt. Denise asked the provider for a quote and the conditions are as follows:

- Minimum order: 12 T-shirts
- Price: \$10
- Price 2XL and above: \$12

2.2 We can only have green coloured T-Shirts. In order to proceed, we need to collect orders from parents and then place the order with the provider. We agreed to try to do this twice a year.

2.3 A reasonable price to charge parents would be somewhere around \$15, but definitely below \$20

3. Social Media - Twitter

3.1 Emil asked if the PAC would be open to experiment with a PAC twitter account as an additional channel for broadcasting our events and other communication.

3.2 There was a brief discussion on this issue and most of the concerns were related to how do we maintain control over what is being tweeted out. It has been agreed that once we have an acceptable process and policy in place – to ensure that the account will NOT be abused in any ways – we can look into practical details on how do we proceed.

4. Class Rep System in 2014

4.1 Emil referred to what he discussed with Kari at some point. The idea is to try to send out the class rep data collecting sheets to parents as early as possible, preferably when parents receive all the forms from the school. This could speed up the setting up of the class rep system in the future.

4.2 Having the class rep system up and running early could also help us bridging the gap while the school administration processes the application forms for the school wide email distribution system.

5. Parent Education

5.1 One of the point in having a separate executive meeting is to be able to provide parent educational session to parents in our regular PAC meetings

5.2 Emil has agreed with Mme Stewart to come to our PAC meeting on October 21, where she will be talking about her experience with smart boards in education.

5.3 Ashiya also has some very good ideas for our Parent Ed events. We agreed that we will aim for 3 – maybe 4 – parent ed events in this school year. Examples:

- Emotional Intelligence
- Bullying, etc

5.4 Some schools use parent ed events as fundraisers. We agreed that this approach would be beneficial for us too

5.5 There is the potential to invite other schools to participate. Emil is working on this

6. After School Activities

6.1 Places des Arts event offered by the school has not been communicated well. Only 1 child signed up on Friday Oct 11. Although this is a school matter, it would not cost PAC anything to advertise these events as they provide amazing value for parents.

6.2 There is an increasing interest among parents for after school activities in Panorama Heights. Emil will talk to Ms Denton and Mr Carabine about this. How can we meet the need of our parent community in this matter? Perhaps the school can fill in part of the void and the PAC the rest.

6.2 One very popular after school activity is “Brick 4 Kids”

7. Christmas Holiday Event

7.1 Emil asked if we could organize a Holiday event for kids and parents before Christmas. The gym is off limits in December and everyone is too busy. For this reason this will not happen at this time

8. Movie Nigh Volunteers

8.1 Susan raised that we do not have enough volunteers for the movie night on October 18. Additional email will be sent out to ask parents to volunteer so that the event can happen.

9. Financial Statement

9.1 Sabrina said that there is a chance she won't be able to attend our next PAC meeting. In that case Emil will briefly present the latest financial statement to the parent community

Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM