

## PAG Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2012

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1. Meeting begun with quorum at 7:00 pm. Regrets – Mr. Rossi and Shauna Filuk
2. Welcome by the chair
3. Minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting were approved by Simone Smith and seconded by Sara Man – carried unanimously
4. Additions to the agenda include parking concerns, questions about the seven sacred teachings and the unfinished discussion on math.
5. No report from the chair except to let everyone know that gift and cards were sent to Mme Johnson, who is away due to her health, and to Mr. Rossi, who lost a family member last week.
6. Administration report was given by Mme. Labossiere, Mlle Greco, and Mme Mondor. The elementary assessments have concluded. Important dates include November 21 – reports go home and November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> are parent/teacher interviews. Thanks was given to the fun lunch coordinators for a successful fun lunch. In regards to the read-a-thon, 17 community members have signed up to read to the children. The school is asking that parents bring in gently used books the week of the read-a-thon for donation to the Boys and Girls club.
7. The environment directors discussed the results of the survey monkey re: support for the playground project. They had 146 responses with 75 1/2% of those surveyed expressing support for the project. There will be some modifications to the project based on the survey and to be discussed within a playground committee. The committee will explore modifications to the design, continue with grant applications (including “match” grants from the city and province) and begin fundraising. Directors, therefore, requested that the PAG give the project fundraising approval. Motion delayed to later in the meeting. (see # 10.)
8. Family Dance committee will include Brad Regher, Tia Everitt-Smith, Anji Pretuzelli and Andrea Robertson
9. South - District Advisory director requested a delegation of parents to attend the November 29<sup>th</sup> District meeting at Tech Voc. Funding to schools has been frozen and with costs rising decisions will be made in regards to a possible increase in school tax or a decrease in

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programming. The meeting will be reviewing this issue and voices need to be heard. Anyone interested in going can contact Tia Everitt-Smith.

10. Unfinished business – fund-raising goals. Financial goals for the PAG and administration will remain the same as last year. Motion to move forward with the playground project was made by Simone Smith and seconded by Sara Man. A motion to allowing playground specific fund-raising by the PAG was made by Simone Smith and seconded by Andrea Robertson. Both passed unanimously. A motion was made by Tia-Everitt to grant the excess PAG funds of approx. \$4,700 to the playground project and was seconded by Stuart Roche. Passed unanimously.

### 11. New Business

a. Parking and traffic – concerns were raised about the movement of traffic around the school – especially on Oak and Ash streets. It was noted that teachers are not parking in the school lot but parking on the street. It was mentioned that the traffic problem is on the agenda of a school board meeting occurring in the next few weeks. Movement to try and get more people to walk to school, create “walking school buses”, etc. Are on the agenda. Discussions in regards to the cost of parking for teachers and movement of traffic, while a great concern, ended with no resolution.

b. Questions arose surrounding the Manitoba School Board initiative of the Seven Sacred Teachings. Discussion occurred over the meaning of the term “sacred” in relation to secular teaching and aboriginal culture. It was an open-ended discussion amongst parents, administration and directors.

12. Chair brought the meeting to an end. The idea of a possible curriculum committee will be on the agenda next meeting as well as issues concerning Math in the school. Next PAG meeting is Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Library at 7 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Tia Everitt and seconded by Simone Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.