

**Parents' Advisory Group Inc.
École Robert H. Smith School**
Reports for Meeting on April 3, 2013

Treasurer- Stuart Roche

The first few months of the fiscal year were slow with little account activity. My Fair Share total donations to date has been \$7215. All the tax receipts have been sent home with your children so if you have not yet received it please contact me for a duplicate.

Income from QSP Magazines is lower than last year at \$1165. A new source of income which we have not had in the past is the United Way. One parent has directed their United Way donation to our PAG and the total thus far is \$111.

The activity quickly picked up with the Family Dance. Thanks to Brad and the Family Dance committee for their organized submissions.

The Charities Information for the 2012 year has been filed and can be located at the Charities web site.

Administrative Report – Mr. T. Rossi and Mme. Labossiere

1. Enrollment presently at approximately 475 students. Our numbers are extremely healthy for the 2013-2014 school year.

2. As of today we have 48 (38) children pre-registered for Nursery and 17 (10) children for Kindergarten English Program and approximately 31 (44) children registered in our Kindergarten French Immersion Programs. Tentatively there will be 1 morning and afternoon Kindergarten French Immersion class and 1 morning Kindergarten English class next year. () denotes 2012-2013.

3. Staffing for 2013-2014: We will be receiving our staffing complement from our superintendent early next week and have it finalized to him by April 19th.

4. Budget 2012-2013-We are right on task with our division budget. Report 24 which is for Print and Non Print has been expended. We give teachers until the end of January to spend this budget. Report 23 with Operating Funds we are doing very well. We have expended 2/3 of the budget which is right on. Our DBA, District Business Associate has gone over the budget with us and says we are doing very well. Teachers are using the field trip fundraising money very well. By the end of this year, it will be all expended based on all the field trips we have had or anticipate for the next 3 months.

5. Life Touch Spring Pictures on May 17th this year. A synrevoice message will be sent to all families reminding them to let the teacher know if they do not want their child to participate.

6. Life Touch Roof Top Picture to be announced.

7. Walk-a-Thon Update: Scheduled for Friday June 7th. We have ordered the envelopes already and this year our PAG will be organizing the event.

8. Babysitting Course: Thank you to our parents that spearheaded this very important after school program. This year it is scheduled for Saturday April 27th. This year we have 41 out of 50 grade 6 students participating. Once they complete the program, we will share the list of babysitters with parents in our school.

9. Thumbody Appreciation: Thank you to all the parent volunteers that supported our grade 3 self-esteem program. Our staff really appreciates your concentrated effort and our kids are better today for all your efforts.

10. Student Led Conferences scheduled this month for Thursday April 18th evening and Friday April 19th all day.

11. Monday May 13th is a school planning day. There are no classes. The morning session we will be addressing the new provincial report card with teachers and the afternoon we will be reviewing our division, district and school goals.

12. Victoria Day on Monday May 20st. School is closed.

13. Volunteer Reception: Thursday May 23rd at 1:30pm in our library.

14. Report Cards go home April 15th.

15. Non Instructional Days 2013-2014:

1. Tuesday September 3, 2013
2. Monday September 23, 2013
3. Friday October 25, 2013
4. Friday November 22, 2013
5. Monday February 3, 2014
6. Friday March 14, 2014
7. Friday April 25, 2014
8. Monday May 12, 2014

There are 2 further dates to be used at the discretion of the school. These days will be confirmed with our staff at the goal setting meeting.

16. On the last day of school, we will be having a farewell assembly in our gym at 11:00am with all the staff and students. This will be a time for us to say our last farewells to students and staff for the 2012-2013 school year. At 11:30am, teachers will escort their class outside for their final time when the bell rings.

17. Grade 6 Farewell scheduled for Tuesday June 25th. Doors will open at 1pm and a power point will be running until 1:30pm. We will then start the formal part of the assembly. The students once again will be piped into the gym and it is our intention to have the program completed by 2:30pm in time for the grade 5 parents to host refreshments. Our grade 5 students will also have the honour of singing our school song to the grade 6 students at their farewell.

18. Last but not least, Mme Labossiere, Mr. Rossi and staff would like to thank all the PAG Representatives and members at large for volunteering endless hours for our school and children. Your efforts are appreciated. For many of you that are not returning as PAG members we salute you and thank you for your valuable commitment over the last 3 years or more. As one door closes another one opens for some of our other parents to step through and experience the partnership

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PAG and our school offers. We certainly look forward to working with whoever walks through the door.

Together Everyone Achieves More!

Volunteers – Daryla Christie and Shauna Filuk

Happy Spring to Everyone in our School.....let's hope it is on its way!

After a few quieter months for Volunteer activities, we are back in action recruiting volunteers for various events going on in our school.

Thank you goes out to our parent volunteers that helped with the always fun Family Dance in February along with the parents that assisted with the Track & Field Day at U of M in mid-March.

The third Fun Lunch took place in February and the Pita Pit seemed to be a big hit by the students. It was again well organized and thanks goes to Tara, Kirsten, and Barb! The Fun Lunch Coordinators continue to contact most of the volunteers themselves for each classroom. We assisted them by contacting the Classroom Reps for more volunteers that were still needed in some classrooms. The fourth Fun Lunch is at the end of April.

Looking ahead, the third HEP B. & HPV shots will be taking place in early May. We will be contacting volunteers to help with this.

Our job is made easier with all the wonderful group of volunteers that are always willing to assist in any way they can.....Thank-You!

Respectfully submitted,

Daryla Christie & Shauna Filuk
Volunteer Coordinators

Fun Lunch – Tara

FUN LUNCH NIBBLES

Hello everyone -

A big thank you to all the volunteers and R.H.S. Staff for making the Fun Lunches to date so successful!

The next Fun Lunch is April 26th with Boston Pizza. We will once again need all you great volunteers to help with this event. A volunteer request will be sent out to those who have expressed interest in early February. If you would like to participate please let us know!

Once again we would like to remind parents that this will be our only year as your Fun Lunch coordinators as our boys will be graduating this year. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking over the position please do not hesitate to contact us directly so that we can provide you with all of the information to keep the program running smoothly.

Environment Report – Nadine Karpinski and Simone Smith

We continue to apply for grants for the playground project – latest one was MEC. We are still in need of people who can help with this piece of the project. Community greening grants are our target ones, so anyone with grant writing experience is more than welcome to join us! We are also following up on a City of Winnipeg community funding program.

We are planning a fitness fundraiser on the playground for Sunday, May 5 from 1-3 pm. It is called Extreme Recess and will pit teams against one another in a fitness challenge led by BC Fitness. Kids are welcome to come cheer on their parent and to participate in some of the kids activities. We will have protein bars, prizes and more. All of the registration dollars go directly to the playground.

Plant sale pick up date is May 24. We are always looking for volunteers to help fill orders during that afternoon (from about 1:30 until 3:30).

Nadine and Simone

Staff Appreciation: Anji Petruzzelli, Susan and Laurence Broadhurst

We will be having a staff appreciation lunch on wed April 17th one sitting at 12-1:00, and next sitting at 1-2:00

Family Dance – Brad Regehr

Overview

The Family Dance was held on February 8, 2013, from 6:00-8:30 PM. We had 176 families purchase tickets for the dance (162 families in 2012). We had over 284 adults and 305 children purchase tickets (288 adults and 304 children in 2012). While we had more families, actual numbers were very similar.

We had orders for over 40 pasta meals, over 65 pizzas (individual slices and whole pizza orders combined) and over 430 drinks. Pizza orders were consistent with 2012, but pasta orders were slightly down.

We had parent volunteers for a variety of positions, including food service, canteen, front desk, bake sale, hallway monitoring, set up, clean up, silent auction, 50/50 and Wall of Hearts.

Finances

Ticket sales, food sales, silent auction, bake sale and 50/50 sales totaled \$7064.20.

Food expenses (Sorrentos, drinks, chips, coffee and popcorn) totaled \$1542.56.

Supplies totaled \$272.58.

Coat rack rental cost \$348.77.

Music was provided by Crystal Sound and cost \$441.00.

Xbox gaming system for Silent Auction cost \$335.99.

Net profit was **\$3967.40** (unaudited). Net profit in 2012 was approximately \$3500.00.

What Worked Well

Wall of Hearts and 50/50 were big hits – the Wall of Hearts netted a larger profit than estimated and 50/50 jackpot was over \$200!

Bake Sale generated over \$500 profit!

DJ played great music and was very cooperative.

Synvoice out on day of dance reminded people and provided important information.

Generous donors for Silent Auction.

Lots of compliments on dance and kids had great time.