

Kitchener PAC Meeting Minutes 6:30pm - Thursday, March 10, 2016

Members in attendance:

Melody Eng (Co-Chair)	Kristina Murray	Wiljo Lum
Tommasina Mele (Co-Chair)	America Núñez	Sherrí Boljuncic
Janice Chiem (Treasurer)	Nikki Levis	Kristy Dellebuur O'Connor
Victoria Brendan		

Staff in attendance:

Anthony Yam (Principal)	Kim Clark (Head Teacher)
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1. Call to order

The meeting began at 6:34pm. The February 2016 minutes were reviewed and a change was given by Kristina on behalf of Kristy, as follows: "the final amount of net revenues for the Grade 5's from the trivia night was \$2250, not \$2500 to \$2600 as noted in the minutes. This \$2250 includes the \$500 from tickets that PAC agreed to keep in the Grade 5 revenue." A second change was made by Nikki that her last name is spelled incorrectly - it should read "Levis".

Melody Eng moved and it was seconded by **Victoria** that the minutes be passed with these changes. **Motion accepted unanimously.**

Notes for this meeting have been captured by Kristina Murray in Doreen Lee's absence.

2. Principal's Report – Anthony Yam

- Track and Field had their first meeting today. Over 45 students came to the meeting. Teachers helping this year include Mr. Rich, Mr. Tesan, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Vercamp. Track and Field is for students in grades 4-7. It will start after Spring Break with practices and track meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The District Track and Field Meet will be at Swangard on May 3, 2016
- Primary days of music was held at Kitchener on Wednesday. It was a great event attended by the grade 2's and 3's. Three other schools visited, therefore there was no room in the gym for parents to attend
- Report cards go home April 1st
- Thursday, May 5th is the Intermediate student led conferences (Div. 1-6). More info will be sent home after Spring Break
- Wednesday, April 6 is class photo day
- Dance lessons with Emily from Dance Express will take place April 11-15th
- Kim wanted to let parents know that the Planners are being used as a guide for Kitchener's monthly themes (sportsmanship is this month). The morning announcements talk about the theme as well. Parents are encouraged to read about the themes in their child's planner, and to talk to their children about the morning announcements and the monthly theme

3. Treasurer's Report

February 2016 Activities:

Net proceeds from Trivia Night to date totaled \$2,950.20. Some additional expenses still to be accounted for.

Revenues:	Silent Auction	1,880.40	Expenses:	Pizza	226.80
	Squares	640.00			
	50/50	300.00			
	Food/Coffee	322.60			
	Toonie Toss	34.00			

Edo hot lunch in February raised \$123.60.

Disbursements:

Disbursements from our General Account totaled \$785:

Pizza for Trivia Night	\$227
Edo hot lunch	558

Disbursements from our Gaming Account totaled \$2,621:

School buses to Paint the Rink Pink event	\$1,617
Performing Artists in School (Milton Randall, Digital Guise)	720
Reading Club/Library Resources	284

Below is a high-level summary of the financial results for the 8 months ending February 29, 2016:

Per Financial Records (GL)	General	Earthquake	Gaming
Beginning Cash Balance @ Jul 1, 2015	20,670	1,082	4,429
YTD Net Revenue	10,685	-	5,745
YTD Expenditures	(7,256)	-	(3,248)
YTD Net Rev over Exp	3,429	-	2,497
Ending Cash Balance @ Feb 29, 2016	24,099	1,082	6,926
Per Bank Statement			
Cash in Bank	8,657	1,082	9,263
Less: Outstanding Cheques			(2,337)
Cash (Float for various events)	50		
ST Investments	15,392		
	24,099	1,082	6,926

4. DPAC Report - Tommasina

- Jocelyn and Kristin from DPAC went to the Vancouver Island Parent Conference on the new curriculum. They explained that the new curriculum is emphasizing that everyone has different passions, different strengths. It will help to focus on a child's strengths and celebrate their achievements
- The number of students has increased in Burnaby and the number of International students has increased, too
- Cuts to the budget were also discussed at the meeting. The DPAC is asking parents to answer some questions that the DPAC will then present to the District. Tommasina has emailed the questions to the parents who are present at tonight's meeting

From: Jen Mezei <jenmezei@GMAIL.COM>
Date: March 7, 2016 at 5:38:05 PM PST
To: DPAC-L@LISTS.SD41.BC.CA
Subject: Follow up to meeting last week
Reply-To: SD41 Parent Advisory Committee <DPAC-L@LISTS.SD41.BC.CA>

DPAC reps,

As discussed at the last DPAC meeting, the executive anticipate that the district will be considering cuts for the 2016/17 SD41 operating budget.

To help up provide input at our next DPAC meeting April 4, please ask your PAC the following questions and bring the responses on April 4:

1. Of the cuts to the 2015/16 budget, which reductions in staffing, services and/or supplies have affected your school the most negatively?
2. Which supports, services and programs do you think should be protected and kept at current levels in the upcoming budget?
3. What initiatives do you think the district should consider to increase revenues?
4. What areas, if any, do you think the district should consider as a budget reduction?

Thanks
The DPAC Exec

5. Committee Updates

- Still having team/school visits – Kitchener's is April 14th in the morning. Parents are welcome to attend

6. Recaps

Trivia Night

- Thank you cards for Trivia night donations – America: The grade 5's have been making cards but they may not be done and therefore will go out after Spring Break
- Vote on spending of \$10,000 for staff wish list
 - At the staff meeting yesterday, the staff were asked if they had a preference for what the money should be spent on. It was agreed that media carts would be great - need 6 more (approx. \$1250 each). Then each class would have one ready to use at anytime. The laptops would be included with the media carts. The djembes music instruments and Smartboard were taken off the list
 - The PAC members in attendance did a secret ballot vote listing their top wish list items that equal \$10,000. Once the votes were tallied, Tommasina and Melody announced that the following items from the wish list will be purchased: Media carts x 6 (\$7500), Filtering Water Fountain (\$1800), Choral Resources (\$150), and Reggio materials (approx. \$550).

7. New Business

- Sherri asked Melody to review what is still coming up before the end of the year - Sports Day, Staff Thank you lunch, year-end BBQ, Grade 7 camp, May PAC AGM and possibly final June PAC meeting
- Kristy asked if the PAC gets a gift for staff babies – no PAC does not

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Next PAC Meeting

Date: **April 7, 2016**

Time: 6:30pm

Please arrive early to get settled and read the minutes