## Cedar Grove Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes



- Front courtyard area is going to set up as a literacy garden. The ground and wall were power washed over spring break, and it will be painted. This will be a quiet area for kids to go read. Gardens will be planted in order to decorate the area.
- Vegetable garden: The garden was designed for beds to run the way they are. Scott's idea to move them and terrace it is a good idea, but it was designed as. Going to be filling the bottom of the bed space with rocks. Not going to change the beds now that they've been started. Barry felt that Scott's ideas are great, but it is too late to change it now. Linda recommended contacting West Coast Seeds, as they used to donate seeds to the botanical gardens. She volunteered to contact them. Each class is doing some research re what to plant, as they each get a bed.
- This Friday is crazy hair day. There is a group of Grade 7s working with Barry to facilitate some fun spirit activities in the school.
- Barry thanked the PAC for the donation to help cover the cost of the speaking program; it was really appreciated and is going really well. On April $17^{\text {th }}$ some of the children will be speaking at a special wrap up event.
- The Literacy Grant went toward the public speaking program and some literacy programs for primaries. Barry is request similar support for paying for authors and guest speakers. The grant was for \$4000-\$2000 for each primary/secondary. Requesting similar amount to support primary literacy initiatives.
- Letter from Jacquie - Thank for donating \$200 toward listening centre. Request to add new teacher wish list request. Looking for money to build non- fiction section. Request added to wish list file for review.
- Month without walls is coming up. Will have more time to get ready for each class trip and facilitate it. 3 divisions are going to a camp outside of Squamish. 2 classes are going to the Children's Festival. Staff are meeting next week, teacher's to give rough outlines. Barry will give us dates as soon as he has them so we can look at cancelling hot lunch.
- Grade 7 transitions - letter given to teachers, will be going out soon. May 11 is when Elphie principal comes here. June 4 is gr 7 day at Elphie. June 4 is parent night at Elphie. Gr 6/7 dances it's Roberts creeks turn waiting to hear.
- School newsletter - Barry is working on compressing the file size so that he can email the pdf to parents.
Note - Barry left meeting early due to illness. He provided details for upcoming agenda items before he left.


### 6.4 School Trustee Report:

- Absent - no report
6.5 DPAC Report: Susan Goddard
- There was no meeting in March, the next meeting is April 26th at Pender Harbour. Last meeting of the year is May 24th at Elphie.

| 7 Old Business |
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| 7.1 Movie Night: Reminder that the school movie night is Friday April $13^{\text {th }}$. Warren Brander |
| volunteered at the last meeting to help fill volunteer spaces. As Barry left meeting early due to |
| illness, Christine will contact Barry to firm up movie night details. Discussed movie options, will |
| have the children vote between the movies Coco, Ferdinand and Paddington 2. |
| 7.2 SCRD 2018 Grant - Mural: Ben will be coming up with the design and kids will fill it in (like |
| the mandela in Roberts Creek). The wall is being power washed now, kids will prime the wall. |

7.3 SCRD 2019 Grant: Linda advised that she did not apply for next year's grant. Susan did some investigating re water filtration and pumps, but it was decided that those would not be suitable. Couldn't decide what to spend the grant on; as didn't have a specific item to request Linda decided not to submit the grant application. Next year we need to plan earlier what we want, and what will benefit all.
7.4 Teacher Wish List Updates: Reviewed all of the purchases to date and funds remaining.

- Darcy Vogel: Was approved for up to $\$ 100$ toward 1-2 stationary bicycle(s) for the resource room.
- \$20 bike purchased
- Pending - $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ bike purchase
- Meredith Thomson: Had approved $\$ 167$ for 5 OriStand Collapsible stand up desks and $\$ 131.25$ for 25 waterproof clipboards. Could not order stand up desks as company went under. Ordered the clipboards through Staples.
- $\$ 133.79$ - clipboards
- Mr. Emmerson: Previously approved \$226.38 Bluetooth speaker
- \$199.49-purchased
- Heather Shantz: Previously approved $\$ 255$ for 15 ultimate flying discs (175g) - Purchased \$251
- Katherine Jones: Previously approved $\$ 140$ Guided science readers
- Purchased - \$182.79
- Jacqueline Reid: Previously approved \$200 for listening devices (iPod shuffles?)
- \$185.49 purchased
- Jen MacInnes: Previously approved $\$ 220.39$ for mini magnetic write \& wipe boards, dry erasers and markers
- \$227-purchased
- Robyn Valenta: Previously approved \$250, chicken eggs in incubator
- \$250 - purchased
- Outstanding Purchases:
- Bike - \$80
- Art Racks - $\mathbf{2}$ to $\mathbf{3}$, $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0 0}$ budget
- Reviewed remaining funds and approved Sylvia Calvori's request for a rock tumbler. Did not approve new shelving request from Jacquie as those present felt shelving is a school capital expense.
- Approved - new item - rock tumbler \$164.63
7.5 Breakfast Program: Concerns have been raised re a lack of food for the breakfast program. It was noted that a regular weekly grocery list should be created, and then Aja can arrange who should do the shop and when. We should be using the $\$ 25$ we get weekly. The additional funds we received this year are going toward the one hot breakfast day. Decided to hold a fill the freezer contest, with the prize of ice cream for the winning classroom.


## 8 New Business

8.1 Chicken Fundraiser: Chicken will be delivered on April $18^{\text {th }}$, Christine asked for volunteers to assist with coordinating the delivery and handing out chicken. Discussed that we should look at whether we want to continue this fundraiser next year, as orders have been decreasing.
8.2 Cedar Grove 'Mechanical Upgrade' Funding: A recent newspaper article regarding an uplift in funding for Cedar Grove has caused a stir. Christine and Barry received an email from Pammila Ruth to confirm that the funds will be used toward boiler upgrades to help lower the school's operating costs, and also to help improve the indoor air quality. Cedar Grove is the least energy efficient school in the district. Unfortunately this funding will not go toward a new kitchen or re-paving the front walk.

### 8.3 Spending Decisions:

- Funding request from Barry for primary literacy initiatives. Motion: Lisa Paterson motioned to spend up to \$2000, pending conversation re the final amount paid/owing with Barry (in case it costs less), Seconded by Tracy Aiken. Motion passed.
- Received a request for money to assist with funding the parent digital media awareness info night in May, hosted by DPAC. They are petitioning both Cedar Grove, Gibsons and Langdale to each put in $\$ 100$. Motion: Susan Goddard motioned to give $\$ 100$ toward the parent education night, seconded by Tracy Aiken. Motion passed.

Christine to send out email re fill the freezer contest.

Lisa Paterson volunteered to assist with chicken delivery.

Motion Passed: Spend up to \$2000 toward primary literacy initiatives. \$ amount to be finalized pending notification of final costs.

Motion Passed: \$100 toward parent digital media awareness info night

## Attachments:

- Treasurer's Report, YTD Ending March 31, 2018


