

Donwood PAC Meeting

February 11, 2014 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Present: Christine Anderson, Ryan Francis, Connie Janzen-Winter, Tamara Roehr, Brandy Koebel, Tanya Horton, Corina Kroeker, Noreen Koch

Administration's Report

Christine Anderson

- Movie Night – a good success with 110 people who came out
- Curling Bonspiel – huge thanks to Corinna Kroeker (parent) for help with setting up and running the Bonspiel; the kids had a lot of fun; there have been thoughts about not flooding curling ice next year due to weather issues and instead doing indoor curling in the gym and renting indoor ice for the Bonspiel
- “I Love to Read Month” – guest readers are coming to the school; February 14 is “Camp Fire in the Gm” with s'mores in a bag; DEAR – Drop Everything and Read; kids will be writing notes to their favorite authors.
- Grade 5/6 Reconfiguration – February 3 Information Night was a success; Chief Peguis Principal and Vice Principal will be coming to Donwood to meet students and answer questions; there will be 2 separate Farewell Events – one for each of grade 5 and grade 6 – both will be on June 27 at 9:15 and 10:30; February 19 is the Chief Peguis open House for students and families; another and more casual open house during school hours for students only will be held in May or June
- “How to Read with Your Child” Event scheduled for February 11 was cancelled due to low interest
- PAC Recruitment – we all need to recruit new members to PAC to carry on the work being done; there are a number of PAC members and regular volunteers that will be moving on from Donwood this year
- Learning Expo and Student Led Conferences – end of March
- Professional Development Day February 3 – morning session on engaging kids in learning with technologies, afternoon session brings in consultants to work on positive school wide behavior strategies

Reports:

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Tamara Roehr

- Appreciation events will be held on Tuesday March 11- morning coffee and pastries and then lunch with program
- Theme is based on the Seven Sacred Teachings of the Aboriginal communities – food is bison and vegetarian chilis, bannock catered by Heidi Herrod and salads, vegies and dip and desserts provided by parent volunteers

Hot Lunch

Connie Janzen-Winter

- Program is running well – profited \$395 on last event; next month is pizza
- New committee of volunteers is in place for next year

Treasurer

General	\$ 2,496.63
Hot Lunch	\$ 2,322.43
Greening	\$ 2,274.49
Fundraising	\$ 500.00
Greening Maintenance	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Total	\$10,093.55

Greening

- Committee applied for another grant recently; received a \$4,000 grant last week that may go toward asphalt for walking trails and more trees
- Christine Anderson will ask the Committee to provide a more full report for the next PAC meeting

Fundraising

- Plant Fundraiser – plant delivery date is May 13 (just before Long Weekend)
- Jenni Ives will be handling all communication with Bloomers (plant supplier)
- Order forms and color brochures should go out 2-3 days before Spring Break (1 brochure/family = 350 required)
- Gym needs to be booked for May 13 in case of rain

PAC Elections

- Elections are held in May; letter explaining positions and inviting nominations will go into next newsletter

Other Business

- Concerns expressed over parking issues on Donwood Drive and safety of cars dropping off and picking up right in front of the school and in front of patrols; Big thanks to Mrs. Kyle for braving the cold and being outside to help manage the traffic in front of the school
- Suggestion made to ask City to remove large snowbanks along Paufeld and Brian Streets so that kids can be safely dropped off on those streets instead of Donwood

Meeting Adjourned 7:04 PM

Minutes by Tamara Roehr

March 4, 2014