Lions Bay PAC Meeting – March 6, 2014

***Present:*** *Kim Thompson (Chair), Heather Hood (Vice-Chair / Fun Food Coordinator), John Robb (Treasurer); Larissa Mead-Wescott (Secretary), Scott Wallace (Principal), Amber Pascual (Vice-Principal), Scott Ando, Karyn Jones, Meighan Jury, Iva Iliskova, Montserrat Powell, Noelene Searles, Jon Wescott, Bernadette Reidijk, Andrea Klas, Yulia McCutcheon.*

**1.0 Meeting called to order 7:05 pm**

**2.0 Approval of the minutes from February 6, 2014**

* Approved by Karyn, Seconded by Meighan

**3.0 Approval of the Agenda**

* Approved by Karyn, Seconded by Scott Ando

**4.0 VP Report**

* Water advisory as of today – please send water bottles for kids
* Culture celebration at Hollyburn – the projects were set up today and look great, all are very different. Projects will be displayed at school next week. Eva put together a video of the whole project.
* Student-led conferences next week
* Student achievement
  + 19/39 students “exceeding expectations” in Math
  + 21/39 students “exceeding expectations” in Reading
* Update on before/after-school care
  + Survey results indicate a need for a daycare in Lions Bay
  + NSNH did not receive their gaming grant, so they will not survive here past December 2014 without additional funding
  + There is another meeting next Thursday for further discussion of this, with North Shore Neighbourhood House and the playschool. One possibility would be for the playschool to run the before and after-school care, with NSNH being a consultant to deal with licensing, CRA, etc. There will be a decision after this upcoming meeting regarding whether this will be a viable option.
  + Per Scott Wallace, keeping NSNH on-board would be a huge plus - they have an excellent reputation in the field, real expertise – it makes sense to try to keep them in the mix, because once they’re gone it will be very tough to attract a group of comparable quality. Involvement of NSNH also fits with the expanded mandate of preschool and childcare in addition to K-12 education. There is also a strong philosophical alignment among NSNH, the playschool and Lions Bay school, which is tough to duplicate and very valuable. In short, it is crucial that we make the daycare / before-and-after-school care work, in order to ensure our long-term viability.
  + Per Scott Wallace, under no circumstance is the school closing, despite rumors to the contrary

**5.0 Treasurer’s report**

* Need to collect the rest of the Experience fees

**6.0 Fundraising Update**

* Cobbs fundraiser – whatever you buy there, if you mention the school, they’ll give us 5% back at the end of the year
* Clothing sales – t-shirts, etc. Jody Billingsley had come up with a design, with the children’s participation. PAC decided to develop a new design. Amber will pursue some options and Montserrat will contribute. One possibility is just to go with the official school logo. Amber will come up with two designs and put these out for a physical vote.
* Blank greeting cards – 800 cards to sell, will be arriving next week. $20 for 10 or $2.50 each. Agree that buyers will pre-pay for cards to sell. Will also sell at the store, at community events, etc.
* Pancake Breakfast – still on for Friday, March 14th – maybe 8:00 – 8:30 – will pre-sell to students and family members, $5/person – same basic items as for Santa’s Breakfast, set up as buffet – order forms will go out tomorrow, to be returned by next Wednesday. Need 3-4 volunteers to help flip pancakes, cook sausage at home. Will have coffee and juice. Will incorporate into a Pyjama Day. A donation pot will also be present at the breakfast for anyone who wants to donate towards the yoga mats beyond the breakfast price. Amber also made the suggestion to extend the invite to Playschool and play group families, which everyone thought was a good idea.

**7.0 Possibility of hiring a teen to run a soccer program on the field after school**

* ?Linnea Langford – she’s interested, and there is no problem with this from the district perspective

**8.0 Grad committee**

* Andrea has offered to have an event at her house for the Grade 3’s after their grad ceremony – potluck, swimming
* Andrea, Iva and Yulia are working on the details pertaining to the grad party and memorabilia. They will let us know if they need any support from the PAC. At this time they do not see that any financial contributions from PAC will be needed. They are trying to keep things simple.

**9.0 Sister School Update**

* Bracelets are being packaged and sent to a person in the US, who is traveling to the school in Guatemala later in March
* Planning a small fundraiser for things that their teacher is interested in – play doctor kits, and other things

**10.0 Camping trip – June 6-8th**

* All info will come after Spring Break, will have sign up for cabins and yurts

**11.0 Teacher’s Wish List Support**

* Kid-sized hand tools – idea is to incorporate tools into an outdoor classroom, ideally to have a workshop in the school where kids can build things. Amber has a friend in Squamish who can supply lumber etc. Would prefer to get the Hearthsong kid-friendly tools, ideally two kits. John Robb or Karyn Jones can bring back from the States to save on shipping. Motion put forward by Kim to purchase two hand tool kits – approved unanimously. The funds to buy the tools will be taken out of our capital reserve fund at SD45. They will not come out of the approved budget.
* 50 yoga mats - $320 for 50 kids’ mats. Amber thinks that the yoga mats will really help with the kids defining their personal space. PAC decides that the pancake breakfast proceeds will go toward yoga mats

**12.0 Q & A period**

* There are some old Lego tables downstairs, purchased by the PAC many years ago. Meighan wondered if she could buy one. Raises possibility of auctioning off other stuff that’s in storage downstairs.

**13.0 Next meeting** Friday, April 25th at 8:45 a.m.

**Meeting is adjourned at 8:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa Mead-Wescott