

Parents' Advisory Group Inc.
École Robert H. Smith School
Reports for Meeting on December 5th, 2012

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

- Enrolment presently at 474. Last year at this time we had 490.

- New English program, grade 1 family likely to start in January, 2013.

- Parents are already calling and visiting the school for 2013-2014 school year.

- Open House Wednesday January 30th at 9:30am & 1:15pm in MPR room

- Registration Nursery- February 6th at 8:00am

- Registration Kindergarten- February 13th at 8:00am

- Revised and Updated School Code of Conduct to align ourselves with all the schools in the south. We will distribute it by synrevoice in the near future.

- Noon hour enrichment MYRCA Club is being offered again. This year we had over 80 students sign up and a number of our staff are *volunteering* their time over the noon hour. For the first time we have 2 separate days because of the number of children.

- Winnipeg Free Press Can Spell is cancelled this year.

- Last year our after school enrichment opportunity for Mad Science for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 began January 23 for session 1 and February 1 for session 2. This year we will have similar dates confirmed in the near future with Mondays and Wednesdays booked, 8 sessions each. PD days and school closures will be taken into consideration. Early January, Mad Science will be visiting classrooms and handing out applications during the morning.

- Email Callback is working great. Synrevoice went out on the weekend with new email address rhsmithcallback@wsd1.org . The number of phone messages has declined considerably.

- Thank you to our staff and parents that are volunteering their time organizing various clubs in our school; knitting, painting, volleyball, adventure, etc.

- Enrichment Clubs and/or activities are taking place either before, during the lunch hour or after school. Thank you to staff and parents that volunteer that enable us to provide these valuable learning opportunities.

- Many classrooms helping for the holiday season with hampers, Winnipeg Harvest, Third World Countries, Agape House, gift exchange with inner city schools and more.

- Winter Concert on December 13th. 9:45am K/N performances, 1:30pm and 6:30pm for

grades 1-4. First 2 rows reserved for elderly and handicapped if necessary. Silver collection at the door.

- Staff PD Day on December 14th focusing on another one of our school priorities.
- Volunteer Holiday Thank you Celebration on Wednesday December 19th in our library. Dainties and entertainment provided.
- Ms Anita Gomes our head clerk went on maternity leave last Tuesday November 27th. Beginning this December 3rd, Mrs. Randee Einerson will be with us until the Friday December 21st. Beginning on Monday January 7th Ms Joanna McCammon will be our new head clerk until December 9th, 2013.
- Mary-Anne Thomson is off on medical leave for the remainder of the 2012 year.
- Parent Teacher Conferences went extremely well once again. Excellent progress and room for growth in all areas for our students. Thank you to our babysitting leadership for assisting.
- Read-a-thon Fundraiser was exceptional and meaningful for the kids. See the December Newsletter that lists all the guests we had that shared their knowledge about the seven teachings and values. Our afternoon glow performance in the dark performed by the Aboriginal School of Dance was tremendous. We raised \$7088 and \$7015.00 for My Fair Share. The Read-a-thon funds will be added to the Walk-a-thon Fundraiser for school field trips, booking performers, admission costs, buses, etc.
- MTYP production Big League coming to our school on March 20th during the morning.
- Community Breakfast Friday March 1st. Proceeds this year donated to the Children's Wish Foundation. Thank you to all the students in grade 6 for preparing and presenting their charity of interest. All the presentations were remarkable and well thought out.
- Staff Parking Lot is safer this year and we thank parents for being respectful and not using it as a drop off or pick up zone.
- Report Cards were very informative and thank you to our staff for doing an outstanding job. Thank you to parents for your positive feedback.
- Book Fair was successful once again. Thank you once again to Mrs. McCallum for organizing our Book Fair this year. We appreciate your efforts. We sold close to \$8100 of books. The money raised will be put to good use always replenishing our library and keeping it current.
- Leadership Teams are doing a great job answering phones, doing morning announcements, patrolling, refereeing, supervising hand washing, sorting books for our Read a thon, etc.
- Staff Appreciation second best to none! All our staff feels special and appreciated from your efforts. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Broadhurst, their committee and numerous volunteers that prepared, served and covered classrooms and recess for our staff.
- Emergency Defibrillator has been installed right outside our staffroom door. This is for school and community use.

On behalf of our staff, Mme Labossiere and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, and particularly the parents that volunteer on a regular basis in our school. We realize that you all are extremely busy but are also revising your schedules to be active in the school. Your contribution and effort are greatly appreciated by staff and students. Happy holidays to each and every one of you and may your holiday season be safe, peaceful and filled with celebrations.

T. Rossi
Principal
S. Labossière
Vice Principal

Environment Report – Nadine Karpinski and Simone Smith

We have met with the landscape architects about making modifications to the amphitheatre area and doing some re-phasing of the parts of the project. We hope to have the updated plan and budget ready for the new year. We have also put out a call for volunteers to join the Playground Enhancement Committee and look forward to a meeting in January. Our first fundraiser will occur at the Winter Concert where we will be selling donated baked goods, and serving donated coffee from Cornelia Bean and Starbucks at the three concerts through the day.

Volunteers – Daryla Christie and Shauna Filuk

Another month has come and gone and a large number of volunteers have helped with various events in our school this past month.

Susan Broadhurst organized a very special Staff Appreciation morning for our teachers. Thanks also goes out to all of the recess helpers and treat bakers who helped make this event possible.

The Read-A-Thon took place in mid November and was a huge success! Thank you to the volunteers that helped with various roles to make the Read-A-Thon a fun filled day for all the students.

The next Fun Lunch is on December 7th. The Fun Lunch Coordinators have contacted their volunteers for each classroom. We will assist them further if they are short volunteers or have some cancel. We will be at the school helping out where needed as well.

We are still reminding all parents to complete the Child Abuse Registry Forms before volunteering for any school activity including Fun Lunch. Forms are available at all times in the office and take only a few minutes to complete.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we will contact volunteers to assist with the second HEP B & HPV shots in mid January.

There are always events and activities to help out with at R.H.S. and our job is made easier with all the wonderful group of volunteers that are always willing to assist in any way they can.