

Nov 25, 2014  
PPS School Council

### **School News - Peter**

The following things have been happening at PPS in the last month:

Bus evacuation training

GAFE training for primary and junior teachers

Monthly health and safety meeting

SBT & MDT

Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools conference was held and attended by SCIS committee

Progress reports home - interviews held

Remembrance Day assembly

Earth Rangers assembly

Power of One assembly - bullying awareness

Safetalk - suicide awareness program attended by Peter

WITS training - Peter, Mr. Reader, Mrs. Cook attended (Conflict resolution system)

Staff Book Study - Natural Curiosity (Inquiry and natural learning)

CATC committee met to set goals for the integration of technology

### **Greening Update - Taylor**

Taylor and Peter attended the first workshop in a series at the board office.

Noted that we have quite a good base to be moving forward from.

Green space would benefit from more trees.

Things to consider - Build, explore, relax, socialize, test and dream - make space for all of these things.

Taylor and Peter shared "snake steppers" and idea for stepping stones (logs) of different heights that students walk along.

Next greening workshop is Dec 9. Focus is on fundraising.

Site walkthrough Monday at 3:30 with Krista Long from Evergreen - All council or other interested parents are welcome.

### **Fundraising**

Little Caesars Pizza Orders - Made approx \$1500 to \$1600 dollars

Volunteers needed to help Thurs, Dec 4 2:30 - 6:00.

Delivery at 1:30 Kelly, Leah, Marlene, Taylor, Karen, Wendy will help

Half-page flyer will be sent home to remind families of delivery

Fundraising committee met

We will not be doing Candyland this year but will revisit it next year

Lunch program ideas - discussed switching pizza to another day since there are so many Mondays off - not possible because of limited availability of other days

Chocolate bar fundraiser being considered

Red Tea Pot - Bags of Preston Public School tea with tea balls, etc (a small gift set) - would sell for \$7.50 a set. We would make half of that in profit. This would possibly run in December in order to be in time for Christmas.

Discussion around choosing a big ticket item focus for fundraising so that parents will see why they are fundraising. Site visit with Evergreen rep may help us focus on an item for greening that might be appropriate.

Wendy and Peter will discuss with staff about having a family night this year focussed around literacy, numeracy or some other topic.

Drive a Ford fundraiser. Peter checked with the board and it is permissible as long as it is not on board policy. We have been approved and will find out the date in the new year.

### **Lunch Update**

Pizza will continue on Monday and Thursday.

Lunch Lady on Tuesday - Kelly will ask Trish to get a report on participation.

### **Bingo Update - Corey**

Dates coming up - December 6 - two volunteers needed. Also, Jan 29, 31, Feb 28, Apr 23, 25, May 23. Two volunteers with one alternate needed for each night.

Heather brought up the idea of having an incentive for Bingo volunteers since we always have problem filling shifts. Discussion was held. Peter will call board about whether we would be able to incentivise this with our charitable status.

### **Other Business**

Leah asked about the possibility of a crossing guard at King and Westminster. Corey had already approached the city about this and was told that they looked into it and felt it wasn't necessary. Kelly will draft a letter from Parent council requesting the city to reconsider this.

Peter asked about whether we were in a position to allocate funds to other items such as chess (approx 2400), teacher allocations (\$100/teacher - \$1400), bussing for field trips (\$200 per Novclass), anti-bullying assembly (\$800). Peter will go ahead and look into rebooking chess and then will communicate with executive about costs so that a decision can be made before our January meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2015