



ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT NGEPAC February 19, 2013

ELFF (Early Learning For Families)

Kick-Off to Education Week! Taking place Saturday, March 2 for 3 & 4 year olds. (not intended for students attending K in Sept 2013). Parents will meet with the principal, K teachers, and our preschool teacher in the library, while preschoolers and siblings do activities with Gr 6 leaders in the gym. Parents and preschoolers then come together in our kindergarten classes, and participate in learning activities. Parent handouts include many great ideas for developing early learning skills. Preschoolers will also go home with a special goodie bag from NGE. We're trying this session on a weekend morning, and including lunch, to see if it better meets the needs of our families with preschoolers.

School Planning Council

Our Data Roundtable is coming up this Thursday with SPC Parents and District Staff invited to a teacher staff meeting where we will rotate through data stations for discussion.

Second Reporting Period

Reports cards will be distributed before Spring Break similar to those in the first term. Marks will indicate progress from first to second term. Second term is typically a heavy instructional period.

Education Week- March 4-8

This year's theme "21st Century Learners Celebrating Public Education." The NGE community will be involved in a number of activities over the course of Education Week, including a Gr 5 & 6 trip to Kelowna Community Theatre to hear author Eric Walters.

Kindergarten Registration

Presently have 50 registrations....a few have us as 2nd choice due to daycare etc. Similarly, have 8-10 out-of-catchment registrations for same reasons. This will confirm 3 K classes next year – August registrations will determine if also requiring K/1 split.

Grade 6 Green Bay Day Camp

This has become a traditional year-end celebration for Gr 6 students and parents. Traditionally, NGE PAC has provided \$500 as a "Thank-You for their great leadership in our school.

A BIG Thank You!

The new Smart Boards are in – teachers VERY excited about the interactive learning!

Parents as Partners – Parent Info Session: Bully Awareness and Prevention.

Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 – 7:30 Reminder notice sent home.

Parent Network

Survey underway to determine the interest of parents to forming a network amongst Central Zone schools. So far, largest group of parent response is from NGE! Lots of interest in specific topics, e.g. 50 of the 130 responses so far are interested in Bully Awareness.... So far the most popular of topics listed... so very timely that this topic is our first Parents as Partners session next week ☺

Yearbook

Thank you for your interest in taking on this project; however, unfortunately not a lot of interest amongst staff at this time. Many teachers post their classroom event / activity pics on their websites. Possibility of creating an on-line yearbook in the future to include on our website, highlighting individual student photos, and class pictures taken by our school photographer. These could be kept on file each year, and be of no cost to parents. Parents who have a "shutter bug" passion, could help out our website by being the "official PAC photographer" at school assemblies and events, which could then be posted on NGE Website.

From the Library

Book Fair was another great success! Thank you for the awesome parent volunteer support (approx. 40-50 throughout the week!) ☺

Funds Raised:

\$900 in product – Gr 2 & 4 classroom reading materials, library books, incentive prizes

\$1350 in cash – has sponsored our author visits for all grade levels

North Glenmore Elementary PAC February 19

Jane Hardy welcomed us to the meeting.

Janine Cornett approved last month's meeting minutes, seconded by Wendy Ikesaka

Present: PAC Executive: Jane Hardy, Wendy Ikesaka, Janine Cornett, Harp Singh, Crystal White, Colleen McGregor, Clara Tonn

Parents: Jennifer Wenzel, Robynn Robertson, Diane Bondaroff, Terri Loney, Elaine Weigel, Shevaune Battiston, Kim Thompson, Terri Bouma, Michelle Jewell, Teresa Caldwell, April Unger, Terry Farquhar, Jaime Lea

Staff: Maeve Buckley

Administrator's Report

ELFF

- An info session for 3 & 4 year olds and their families. We would like to invite our preschool families into the school and show them the kindergarten rooms and show the parents a few things they can do to prepare their kids for school.
- Parents also get an opportunity to meet the K teachers, the principals, and the preschool teacher. This year we are looking at how you as a parent can help your child become more independent.
- Takes place on March 2 10:00 – 12:30.
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School Planning Council

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A big thank you for the new smart boards. The teachers are very excited to be able to use them.

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Parent Network

- Survey underway to determine the interest of parents to forming a network amongst Central Zone schools.
- Largest response from NGE.
- Lots of parents interested in bully awareness, this is a very timely topic for our first parents as partners session next week.

Yearbook

- Last month we formed a committee to work on looking at doing a yearbook this year. Unfortunately, staff is not really interested in pursuing this at this time. It's too late already to start a project this size and the programs to run it are very expensive.
- Possibility of creating an online yearbook in the future.
- We would also be interested in getting parent volunteers to take pictures at assemblies and school events which could then be posted on the website.
- Terri Loney and April Unger are looking at the possibility of doing a smaller version of a yearbook for the grade 6's.

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Treasure's Report

\$11,346.00- gaming account

\$10,353.95 – general account

- SMARTboards have been paid for. Do we need to spend our gaming account? No, but we should get it down to about \$2000 before the end of the year. We have to send the government a financial report showing what we have spent. We will talk about what to spend the money on next meeting.

Special Events

The family dance went really well. The kids liked the DJ.

Suggestions for next year:

- Need a smaller stage.
- Blockade the stage.
- Parents near the back door to man that door as well.
- More lighting so you can see your children.
- Make sure that we include that it is free when we advertise.

We only have one more event for this year.

- Teacher Appreciation luncheon will be held towards the end of May.

Fundraising

- Give from the heart is going on right now. \$1415.00 so far. It goes until the end of Feb.
- The art cards have been finished except for a few students. They will hopefully be back either just before spring break or right afterwards. It would be better to send them after spring break.
- Colleen McGregor is going away on May 8 and would like a volunteer to help Elaine Weigel with hot lunch.

Hot Lunch

- Elaine Weigel is finishing this year and is looking for someone to take it over. Looking for parents to come and see what her and Colleen are doing. The time commitment is from about 9:00 until 12:30.

Spring Fair

- Kim Thompson has volunteered to lead a committee to do a spring fair this year. She has never done this before. She has about 6 parents to help her. She has booked 3 inflatables, Jeff Hay has volunteered to be a DJ. It would be inside and outside.
- Thurs. June 6 from about 6:00- 8:00.
- Each class collects items and then we raffle them off.
- We need to confirm that we can use the fields and the gyms.
- Janine Cornett motions that the North Glenmore Executive and PAC fully support an annual spring fair as a family night and fundraiser. Crystal White seconds. Everyone was in favor.

New Business

- Elaine Weigel will do 4 more pizza lunches for a grade 6 fundraiser for Camp Boyle.

Next meeting is April 9