

Parents' Advisory Group Inc.
École Robert H. Smith School
 Reports for Meeting on December 1, 2010

Unfinished Business – 2010/11 Fundraising Goals and Financial Estimates (REVISED)

1. Purchase of 2 Smart Boards and their maintenance (\$10,000-\$12,000)
 2. Field trips and in-school presentations and events, such as concerts, drama presentations (\$12,000)
 3. Books for classroom libraries and the refreshing of home reading libraries (all funds from two Scholastic Book Fairs)
 4. Sustainable development projects and outdoor school improvement, including the Adventure Club (\$2,500)
 5. Indoor and outdoor recess playground equipment (\$2,500-\$3,000)
 6. School Discretionary Funds, formerly called the Curriculum Grant (\$2,000)
- Total: \$29,000 - \$31,500

New Business – 2009/10 Fundraising Report

École Robert H. Smith School
Fundraising Report - 2009 / 2010 School Year
Cooperative Fundraising - PAG and School

Funds raised

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| PAG Funds to School* | 19,717.90 | Mar 15/10 (\$12,717.90), Apr 23/10 (\$1,400.00), Jun 7/10 (\$5,000.00**) |
| Funds raised by school | <u>12,880.22</u> | Walk-a-thon (net of expenses) |
| Subtotal - funds raised: | 31,998.12 | |

| Allocation of Fundraising Dollars | Raised | Funded by the School | Spent | Balance (raised - spent) | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| | (raised x %) | | (actuals) | | |
| Playground equipment (15%) | 4,049.72 | | 2,773.42 | 1,276.30 | *** |
| Communication (15%) | 4,049.72 | | 0.00 | 4,049.72 | *** |
| Technology (15% + \$5,000) | 9,049.72 | | 3,022.94 | 6,026.78 | **** |
| Environment (15%) | 4,049.72 | 5,084.28 | 9,134.00 | 0.00 | |
| Field Trips / Events (40%) | 10,799.25 | 10,305.36 | 21,104.61 | 0.00 | |
| Subtotals: | 31,998.12 | 15,389.64 | 33,034.97 | 11,352.79 | |

Balance / Funds remaining - to be spent in future year(s) **11,352.79**

* PAG gave an additional \$2,000 to the school for the curriculum grant, not to be included in the categories above.

** PAG approved \$5,000 to be given to the school for technology in June, 2010

*** Balance remaining will be kept by school in appropriate account to be spent in future year(s).

**** The \$6,026.78 was carried forward and spent on technology early in the fall of 2010.

Environment – Nadine Karpinski and Simone Smith

We met with the school Sustainable Development Committee to discuss the proposals submitted by 3 different landscape architect firms interested in working with our outdoor spaces. The committee put forward the following goals for our outdoor space:

- outside classroom with some type of seating
- natural play focus
- nature inspired area for nursery children (secret garden, meandering pathways, discovery areas, etc) (SW corner of school)
- athletics (ie soccer pitches, track, etc)
- elevations (important in the winter)
- standing structure (for play and shelter)
- swinging seating/swings
- themed areas
- shaded areas (sun protection)
- wind protection

It was decided by the committee that we would have all three firms present their work and answer the following questions:

- What is the process for gathering ideas and information from the students, teachers, administration, parents, etc?
- What is your timeline for developing the master plan?
- What are the roles' of the stakeholders in terms of legal issues such as zoning?
- Who would we be working with from your firm? If possible, please have the team member(s) at the presentation.
- What is your role in helping us to secure funding for the longer term project?
- How will you consider planning the space with respect to maintenance over the years?
- What is your experience in working with schools and PAGs, and in looking at other Canadian/US schools for ideas, etc?

We have scheduled presentations by each firm to occur at lunch on November 29, Dec 6 & Dec 13th with the members of the sustainable development committee.

Family Dance – Mark Chyzy

The Family Dance Committee (consisting of Anji, Brad and Mark) has been working hard on the 2011 dance (Friday, Feb. 4, 2011). We have rebooked the fabulous DJ, Mario as well as are looking at bringing back Romeo to teach us some dance moves. For food, we are looking at bringing in pasta and salad plates in addition to the pizzas.

Candace is heading up the Silent Auction area which promises to be a great hit again.

We would like a fourth committee member so please let us know if you can help out. As well, there have been many volunteers that have signed up for the dance but we are always needing more. Please let us know if you can help out for a 30 minute shift.

Fun Lunch – Michelle Gaber and Trina Minor

Just a quick bite of news...

We've entered all the data and the lunches continue to meet budget. We are always looking for volunteers so if any parents would like to help for any fun lunch, please contact us.

The next fun lunch is on Friday, December 3rd with Subway. The first fun lunch in the new year will be with Salisbury House on Friday, February 11. In order to make the lunches even better we welcome any feedback you would like to send us.

Staff Appreciation – Denise Gout-Smith

We had a lovely Staff Appreciation Event on November 17th featuring delicious baked goods, coffee, tea and apple cider. Thank you to all of the volunteers. Our next event will be the annual Staff Luncheon in the new year. I will be calling a meeting for interested volunteers in January.

Administrator's Report - Mr. Rossi & Mme Warnke

- Enrolment presently at 466. This is the same as last year at this time.
- Parents are visiting the school for enrolment for the 2011-2012 school year
- Open House February 2nd at 9:30a.m. in MPR room
- Registration Nursery- February 8th at 8:00am
- Registration Kindergarten- February 15th at 8:00am
- Community Breakfast Friday March 4th. Proceeds this year donated to the Cancer Care Manitoba.
- Can Spell Competition for grades 4, 5 and 6 students. This is our second year we have included everyone to participate if they wish. Applications have gone home and Mr. Leochko and a number of staff will be working with children over the lunch hour on Thursdays.
- After school Mad Science for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. Starting January 31 and running on Mondays and Wednesdays for 2 different groups.
- Many classrooms helping for the holiday season with hampers, Winnipeg Harvest, Third World Countries, Agape House, and more.
- Winter Concert on December 16th. Afternoon 1:30pm performance N-4 and 6:30pm evening performance Grades 1-4. Doors will open at 1:15pm and 6:15pm. Reserved seating for elderly only.
- Staff PD Day on December 17th. We will focus on our 3 school goals.
- Volunteer Holiday Thank you Celebration on December 21st in our library. We will have one of our choirs performing.
- Tri-Conference Meetings went extremely well for our first attempt including the students. We have room to grow and learn from our first experience that supports one of our school goals; *Assessment for Learning*.
- Babysitting Students did a fabulous job supervising children for our Tri-Conference in our MPR. Thank you to Ms McCallum for all her hard work organizing our Babysitting Classes. The skills that our students displayed both days running our babysitting were exceptional and very caring.
- Read a thon Fundraiser was exceptional for the kids. A good time by all and the children from what I hear enjoyed the entire day, staff story tale, Aaron Burnett's performance and the free book they received for participating. Thank you to our fabulous parent volunteers that assisted that day. Mr. Burnett left behind a number of CD's he is promoting. They are only \$15 and are in my office if you are looking for a holiday gift.
- Synvoice is being used more efficiently and effectively. We are now sending out emails and/or telephone calls when necessary.
- Staff Parking Lot Sign indicating that our lot is not to be used to drop off children is in place now and getting driver's attention. The staff parking lot is a "paid" parking lot therefore there are staff that choose not to pay and park on the street.
- Report Cards were very informative and thank you to our staff for doing an outstanding job. Thank you to parents for your positive feedback.
- Book Fair was successful once again. Thank you to the parent volunteers that assisted Ms Guld. We appreciate your efforts. We made \$3000 Scholastic Bucks, in turn giving every classroom teacher \$100 Scholastic Bucks to spend on their class.
- Leadership Teams are doing a great job answering phones, doing morning announcements, patrolling, refereeing, supervising hand washing, sorting books for our Read a thon, etc.
- Enrichment Clubs and/or activities are taking place either before, during the lunch hour or after school. Thank you to staff and parents that volunteer that enable us to provide these valuable learning opportunities.
- Staff Appreciation second best to none! "We" thank you everyone for making us feel so special and appreciated. It was done tastefully and just at the right time. Thank you to Denise, her committee and volunteers for preparing, serving and covering classrooms and recess for our staff.

Mme Warnke and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, and particularly the parents that make an attempt to attend our PAG meetings for the most part. We realize that you all are extremely busy but are also revising your schedules to be active in the school. Your contribution and effort are greatly appreciated by staff and students. Happy holidays to each and every one of you and may your holiday season be safe, peaceful and filled with celebrations and joy.

"It takes a community to educate a child."