

# KAY BINGHAM PAC MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, October 5, 2011

## MINUTES

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**PRESENT:** Mr. Koch, Mr. Wood, Tracy Robertson, Susan Firman, Kathleen Karpuk, Angie Knaus, Brenda Sawada, Patti Wright, Walter Halowski, Ken.

Secretary called meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

1. Review of agenda. Accepted as printed with additions.

### 2. **Principal's Report:**

- The Board of Trustees is eager to see pictures of the completed George Hilliard Library showcase. Ms. Sawada has taken that on to have ready by the end of the month.
- The new SD#73 web page features the students at Kay Bingham. Have a look!
- We will be getting an additional grade one teacher to provide further instructional support for literacy and math with the two grade one classes. The teacher should be in place after the Thanksgiving weekend.
- Our school's halls and gym will be getting a fresh coat of paint over the next few weeks. Notices have been posted at each school entrance way and a notice sent home. The district uses only "eco-friendly" paints.
- We have enough student interest to have 3 volleyball teams this year. Thanks to Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Covaceuszach for volunteering to coach these eager students! Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Schultz who has been coaching our school's Run Club. Students have attend 3 meets this year.
- Teachers will be conducting Parent / Teacher meetings on the Early Dismissal Days on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact your child's teacher if you want to have a meeting.
- We will need new members to our School Planning Counsel this year. This is a good way to find out how the school goes about identifying and implementing school improvement goals.

### 3. **Old Business/Deferments:**

- Christmas Concert DVD sale w/Norkam - called twice with no response

### 4. **Treasurer Report**

- Gaming \$ 8256.79
- PAC \$ 7858.16 (less money owed for Entertainment Books)
- GIC \$ 5142.15

### 5. **New Business:**

- Entertainment books - we have sold 73 books so far with orders still coming in.
- Safer Schools Initiative - Susan contacting Colleen about sign visibility on Greenfield and crossing guard equipment and training. Introduced Ken - a kind neighbour willing to be our crossing guard until we can get the training done - he will start the crossing guard program next Wednesday morning.

- Fruit & Vegetable Program - 2 volunteers needed for every 2<sup>nd</sup> week and some light admin. - do we have anyone with their foodsafe certificate? Started with blueberries then tomatoes.
- New shredder for school/PAC - got it! PAC's portion is about \$100.
- Bring back hot food days? - we will start with Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> as the first date and see how it goes. On this day there will be no meals program. For any families that paid for it they can use the money paid as a credit for November's meals program.
- Help is needed for the school book fair which is scheduled for Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> - Angie can help except on Monday and Kathleen may be able to help.
- Staples has a program where they select a school and do a \$25,000 computer room re-do - we want to apply for this and need to write a 300 word essay and submit an entry online ([http://www.staples.ca/ENG/Static/static\\_pages.asp?pagename=soulrecycleford](http://www.staples.ca/ENG/Static/static_pages.asp?pagename=soulrecycleford)).
- Poinsettia fundraiser - delivery date is set for Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, orders must be in by Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, we will send out notices Oct 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>.
- Notice to grade 5 students about skiing and possible fundraising - due to the teachers strike there will be no fundraising done by the teachers and so it will be up to the parents. Skiing costs up to \$130 per student including ski lift, rentals, pass and bussing for all three days. The more fundraising we do the less it will cost per child. - Patti will write a letter to the parents
- Grade 6 students also need to start fundraising for their year-end graduation celebration.
- Irving K. Barber scholarship - information on this scholarship will be up on the board at the entrance of the school for anyone with an older child looking for scholarships.
- Mrs. Hallett has a class blog set up for her class and it lists homework, upcoming events, websites for labs, class happenings, etc. - check it out! <http://shallett.blogs.sd73.bc.ca/>
- It was brought up that someone thought there had once been a fund started to build the fences around the school taller - adding a top part to make the fence 6 feet instead of 4 feet tall - no one knew anything about this, Bill is looking into it. It was suggested that he check with Tom Dinsdale, Art McDonald and Tim Dempster. Mr. Dinsdale from Brock Middle School also didn't know anything about this.

6. **Elections:** PAC Chair - Tami Leggatt DPAC Rep. - still looking  
 PAC Vice-Chair - Susan Firman DPAC Rep. - still looking  
 Secretary - Tracy Robertson SPC Rep. - Walter Halowski  
 Treasurer - Shaunna Branchflower SPC Rep. - still looking

**DPAC Rep needs to be filled** - you just have to attend the DPAC meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month (with 2 exceptions - Dec & Mar) from 7pm to 9pm and report things at PAC meetings when necessary. If we have 2 people you can choose to alternate or go together.

**School Planning Council Rep still needs another person** - Parents, teachers and principals on School Planning Councils (SPCs) develop school plans to improve student achievement. The time commitment is usually only a few meetings a year as it works for the group.

**If you can fill either of these rolls please email the PAC at [kaybinghampac@gmail.com](mailto:kaybinghampac@gmail.com) or call us at 250-377-4108 and leave a message.**

Meeting was adjourned by Secretary at 7:15 PM.

**Next PAC Meeting: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 6:00pm Staff Room**