

**Parents' Advisory Group Inc.
Ecole Robert H. Smith School
Minutes of the PAG Meeting – June 19, 2013**

1. Welcome by the chair
2. Change to the agenda: New Chair was elected unanimously by all present. William Skubovius accepted the position for the 2013/14 school year.
3. Report given by treasurer – no additions or deletions.
4. Administration report: Thanks extended to the Picnic Committee and Fun Lunch committee

The vegetable garden is now fenced in and is for the community to use

Thanks extended to all those who helped with the walk-a-thon

Staffing is complete and Joanne Reynaud will be rejoining the school as support teacher for French/English literacy.

New roof on the school will occur July 2. Neighbourhood will be notified by letter along with a synervoice message.
5. A motion was made by Andrea Robertson to have the name of the curriculum committee changed to Academic Support Committee (ASC). Seconded by Kali Li. Carried unanimously.
6. A science fair club will be established by the Academic Support Committee with parent volunteers.
7. A mission statement for the ASC will be made in the fall.
8. Anna Stoke was asked to discuss the Jump Math program. It is a Canadian Math program that is used for Grades 1 through 8 in both math and English

By working with the administration some teachers expressed an interest in the program.

The cost for the program is for 1 student in English - \$12.10 and for 1 student in French - \$13.38. It is believed that \$2,500 will be required for the cost of the workbooks. Ms. Stoke requested that the PAG cover the costs of the purchase.

Concern was raised over the issue of the purchase so it was decided to defer the discussion until the fall of 2013/14 – when full costs can be determined.
9. A budget was established for the ASC at \$1,000. Motion made by Andrea Robertson and seconded by Anji Petruzelli.
10. Picnic committee reported a profit of \$2,976.09. \$355 of the money (raised by the bike contest) will be donated to Winnipeg Harvest.
11. Unfinished Business:

Open positions are still not filled and that includes the positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

Promotions and Fundraising: Cory Krestanowich and Yvonne Skubovious were nominated and voted in unanimously.

Fundraising Goals: School has withdrawn from collaborative fundraising as of the end of the 2012/13 school year. From here on in the school will run the read-a-thon and the walk-a-thon independently from the PAG.

Motion made to allow the school to retain their portion of the collaborative monies for the 2013/14 school year by Andrea Robertson and seconded by Daryla Christie. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer: we have an \$ 11,000 surplus.

Motion made to give \$5,000 to the Outdoor Environment Committee by Andrea Robertson and seconded by Daryla Christies. Passed unanimously

Motion made to carry \$6,000 over to the 2013/14 school year in support of PAG projects by Andrea Robertson and seconded by Daryla Christie. Passed unanimously.

12. All new directors were sworn into to the corporation of the PAG by the outgoing Vice Chair.
13. New Business: Concern was raised over the loss of teachers at the school. It was asked of administration to explain how they plan to retain teachers.

Administration responded by discussing plans to allow the teachers to meet in teams (per grade) and discuss areas that are of interest or concern. They also discussed the mentorship program for new teachers to be matched with more experienced teachers.

Discussion went on whereby the school could demonstrate details surrounding the potential concern for high turnover of teachers, given that there are controllable and non-controllable reasons to support the data.

Administration openly reported that they were contacted and a Human Resource investigator came to the school and no issues of concern were raised by the department.

14. Motion to adjourn made by Daryla Christie and seconded by Andrea Robertson. Passed unanimously and meeting ended at 8:40 pm.