

Selkirk Parent Group
October 17, 2016
Minutes

Attended by: Jenn, Natasha, Cara J., Brandi, Karma, Kate, Kim, Erin, & Lara.

Started 7:05pm

1. Introductions and welcome from Brandi
 - a. **Action: Lara to give email to Brandi – for upcoming fundraising opportunities**
 - b. Some discussion on bcc class lists, to avoid getting viruses. Class reps need to have all the emails for clear communication as the liaison between the teachers and the parents.
2. President report - Brandi
 - a. June 8 minutes approved; **Action: Jenn to post**
 - b. Positions needing to be filled or for succession (Please let Brandi know if you are interested or know someone who is interested):
 - i. Vice Chair, currently Cheyenne, in charge of Parent Ed nights
 - ii. Back-to-School BBQ, currently Tyler Black will do it again next year – daughter graduates next year, but Roberta really paved the road to make sure all the permits were in place
 - iii. Chair, currently Brandi – Kim was shadowing Brandi but is expecting again so, unavailable next year
 - iv. Fundraiser, currently Natasha
 - v. Treasurer, currently Jenn
 - vi. Hot Lunch, currently Tanya
 - c. PMS Board Meeting Upcoming AGM November 21st at 6 pm
 - d. Welcome Back Picnic a success – Tyler was wanting feedback **Action: Brandi to provide feedback**, limited to the number of surveys that we can send to the school, seemed to have run smoothly and was considered a success
 - i. A bit smaller as the grade 7/8s were away, and some of the 2nd year pre-school students were not at school that day
 - ii. Date for next year's BBQ: Wednesday, September 6th, 2017
 - e. Spaghetti Social a success – a few logistical hiccups, raised more money than expected
 - i. Good feedback, many people would definitely attend again
 - ii. Some volunteers were so busy, they didn't know there was a speech given
 - iii. Didn't account for dishwashers, some people stayed late to do dishes
 - iv. Possibly have sub-chairs on each of the committees that will contact the volunteers that sign up
 - v. May need an online mechanism to allow for volunteers to sign up
 - vi. May need an adult to coordinate with the leadership students to outline duties
 - vii. **Action: Cara to connect with the others who donated their meat sauce about approximate costs for reimbursement or for future event planning**
 - f. Parent Ed night – ideas, 2 Parent Ed nights per year
 - i. Darren Laur - Possible parent safety online + workshop for kids geared to grades 5-8

- ii. S. P. from Uvic, possible Pro-D – different approach, non-scare tactic of online safety
 - iii. Connecting with senior class supervisor – Middle School Montessori – K. from Cincinnati may be able to provide the perspective of Montessori in the high school grades
 - g. **Action: Cara to attend Board meeting next week to report out on SPG activities – Oct 24 6pm**
- 3. Treasurer report – Jenn
 - a. Distributed monthly report for July 2016 to September 2016
 - b. Distributed year to year comparison for fundraisers
 - c. Discussion on L. able to spend more money on emergency kits (last year's SPG money went to this)
 - d. Discussion of possible fencing around the school perimeter
 - e. Gaming funds has been approved, Jenn to create letters for the teachers to be distributed by email, office mail, or at a staff meeting **Action: Jenn to create letters within 2 weeks**
 - f. Everything we fundraise this year goes to items for the school in the following year
 - i. Each class gets \$250 per year
 - ii. SPG funds the Welcome BBQ, Farewell on the Green, and the Hallowe'en Bash
 - iii. Teachers can request extra things – all are put in a list and prioritized
 - iv. All requested items the SPG was able to fund this year
- 4. Fundraising Committee Report – Natasha
 - a. Calendar is quite bare, due to fundraising fatigue and to allow classes to fundraise for their own endeavours
 - i. Coupon books every other year
 - ii. Discussion of alternating Art Cards with Christmas and Spring **Action: Erin to talk to Victoria, some confusion if it is for the grade 7/8s or the whole school**
 - b. Karma is working on Purdy's for Christmas – 1st week of November
 - c. Running out of Thrifty's cards, need them for the new families **Action: Natasha to request 30 more cards Action: Kate to draft up a note for the class reps**
 - d. Ideas
 - i. family portraits – any photographers in the school?
 - ii. Mayfair gift wrapping – or something related to the mall
 - iii. The lack of \$3k can be made up by a possible opt out option at about \$20 per family, some families willing to pay more (\$100) **Action: Brandi, Kim, & Natasha to discuss offline**
 - iv. Lara – Beeswax candles for Christmas – **Action: Lara needs to ask company, buy them wholesale, school would sell at a reasonable price and funds raised to go to the SPG**
- 5. Lunch program – Brandi for Tanya
 - a. Seems to be running smoothly
 - b. Tanya will continue running lunch program next year, but is looking for a successor
 - c. Numbers are looking good, might be due to more food options this year
- 6. Admin/staff – Erin

- a. Great start to the year!
 - b. Took to heart to try to create community building events
 - i. 1st event Salt Pebbles – Parent/kid(s) create art together, everything is supplied, about \$45-\$60 per piece, 20 groups – November 12th, email to come out soon
 - ii. Organize a class wide play date
 - 1. Oct 22 community free movie at all the movie theatres
 - iii. Want 2nd/3rd semester community event ideas for parents and kids, possibly something involving pre-schoolers
 - 1. Parent night out – Music bingo? Renting the Roxy (Blue bridge?) – some might want to take this on?
 - c. Hallowe'en Bash – meetings were happening in the summer, there is a signup sheet – to help out, lead will continue to help next year
7. New business
- a. None
8. Next meeting
- a. Monday, November 28th at 7 -8:30 in the staffroom.

Meeting adjourned: 8:31pm