**Dr George Johnson Middle School**

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting, Monday, September 24th, 2015**

1) Call to Order at 6.37 pm. Welcome to the PAC and introductions of all present.

2) In Attendance: Nancy Johnson, Renée Artimowich, Dianna Auer, Maureen Fergus,

Jim Gibbs, Melissa MacAulay, Kim Malchuk, Alanna Mohan, Carol Peterson, Karen Smith.

3) Approval of the Agenda: Melissa, seconded by Karen.

4) Approval of January Minutes: Tabled until next meeting.

5) Old Business

* **End of Year BBQ**:

This was well received by students and staff.

* **Breakfast Program**:

Letters asking for donations were sent out about 2 weeks ago. We will hold off with the program until the beginning of October.

* **Funtastic Friday**:

Lois Karish has said she will continue to do Pizza Day as last year, thats about once a month and alternating between Chicken Chef and …….

A request was made for someone to run the hot lunch program.

* **Curtain and scoreboard:**

The new dividing curtain, archery curtain and scoreboard were all installed over the summer holiday and has been well received. An archery workshop has been planned and a budget is in place to purchase equipment. The total cost was approx. $1700 and we can now apply to Noventis Credit Union for the 25% of the cost granted earlier now we have the invoice.

* **Pizza Coupons:**

We still have Chicken Chef pizza coupons available. Karen to write a thank you letter for their support.

6) New Business

* **Calendar of Events:**

This was given out to all present and gives a broad overview of the year to come.

* **Parent Info Collection:**

A form was sent out at the beginning of the year with Student Information forms. Although it takes some work at the beginning of the year to update the feedback from parents has been positive.

* **Fundraising Options:**
  + Operation Red Nose. It was agreed that we should do this again. Nancy will get in touch with organisers and try to book an early date in December. Would like to be able to cover the whole shift 5 teams of 3 people.
  + Mom’s Pantry. Order forms to go out Nov 2nd and returned by 18th, an email to be sent on the Monday 16th to remind people. Hopefully the order will be ready for distribution at the start of December.
  + Bake Sale at Xmas Concert. This was a suggestion but no decision was made.
  + Fundraising ideas. A suggestion was made for a Battle of the Bands and/or a talent show.
* **Needs and Wants:**

Jim to ask the staff if there are any needs or wants. One suggestion was for more garbage cans outside; a local vendor has supplied these in the past, Debbie to be asked for any information. Another suggestion was more seating areas outside, it was suggested that this might be procured through the RM of Gimli, more information to be gathered.

* **Craft Fair:** 
  + Date. 28th November, again this coincides with the Gimli Christmas Parade/festival.
  + Registration forms have been mailed out to previous vendors and some registrations have already been received. Registration is $35.00 and each vendor is asked to donate some thing for the silent auction. Around 30 tables is a good number, including some non-profit tables which are not charged. We are trying to keep this more craft than trade, only one table per trade will be accepted i.e. one Epicure seller, one Tupperware seller.
  + Please encourage new crafters if you know any. Registration forms will be emailed out to those present.
  + It was agreed that we would do a gift tree again this year for the silent auction big prize. Nancy, Melissa, Kim and Diane volunteered to ask businesses around town for donations anyone else wishing to help would be very welcome. If there is a big response we will make 2 trees. The draw will be made at the Holiday Concert. A letter will be sent to parents also asking for donations.
  + Classes will be asked to donate baskets for the Silent Auction again this year.
* **AGM:**

Our AGM will be held before the main meeting next time. Members are needed and volunteers to take on executive roles and for certain jobs. Nancy will be stepping down as Chair for sure and someone is needed to take care of grant applications.

7) Treasurers Report. (Attached)

There is $500 in the breakfast fund ready for start of the program; any money that has been “borrowed” from this account for the curtain will go back into this fund as donations are given specifically for this program.

We will start with fruit from Sobeys. Last year we served toast a couple of mornings a week made with bread donated from EBN. A volunteer is needed if we are going to do this again and before we approach EBN about any bread donation.

Karen motioned to accept the Treasures Report as presented, Diane seconded.

8) Administration.

There are 3 classrooms out of commission at the moment due to mold that was found at the end of last year. Tender to clean and repair the classrooms has already closed and the goal is to have the classrooms back in use by January. Several clubs have started up to keep students engaged during recesses.

The school will be running a magazine fundraiser starting next week – this is the only fundraiser that the school actually does during the year and there are many prizes to help motivated students to get involved.

Enrollment is a little lower that normal at 215 students.

Parents are encouraged to keep in touch with the school electronically, through the website, Edsby and twitter.

8) Teachers Report.

Maureen Fergus told us about the benefits of strong beginnings helping to foster stronger connections and communication with students and teachers right from the beginning of the year.

Patti Stouffer is going to be introducing a patrol program starting with volunteers from grade 7. The plan is to introduce grade 6 students to the program in April so they are ready to take over the following year.

A suggestion was made that PAC could sponsor some kind of recognition to the patrol members was generally agreed on but no firm decision was made as to how.

9)

School Board Rep.

Dianna represented the school board in the absents of Brent and was excited to tell us about some of the new plans for the School Panning Day which will be held in the evening.

10) Next Meeting: AGM on Monday October 19th at 6.30 followed by general meeting.

11) Meeting adjourned 8.05 pm.