

PAG Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2012

1. Introductions were made and welcome given.
2. Minutes from the PAG meeting of April 4, 2012 were approved – motion carried by Tia Everitt and seconded by Darlya Christie. Passed unanimously.
3. Minutes from the PAG meeting of May 23, 2012 were approved – motion carried by Paula Jasper-Hall and seconded by Tia Everitt. Passed unanimously.
4. There were no changes to the agenda.
5. Executive Reports
 - Chair re-read his report. Also read from the Winnipeg School Division's definition of the role of a Parent's Advisory Group.
 - Treasurer updated the budget.
6. New business

A discussion was begun regarding fund-raising. It was suggested that the PAG pull back on some of its fund-raising.

 - The question was raised whether we need to raise as much money as we do? Do we need to supply smart board maintenance? Playground equipment monies are rarely touched nor is the amount set aside for sustainable development.
 - Fund-raising director put forward three options:
 - a. No changes to the fund-raising goals
 - b. Withdraw from the read-a-thon (financially) and leave everything else.
 - c. Include a new fund-raiser – Mabel's Labels. Withdraw from the read-a-thon (financially) and leave everything else.
 - Environment committee requested the floor. They raised the question whether the PAG could put the Playground Project on the fund-raising roster.

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- They are sending out a survey monkey to gauge public interest in the Project. Results of the survey will determine the future of the Project.
- It was suggested the fund-raising question be put aside until the survey results were in and the future of the Project be determined. For full details on the Playground Project you can go to rhs.playground.blogspot.ca

7. Old Business

- The possibility of a Math night involving parents and administration is an ongoing discussion. It requires RHS teachers to volunteer their evenings.
- One of the school's priorities, as discussed in September's school newsletter, is math.
- It was remarked by some parents that Professor Small's presentation to the division in the RHS gym on Monday, September 24, was not quite sufficient to answer the many questions some parents have about how Math is taught in the school.
- The school has a three year goal to improving the Math program – including increasing accessibility to resources to both teachers and parents as well as offering professional development courses to the staff that is line with Manitoba curriculum. It was encouraged that parents talk to the teachers on a regular basis with their concerns as well as take a look at the Manitoba Curriculum.
- It was remarked that debates over math has always been part of the school experience – especially over the last twenty-five years. Whenever curriculum changes – often debates, like this, ensues. Many parents agreed that this was not a forum appropriate for discussing problems with the curriculum.
- It became clear that Math is a topic which many parents wish to discuss. A debate then ensued regarding Math and its role in the school. Due to time the discussion ended without a resolution.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 carried by Daryla Christie and seconded by Simone Smith.

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9. Next meeting is November 7, 2012