

## Craigflower Parent's Advisory Council

### Minutes of the 13 December 2017 meeting

#### 1) Welcome and Introductions (all)

#### 2) Agenda Approval (all)

#### 3) Budget Update (Ron)

- a. We received the grant of \$2,360.00 from the BC Gaming and the total in that account to date is \$2,571.43. We will apply again in Spring for further funds
- b. The bus transportation invoices for the schools trip to Goldstream Park Gaffing education day have been paid. The total for that was \$756.00.
- c. The PAC account had a \$1,386.56 balance before the craft fair and Halloween Dance. The craft fair and Halloween Dance generated the amount of \$1,205.00 so the PAC now has a balance of \$2,591.56!
- d. Approximately \$210 of BC Gaming money still remains that needs to be spent by the end of March. Margaret brought forward a request from Maria Nordstrom, the Learning Support teacher, who would like to start a Lego club that kids could attend during recess and lunch. The PAC agreed to spend approximately \$200 buying used Lego for this club, assuming such a purchase would be allowed under the BC Gaming grant rules. Diana will check that this purchase is allowed. Margaret will watch the local online used sites for Lego, and possibly post an "in search of" ad.

#### 4) Administration Report:

- a. The school is looking forward to the Christmas dinner event. Families have been invited by phone calls and through chats on the playground. Some PAC members have agreed to help out, and the grade 5s will also help. The dinner will also include a concert with performances from the students, from approximately 5:15 – 5:45.
- b. Margaret asked the administration about the letter that went home last year about the future of Craigflower and Shoreline schools. Parents/guardians were invited to attend a meeting for more information, but the meeting was cancelled due to weather and never rescheduled.
- c. Connor and Jana reported that Piet Langstraat, the Superintendent, spoke to school staff about this last year, but they haven't heard anything since. There is a proposal to develop a new building at Shoreline with a central hub and separate wings for early learning, elementary grades, and middle grades. Nothing is concrete yet: a new government is settling in, Piet is retiring, and a review is underway on the concept of separating elementary and middle schools. They expect to hear more near the end of the fiscal year.
- d. Connor and Jana noted that we aren't the only school waiting for more information; there hasn't even been any talk of other seismic upgrades in the districts.

#### 5) Chair Report (Diana):

- a. Thrifty Card Smile Fundraising Program: Diana has 150 cards ready to be filled and used by interested families at Thrifty Foods. The money used on the cards would be 5% towards

Craigflower School PAC funds. To date no one has presented interest so please pass the word around. Jayne posted the information on the schools website.

- b. Margaret offered to make a Facebook post about the Smile Card program. Diana agreed to have her email posted for people to contact
- c. Christina gave Diana the duplicate receipt from Save-On-Foods from her purchases for the Halloween Dance. Christina was informed we may get monies back in the form of a gift card. Diana took the duplicate receipt into Save-On-Foods after last month's meeting, and has now received a \$10 gift card

6) Craft Fair and ornament donation from Paul Thomas:

- a. Margaret reported that the craft fair went really well, with lots of shoppers. The ornaments donated by Paul Thomas were very popular.
- b. Connor said that the vendors seemed happy in his conversations with them. Margaret said she planned to contact this year's vendors for feedback.
- c. The PAC agreed to keep the leftover ornaments for next year's sale

7) Bake Sale:

- a. Christina reported the sale raised about \$75, and the kids loved it

8) Other business:

- a. Margaret asked if the PAC has traditionally offered financial support for any of the regular annual activities. Jana said no, but rather that the school has been using one-time money from the district to cover year-end events (including the symphony trip and National Aboriginal Day) for the past few years. That money is now almost gone. She also said that some teachers have requests, or suggested that perhaps the money could be distributed as a flat sum to each division.
- b. The PAC asked if it could receive all current and anticipated requests for this school year at once, to help it decide how to spend its funds. Jana said she would ask the teachers to send their requests by the next meeting, and will put together any school-wide requests.
- c. The date for the January meeting was set for 17 January 2018.