

Parents' Advisory Group Inc.
École Robert H. Smith School
Minutes of the Meeting – January 26, 2011

Present (based on sign-in sheet): Michael Gies, Candace Partyka, Shannon Bowden, Simone Smith, Tara McCallum, Tom Rossi, Denise Gout-Smith, Pat McCallum, Stuart Roche, Lawrence Broadhurst, Nadine Karpinski, Dave Locke, Trina Minor, Dan Orlikow, Joseph Partyka, Anji Petruzzelli, Bred Regehr, Pam Shay, Claudette Warnke, Vicky Watkins, Sharon Morton

Regrets: Patti Chiappetta-Sharpe, Daryla Christie, Mark Chyzyy, Michelle Gaber, Cathy Macey, Trish Wainikka

1. **Meeting called to order. We have quorum.**
2. **Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - ***Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2010 PAG Meeting – Moved by Simone Smith, Seconded by Dan Orlikow, Carried.***
3. **Review of Agenda**
4. **Executive Reports – see written reports**
5. **Unfinished Business – none**
6. **New Business – Dance Committee**
 - Volunteers are still needed for the Family Dance. Emails will be sent to those who signed up to help and extras are needed for back-up. Areas requiring volunteers are: food service, hallway monitors, cleanup and canteen.
 - Composting plates, etc. to be used. Grade students to help.
7. **Teachers' Report**
 - Science Fair is an enrichment project again this year. Students wishing to participate in grade 4 to 6 need to submit a project by March 1st. Science Fair is at Tec Voc.
 - Auditions for RHS Idol will be held in mid-February for performances at the Community Breakfast. Talents that are quieter in nature will be performed in the afternoon rather than at the breakfast due to noise levels at the breakfast.
 - Mr. Coffie has been present in the school teaching all students (K-6) African drumming; a performance will be held on Friday with students being divided into am or pm.
 - Grade 3 "Thumbbody" program this year with parent facilitators. The focus is on self-esteem.
 - Thank you to parent volunteers who have been replacing patrols on very cold days; a special thank you to the McCallums for all of their help.
8. **Administration Update**
 - Mme Warnke thanked the PAG for suggesting a math night – 50 parents were present and there may be a second night with a focus on multiplication / division.
 - There is a thank you on the thermometer for school purchases from fundraising.
 - Volunteers are needed for Festival du Voyageur. There will be slight changes to the schedule this year. There may be a horse drawn sleigh ride in the afternoon.
 - Mme Pruden's class has a new teacher. Mme Major will be in position until Mme Pruden's return. Class will proceed as usual. Cards can be given at the office for Mme Pruden.
 - Musical parts to be assigned end of February; LCD projectors to be used as backdrops to be more sustainable.
 - Orff Program – 5 children selected for music enrichment.
9. **Questions / Comments Concerning Written Progress Reports / Standing Committees**
 - Simone Smith, Environment, reported that the Sustainable Development committee has chosen a landscape architect firm for an outdoor design and are awaiting school division approval. A letter has been sent by Mr. Rossi.
 - Denise Gout-Smith, Staff appreciation, reported that Sharon Morton will be helping out March 23rd. The committee is planning an Italian themed lunch. A May event is to be determined.
 - Dan Orlikow, SDAC, is to attend the SDAC meeting in February at Grosvenor School.

- Stuart Roche, Treasurer, reported that the Magazine fundraiser raised approximately \$4,800, not \$6,700 as previously reported. “Your Fair Share” raised \$1,900.
- Mme Warnke discussed an in-service to be held on March 18th. Candace Partyka is to be part of a panel discussion on French Immersion students in Manitoba. John Raulston Saul will be a speaker. No fee to any parents wishing to attend; see Mme Warnke to register.
- There is no school next Friday, February 4th.

10. **Next meetings**

- Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library – discussion of PAG By-Laws / Constitution.
- Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library – regular PAG Meeting

11. **Meeting adjourned.**