



ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

NGEPAC January 15, 2013

Registration for 2013-14

Scheduled for February 4- March 8. Preliminary projections would be for another 3 Kindergarten classes next year, but we can never fully predict until after registration. There is a second registration period during the last week in August.

School Planning Council

The concept of SPC is continuing to evolve, and becoming a much simpler and hopefully more relevant process. NGE created a Data Roundtable process 3 years ago that we found to be very effective and we plan to continue – an invitation for our SPC Reps, our Director, Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent, and School Board Trustee to join our staff in an analysis and discussion around our school data. We plan to meet with our SPC Reps initially this month to review the overall process and prepare for next month's Data Roundtable discussions, taking place **Thursday, February 21, 2:45 – 4:00.**

Parents as Partners – new idea is Parent University

Schools in our Central Zone are looking to collaborate with our parent programs, and possibly offer a Parent University for all of our schools – a cool concept coming from some districts in the States. The idea is to bring parents from a variety of schools together, and offer a number of workshops, sessions, presentations, resources etc that meet today's parenting needs. May also have an on-line component. Stay tuned for more information.

FSA

This is a Provincially mandated assessment that we are required to administer to our students. Testing will take place in February. Students now do much of this assessment on-line. There continues to be conflict between the provincial Teachers' Union (BCTF) and the Ministry of Education over these provincial assessments. The District position is that the FSA testing will go ahead as required by the School Act. Parents may not withdraw their child from the testing; however, the school may excuse students with special needs. There is more information for parents on the Ministry Website (<http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced/>) and the BCCPAC website (www.bccpac.bc.ca)

Safety Issues

The changes in temperature and weather patterns have resulted in both icy and wet conditions. Pylons and caution tape are being used to restrict access to and block off specific areas of the school (depending on the day). Students, parents and teachers are asked to use caution when walking around the perimeter of the school, and when playing in the fields.

Home / School Conferences

February 7 & 8. This term, teachers plan for scheduled individual conferences during these early dismissal days. Teachers may also give early morning, after school and early evening options during that week. Watch for conference information coming home from your child's teacher.

NGEPAC Funding

Staff is very grateful for the generosity of our NGE PAC! Here is an update on the following funding projects – all due to your ongoing support...

- We now have a document camera in every classroom!!
- We have just installed 3 more Smart Boards – now available in all Gr 3,4, 5 classrooms.
- We continue to subsidize Field Trips by partially funding bussing and supporting families in need. (\$1500 / per year)
- Our playground equipment has been renewed, along with our very popular floor hockey equipment for our noon-hour league

Upcoming Fundraising Programs

Just checking in...

Give from the Heart – February – are we continuing as an annual event?

Kids Art Cards – March / April - Spring Theme

On-Going Bottle Drive

Is this worth pursuing? Parents simply bring their bottles to the depot and can donate them to NGE right at the depot. (Recent Gr 6 Bottle Drive Blitz made approx. \$700)

North Glenmore PAC January 15

Welcomed by Jane Hardy

Motion to approve the minutes from November's meeting made by Jane Hardy and seconded by Janine Cornett.

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

Parents: Peta Williams, April Unger, Terrell Bouma, Teri Loney, Robynn Robertson, Jody Crumb,

Michelle Jewell, Teresa Caldwell, Mila Shapiro

Staff: Maeve Buckley, Jordan Kleckner.

Administrator's Report

Registration for 2013-14

Scheduled for February 4 – March 8. We are expecting about 66 kindergarten kids to register which is what we had this year. Probably will have at least 3 kindergarten classes next year. There will be a second registration period the last week of August.

School Planning Council

Look at all the different forms of data. We have the data from Dr. Knox grade 7 report cards to look at.

Simplify it. Glenmore valley was known for helicopter parenting and hand holding in the past. We are continuing this year with a data round table involving the director, superintendent/ assistant superintendent and school board trustee to join our staff in looking at our school data. Data round table will be held on Feb. 21 2:45 – 4:00.

Parent University

The idea is to bring parents from our central zone and offer a number of workshops, sessions, presentations, resources, etc. Jordan Kleckner went to a meeting about this today. Next big step would be to survey parents in this zone and find out which topics would interest us. Stay tuned for more details. Might need a parent rep for this. Not just elementary, but high school as well. We will try to get someone from each zone to do workshops, etc. May also have an online component.

FSA's are coming up. Have to be done by Feb. 22. It's just a snapshot. District's position is that the students write it. Tests done by Grade 4 students. Most of it is online.

Safety issues

The school grounds are quite icy. Please use caution when walking and playing in the fields.

Home/School Conferences

Individual student conferences will be held on February 7 & 8. This time it will be individual conferences with the teacher, parents and student. Watch for info coming home.

NGEPAC Funding

Staff is grateful for the fundraising that the PAC has done so far.

We now have a document camera in every classroom.

Have installed 3 more smartboards now available in all grade 3, 4, 5 classes.

Continue to subsidize field trips by partially funding bussing and supporting families in need. (1500/year)

Our playground equipment has been renewed along with floor hockey equipment for our noon hour league.

Motion to give NGE \$1500 for field trips made by Harp Singh and seconded by Colleen McGregor.

Should we do the bottle drive as an ongoing fundraiser? Has always been a grade 6 fundraiser. We could do both. Can donate the money to NGE right at the depot. We will look into this.

Treasurer's Report

Nov. General account - 19,982.45

Nov. Gaming account – 11,344.48

Dec. General account – 16, 400.00

Dec. Gaming account - 11,345.44

Fundraising

We are doing give from the heart again. Envelopes will go out in the near future.

Art cards by kids is going to happen in the spring.

Families get to keep the cards made by the children even if they don't want them. 36 cards cost \$60.

No one else can buy your child's card that they made.

The more you buy, the cheaper the price.

Every class in our school is doing it. We will ask Katie from Little Gators preschool if she wants to join in on this fundraiser.

Special Events

Dance happening on Feb 14. Harp Singh needs parent volunteers to man the door. Harp is looking for some dads to help with this. Jordan Kleckner and Maeve Buckley will not be able to attend as they have to attend a superintendent's meeting in Vernon that night. Dance done by DJ Haymaker. Grade 6's usually do a concession, glow sticks, candy, chips, etc. We have 150 gator water bottles to sell. Would like to sell them at the dance. Suggestion made if they buy a water bottle, they get a bottle of water for free. Suggestion was made that we hand out pizza, but we weren't sure how we could keep it warm. April Unger, Jane Hardy and Clara Tonn volunteered to help with the concession.

Spring Fair

Harp mentioned that she is too busy to organize a spring fair. She is suggesting that we make a committee now and then plan on doing one next year. Suggestion was made that we have a separate group that just wants to do the spring fair. Harp suggests that we make a yearly plan with about 3 or 4 main fundraisers so that we aren't doing one after another. Just focusing on 4 main ones. Let parents know at the start of the year what we are going to do for fundraising. Harp Singh will contact Kim Thompson to see if she is still wanting to do the spring fair.

New Business

Yearbook

Maeve Buckley and Jordan Kleckner will contact a company that has the templates so all we have to do is drag and drop. Would cost around the same amount as we charged before. Terri Loney and April Unger have volunteered to help with this.

Next meeting will be Feb. 19