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**Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC Meeting**

**October 21, 2013**

**Chair:** Emil Zimmermann

**Secretary:** Kelly Proulx

**Attendees:**

Bonnie Chung	Sheila Korrani
Alicia Tarry	Stephanie Chung
Denise Affleck	Jerusha Chong
Kam Farahavar	Emoke Zimmermann
Farideh Panahi	Georgette van de Bovenkamp
Mina Difrakhsh	Susan Gottfredsen
Ashiya Khan-Sequeira	Leah McGeachie
Alex McLaughlin	Sandra Harris
Tony Chung	Neda Mansouri
Veronica Ho	Rosie Patterson-Kearney

**Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm.**

**Introductions and Housekeeping**

1. Round table introductions.
2. Timekeeper designate: Kam Farahavar.
3. Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve minutes of the PAC meeting held September 23, 2013. Moved by Kam. Seconded by Sandra. All in favour. **Motion passed.**
4. Agenda for October 21, 2013 meeting. **Motion** to approve agenda. Moved by Kelly. Seconded by Mena. All in favour. **Motion passed.**

## Ignite

1. Watched *What I Want For My Children* video by Heidi Gass Gable (2008) <http://youtu.be/81LPau5TkAY>.
2. Madame Steward demonstrated some uses of the **Smart Board** as an educational tool. It provides a great opportunity for tactile and visual learners, and multiple examples for varied learning activities. Students can interact with the board by touching images, moving them and writing.

## Executive Report

1. **Clubs:** Thank you to Ms. Denton and Mr. Carabine for helping to coordinate and schedule all the clubs and for outlining the rules for participation and signing up for these (there is a maximum number of clubs children can sign up for; however, it is important for children to spend time outside as well). All clubs currently listed on the PAC website are parent-led. A copy of the schedule for the school-led clubs will be posted on the PAC website.
2. Emil explained that they are trying out separate **PAC Executive meetings** to better utilize time during the regular PAC meetings.
3. Parents have expressed an interest in purchasing Panorama **Heights PAC T-shirts**. T-shirts will be available for order in the near future via the PAC website.
4. The Executive discussed the use of **social media** for disseminating PAC information. The PAC is not ready at this point and will continue review to review this as an option.
5. The **Class Rep system** was up and running by the beginning of October but the email distribution list was not ready to use until mid-October. For future planning the PAC would like to send out the form for Class Rep sign up and contact information right at the beginning of the year with all the other forms.
6. The **Parent Education program** will likely include 3-4 scheduled sessions this school year.
7. Emil met with Mr. Carabine and Ms. Denton to discuss the possibility of running after school activities on the premises. These activities would not be parent- or teacher-led, but rather by private organizations. The school is willing to look at this opportunity and the PAC and Administration will look at the logistics.

## Treasurer's Report

1. A term deposit was renewed.
2. There have been some revenue-producing events so far: hot lunches, family photo night, book fair, treat day and movie night.
3. The PAC received the grant from the provincial government for the Gaming Account.

## School Report from the Acting Principal and Vice Principal (Mr. Carabine and Ms. Denton)

1. Classes are at almost 100% capacity; as new students arrive, the school's administration will be looking for placements for these students at other schools.
2. **Interim Reports** were introduced on October 15 and parent feedback so far has been positive regarding this new format and the emphasis on social/ behavioural competencies.

3. **School Writing Goal** – the students have produced their first writing sample. All teachers were trained on a specific format to use as a diagnostic tool in order to produce consistency. Based on their initial assessments, teachers will focus on those identified areas of opportunity with their classes throughout the year. The students will be asked to complete another writing sample as a comparison in May.
4. Mr. Carabine encouraged all parents to visit during **assemblies** whenever they are available.
5. **Movie night** on Friday, October 18 was successful and well organized and raised over \$700.
6. **The Green Thumb Players**, presented by the PAC, came to a recent school assembly to talk about cyber-bullying.
7. PAC has sponsored **Zumba** in the school once again this year and it has been met with great enthusiasm by the students.
8. **The Halloween Parade** will take place on Thursday, October 31: parents are reminded that no (costume) weapons will be permitted in the school.
9. The **Remembrance Day Ceremony** has been scheduled for Thursday, November 7 at 1045 and 1315.
10. The **Christmas Concerts** will be on December 17 and 18 at 1900.

#### **New Business**

1. A request was made for the DPAC to write a letter to the Pinetree location of Chapters, on behalf of District 43, confirming the number of students enrolled in the French Immersion program. With this information the store may be able to expand their French books section.
2. A motion was made to cancel the November 18, 2013 and December 16, 2013 PAC meetings and replace these meetings with a meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013. Moved by Georgette. Seconded Kam. All in favour. **Motion passed.**
3. Walking school bus is in need of an additional volunteer. Regular communication on this program and the regular safety program will be distributed by the class reps.

Date of next meeting is 7:00 pm, Monday, December 2, 2013.

**Motion** to adjourn meeting. Moved by Susan. Seconded by Alex. **Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.**