

AHP Matthew Elementary School
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PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: December 6, 2017

Present: Abbey Shahriyar, Jim Thompson, Kym Bailey, Doug Luv, Sung Cin Par, Choi Thai, Florence Peter and Peter Sadiq.

1) Welcome & Call to Order -completed at 6:30 pm

2) Adoption of Agenda -completed.

3) Adoption of previous meeting Minutes -completed.

4) Reports

President – Jim Thompson

- Teacher's Appreciation Lunch.
 - Abby indicated that the lunch would take place on Monday Dec. 18th.
 - Jim will make up a notice to ask for food donations from the parents.
 - The Peter's expressed a concern that December may not be the best time for a lunch since everyone (teachers included) are very busy during the Christmas season.
 - Abbey acknowledged the concern and after some discussion it was decided to keep the luncheon in December for the same reason stated, to wit – the Christmas season is very hectic and it's nice for the teachers to have a day where they don't have to worry about bringing in a lunch.

Vice-President – Suman Lohani

- No report

Principal/Vice-Principal – Kym Bailey

- Teachers are confused regarding the field trip allowance set out by the PAC. The first concern was that no money appeared to have been allocated this year for field trips. Abbey pointed out that Ixchel stated at the budget meeting that there was \$1700 still in a field trip account left over from previous years. Since that is not in an account that PAC has access to, it wasn't recorded in our budget this year.
- Kym indicated that the cost of the bus alone was \$600 consequently, \$100 per class per year from the PAC seemed a little low. The PAC replied that this was the amount we have always given. If the costs of a field trip have changed because of a lack of parental

involvement (ie. No parent volunteers to drive the kids so a bus isn't needed) then that is something that needed to be addressed during next year's budget allocations perhaps.

- Volleyball play day the students played away games had a good time.
- Deck the halls had really good parental turnout. Parents served hot chocolate and the kids decorated the halls. Everyone had fun.
- Coming up the week before Christmas is Spirit Week. Each day is allocated to student participation activities like Crazy Hat day or Twin Day. The leadership group is going to be selling candy grams and photos with Santa.
- Allocation of funds for Grade 3 swimming lessons was pushed to next meeting.
- Abbey spoke for the PAC asking why we were being charged to attend the Christmas concert this year. Kym indicated that the money was to offset the cost of bringing in chairs for the concert. The PAC, overall, felt this was a needless expense as chairs had always been brought down from the classrooms in the past and didn't understand why this couldn't continue to be done.
- The matter of a limit of two tickets per family was brought up. This is a community of large families. It is often the case where a family will have some children in high school and they would also like to attend to watch their siblings perform. The cost of hiring a babysitter for the younger families is also to be taken into consideration.

Treasurer – [interim]Abbey Shahriyar

- Abbey asked for a volunteer to step up and take the Treasurer position.
- General account update: ~ total \$8562
- Gaming account update: \$10,493

Fundraising-

- We currently have 354 items with only half the divisions reporting in. Participation was slow to start but it looks like we will achieve our goals of having 25 baskets to raffle again this year.
- Doug Luv will be heading the raffle basket wrapping on Wednesday December 13th at 8:30am. Volunteers will be needed and a notice will be sent out. If it's required, Jim will head up an evening wrapping session that evening from 6:00pm.

5) Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm

Following the meeting, all participants and their children joined in for 40 minutes to staple, cut and sort the raffle tickets that will go out to the classes on Friday.

Minutes taken by: Jim Thompson

Babysitters: Christine Peters

Next meeting date: Jan. 10, 2017