

Talmey Parent Advisory Council

Minutes

October 16th, 2017

Chair: Melissa Chui

Secretary: Gabriela Draheim

Treasurer: Tosa Rusimovici

Members at Large: Kristin, Julia, Adam, Amy

In attendance: Melissa, Tosa, Kristen, Al, Chris, Ashley, Jana, Adam, Julia, Amy, Wendy, Gabriela

Call to Order: Melissa called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm

- Approved and “photos” were added to new business
- Quick introductions

1. Secretary’s Report

- Review of September’s meeting minutes (sorry for the spelling mistake!)
- Voted & approved

2. Chairperson’s Report

- Welcome to new members
- Goals for 2017-2018:
 1. to increase parental involvement in the school and in PAC functions, including fundraisers, services for students, performances and information sessions
 2. to generate enough income through fundraisers to be able to fund field trips, performances and other special activities
- Upcoming PAC events and information:
 - Halloween party: October 27 6:30-8pm (photo booth, some construction of activities will take place tomorrow).
 - Saleema Noon dates: Monday, October 23rd (parent info session) and Wednesday, Nov. 1 (student sessions)—Letter going home this week
 - date for Cash 4 Clothes? 1st choice 15th/16th 22nd/23rd (room 12—is available for early drop off) 1 prize slip for each bag brought—prize is a popcorn party for the class.
 - date for Movie Night?—December 1st—Melissa will be checking into the movie selectionsAshley Spires is coming in a couple of weeks for and author visit.

3. Treasurer’s Report

- Financial Update—please refer to Statement of Operations/Balance Sheet
- We did receive our gaming grant \$3, 200
- \$6 309.52 in profits so far this term (gaming grant, hot lunch, chocolates, popcorn, snack shack etc.)
- Vote & approved

4. Celebrations and Successes

- Terry Fox Run—awesome apples with minimal waste due to the small size of the apples
- Worth noting: Urban Farm market always gives us a 10% discount on the apples—so seasonal apples are a minimal expense.

5. Administrative Report

- 4 teacher candidates will be at Talmey (Janzen, Guzman, Gavsie, Hosta) from UBC
- Me to We—15 students (gr. 6/7) will be going to Rogers Arena for the event.

- Deb Lipman is working with the student council (who will be organizing various student clubs & school wide events)
- Staff update—still looking for someone to fill a point time (relief/ELL), still short of EA's as well. (there is a chronic shortage in the district—will be taking on an EA student on practicum)

6. School Planning Council Report

- Growth mindset & Mindfulness— new school goal in regard to anxiety & resiliency. Mrs. Goldman has purchased resources to support these goals—which have been shared with the staff.
- Dark Blue is the new colour for the front doors! (purple colour is the primer...)
- The Spirals of Inquiry update

7. Committee Report

1. Fruit and Vegetable Program—Red Delicious apples will be washed & served tomorrow
2. Hot lunch and Snack Shack—pizza is Thursday this week due to the pro-day. Reminder to send a plate for pizza
3. Popcorn --90 bags last time. Al commented that it is well run&very minimal mess is
4. Social
5. Fundraising - chocolate sales so far—going well. Thursday is the “soft ending”—41 cases still out (29 cases are first cases)...personalized reminder slips will go out tomorrow. (155 cases went out in total.)
Feed back—on nutfree...not enough Mint Melties, Raisins were met with mixed reviews...
Fridays—we could use 1 extra cash box to help with the large intake of \$

8. New Business

- PAC Mail: If anything you saw in the mail interested you, and you'd like to pursue it further, please mention it at this time
- Yearbook - deposits so far—56 deposits as of today—so the yearbook project will be a go for this year. Small group of parents will be overseeing Talmeyyearbook@gmail.com —photos will be screened by Al . Please send all photo submissions to this account for consideration. Class photos will be checked into to see if they can be included in the yearbook. (Ashley, Kristen, Wendy). & potentially gr. 7's will help if possible. (formatting/design) A thank you will be going home to let people know that it will be going ahead.
- Concerns about lunch supervisors telling parents with younger children that they can't be in the field or on the path during recess or lunchtime—technically when school is on (& out at recess & lunch) general public is asked to come back later. People with a legitimate relationship to someone at the school (ie. a parent/caregiver) are permitted.
- Cobb's Bread Richmond Centre “Dough Raiser”—just say “we're part of Talmey PAC” (once we are over \$500 in purchases—we get a 5% kickback)
- Photos: photographer was late, had camera issues—day 2 was not much better. Overall it seemed that a large number of families would be requiring retakes. Also noted was the fact that one photographer was not “hands-off”—although that's the company policy.
- Kristen presented info. on another photographer—something to look into as an alternative to the big companies. Retake day is Nov. 1st. idea: possibly try her out for family photos. Kirsten Laufer Photography. (photo retakes may be rescheduled due to Saleema Noon presentations—still to be determined).

Will someone volunteer to bring snacks for the next meeting?

******Next PAC Meeting: November 27th******

