

PAC Meeting Minutes, Tuesday March 27, 2018

Executive and Voting Members in Attendance: Andrea Shea, Glen Vanderperk, Joanne Adams, Joy MaGarrey, Megan Parsons, Ronda Cadeau, Sharon Seinen, Tiffany Addie (8)

Parents/Visitors in Attendance: None

School Staff Representatives in Attendance: Robb McLean, Esther King

Regretfully Absent: Candice Buchan, Mark Murray, Meaghan Racine, Melissa DeBeau, Melissa Losier, Noelle Klassen, Sarah Dyck, Sterling Bidgood, Steve McCallum, Tara Ryan (10)

Sharon noted a necessary correction in the Financial Update: it should read the Playground Reserve (not Resurface). Robb will make the correction prior to posting online. Revised minutes from February 2018 approved by Joy and seconded by Ronda

By request

Lice Notices: Joanne wondered if lice notices could go home to the whole school rather than just to the class affected. Robb noted that the protocol is by class; also, notices would be going home constantly if they went to the whole school rather than just the class affected. Esther also mentioned that she sends notices home with the class any siblings of the affected student is in.

Absentee Members: Joanne also brought up the fact that some members have never attended a meeting, some attended the first and none since, some are habitually absent (with or without notice to the executive). After some discussion, it was decided that a sub-committee would meet on May 17, at Parnall, to discuss and suggest revisions on this issue within the PAC Constitution (as well as suggest revisions to the Constitution as a whole). The Constitution Committee currently consists of Robb, Tiffany, Joanne, Sharon, Meg (any other PAC members are welcome!) – they will provide the PAC with both current and revised copies of the Constitution at our May 29 meeting, to be discussed and voted on so that there is an updated Constitution in effect for the 2018-2019 school year.

Hot Lunches: Joanne presented a suggestion that a Parnall parent brought to her; in an effort to be inclusive, would the PAC consider funding a hot lunch for the whole student population (or those interested), perhaps once in the fall, once in the spring? Unfortunately, the cost would be prohibitive, and the details daunting. However, Esther and Robb both noted that the teaching and administrative staff are aware that there are students whose families may not be able to avail themselves of hot lunches; staff are able to apply through the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) for funds so that students don't need to miss out.

Romby's Mac & Cheese: Robb realized that there is a conflict with our upcoming Mac & Cheese lunch on April 12 – it's a scheduled hot dog day. Romby's has been contacted, and they will be able to accommodate a new date: **Mac & Cheese lunch has been rescheduled to May 17.**

Past/Current Business

Pro Grant/Wellness Event update: H&W Committee met on Thursday March 8. Currently, most facilitators have been booked (there are some pending), and committee members are contacting organizations in the region looking for resource/promotional material for swag bags. In conversation, committee members realized that our schedule for 'save the date' bookmarks and brochures (by which families can sign up for preferred sessions) is off; we will revisit, revise, and prevail! Next H&W meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 4, 6pm at Starbucks on Lake Street.

Chocolate Bar Update: Esther reported that all funds are in, she is just waiting for an official invoice from World's Finest to make the payment. The estimated funds raised total is \$7500.00 (last year's total was \$7700.00). The grade 6 class sold the most boxes (mostly thanks to student Rachel, who was the best

seller this year) with 23 total, and the grade 1 and 3/4 classes were the runners-up, having sold 14 boxes each.

Forest of Reading: As per the questions from last meeting, Robb reported that there are 27 students involved, there were 50 books purchased, and Parnall students will not be involved in an author event this year. Members have until the end of April to complete their reading goals.

Cave Springs: Robb reported that the whole school Cave Springs event in the past was possible due to specific grant money provided by the government, which is not available this year.

Line Painting: Robb met with a DSBN-preferred playground line painter Mar.27/18. The optimum package costs roughly \$2000-\$2500, and benefits the whole school with the following lines:

- kindergarten area receives 3 line-ups (numbers 1-30, letters A-Z and a-z), and a track in the middle of the pavement with varying types of lines corresponding to different movements
- primary, junior, and intermediate class lines would be extended
- primary tarmac receives a “fox and goose” pattern, 12 hopscotch courts, and a 100-chart
- the junior area receives 2 four-square patterns
- the basketball lines would be re-painted as well

All lines are painted in yellow. The price is adjustable (if number/type of lines are adjusted as well). The final price should be sent to Robb by Thursday March 29, and the painting would be completed this spring.

Sharon motioned that the PAC approve the optimum line painting package up to a maximum of \$3500.00; the motion was seconded by Joanne, and the voting members present voted unanimously in favour of the motion.

Kindergarten Playground Pea Gravel to Woodchips Replacement: Robb confirmed that woodchips must be purchased through a DSBN-preferred company. Robb has put out tenders but has not yet heard back from anyone. He noted that should we go ahead with the replacement, it wouldn't be done until autumn. He also noted that he will find out whether we can reduce costs by removing the pea gravel ourselves. Sharon advised that the replacement will be very costly, and will almost definitely involve taking out a loan.

***Glen wondered if the newly painted playground lines in the kindergarten would be damaged by the pea gravel replacement in the fall if we go through with it. Robb will confer with both the line painter and, potentially, the woodchip company once in contact with them.**

Principal's Report

Staffing update: Mrs. Beresh (grade 6) is still not back; approximate return is end of April. Robb will address some behavioural issues some of the class are displaying; admin and teaching staff are supporting substitute Mrs. Luciano during her extended stay in the class.

Sports: Jr Basketball teams have been active; boys are “0-for” but having fun, and the girls eventually lost in overtime! Intermediate badminton is also happening; there are tournaments in April.

Swim to Survive: Grade 3s start the Swim to Survive program on Thursday March 29, which continues on for 3 more Thursdays. The program teaches very basic skills based on students' current skill levels.

Raise the Flag for Autism Awareness: Parnall will recognize this event which occurs on Tuesday April 3rd (first day back after Easter). Students are encouraged to wear blue to support Autism Awareness.

World Art Day: Mme Anderson is leading this initiative, which will include a “museum walk” at Parnall on Friday April 13; student art, based on famous artworks, will be displayed in the hallways. Parents are invited to pop in to have a look in the morning.

St. Colomba Spring Fair: St. Colomba, whose parking lot we commandeer every school day, is having a Spring Fair on Saturday April 21, and approached Robb to advertise within the school, which he was happy to do. NOTE: the Fair will include an e-waste drop off – PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR E-WASTE AT THE FAIR!!! **Parnall's Trunk Sale in June will include an e-waste drop off, with all proceeds benefitting Parnall students!**

Lockdown Drill: Parnall will practice lockdown procedures on Monday April 9. Lockdown drills are a regular occurrence throughout the DSBN and neither parents nor students should be alarmed.

2018-2019 Staffing: Robb expects tentative numbers and staffing sometime in April, and will share those with the PAC at the next meeting following.

Calendar

Mar. 28: Pasta Lunch	Apr. 12: Gr. 3s to Swim to Survive
Mar. 29: Gr. 3s to Swim to Survive	Hot Dog Day
Mar. 30: GOOD FRIDAY	Apr. 13: World Art Day
Apr. 2: EASTER MONDAY	Pizza Lunch
Apr. 3: Raise the Flag for Autism Awareness	Apr. 16: Dairy Farmer Presentations
Wear blue!	Apr. 17: Jr. BB Playoff
Apr. 4: 2/30 & 3R to Sugar Bush (11:15-2:00)	Apr. 19: 7W & 8W at Eden Play
Apr. 5: Gr. 3s to Swim to Survive	Subway Lunch
Apr. 6: Green Shirt Day	Jr. BB Playoff
Pizza Lunch	Apr. 20: Pizza Lunch
I-Matter Assembly/Colour House (1:45)	Apr. 25: Pasta Lunch
Apr. 9: Lockdown Drill (2:30)	PAC Wellness Event
Apr. 10: 8W to Recycling Plant	Apr. 26: Badminton Tourney
Jr. BB games vs. Harriet Tubman	Apr. 27: Pizza Lunch
(boys first)	May 1: PAC Meeting (April's; rescheduled)

Last Minute Questions/Thoughts by Members

Parking Lot: Once again, the driving/parking behaviours in the school parking lot were brought up. Ideas batted about were: parking supervisors (would have to be parent volunteers, potential conflicts a deterrent); paving the grassy area to the south of the gym (drainage an issue, surveying/grading/paving costs prohibitive). A "walk to school" initiative was suggested as well that may be feasible: students given a calendar for the month of May; every time they walk to and from school they mark off the day on the calendar; at the end of the month the student with the most days marked off their calendar (drawn randomly in case of a tie) wins a prize (TBD, donated by PAC?) Robb will suggest the initiative to the admin & teaching staff; if it's a go, it could be announced during the Health & Wellness Event (and communicated to any not attending as well). The goal is to get kids (and parents) walking, do our part for the environment... and maybe reduce congestion in the parking lot!

Gift Card for Grade 8 Student's Family: Sharon asked if the gift card had been delivered to the student's family; Tiffany said she would follow up with Noelle who had volunteered to make the purchase/deliver. **Noelle reported that the gift card was purchased and given to Miss Watson, who delivered it to the student's mother on behalf of the PAC and school community.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm (with a quick, impromptu H&W committee meeting following).

The next scheduled meeting would have fallen the day before the Health & Wellness Event, so it has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 1.

The May meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 29.