



# ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

NGEPAC January 14, 2014

## **Registration for 2013-14**

Scheduled for February 3 - March 7. 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. This year, SD#23 is developing an on-line process ☺

## **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, **Friday, January 24, 1:15 – 2:15**, 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 – Central Zone Network**

Schools in our Central Zone are now hosting a variety of parent information sessions and workshops. This year, NGE is hosting an esteem-building program for Gr 5 & 6 girls and their mothers. We are now fully registered at 30 mother / daughter pairs.

## **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. There is an expectation that all students will write; however, parents may request to have their child excused due to family emergency, lengthy illness, or other extenuating circumstances (e.g. special learning needs, high anxiety). There is more information for parents on the Ministry Website (<http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced/>) and the BCCPAC website ([www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://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 6 & 7. This term, teachers plan for scheduled individual conferences during these early dismissal days (dismissal at 12:30). 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 have purchased 30 iPads for the Gr 6 classrooms!!
- We have ordered one more SMART Board and one more Document Camera.
- We continue to subsidize Field Trips by partially funding bussing and supporting families in need. (up to \$1500 / per year)
- Our playground equipment has been renewed in every classroom.

Asking PAC if they would like to fund the individual headphones for students: \$1500

### **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 – is this a "go" again this year?

### **Adventure Playground Equipment**

PAC's can replace existing equipment if they are willing to pay for dismantling and installation within a particular budget (e.g. \$35,000 overall = \$15,000 labour and installation / \$20,000 for actual equipment). Unfortunately, this doesn't get you much. You may want to target a "younger" playground, slightly less expensive. See website: [www.blueimp.com](http://www.blueimp.com)

### **Coming up in February....**

The month of love! A lot of events and activities going on, including:

Feb 5 Harmony Day – acceptance and respect

Feb 6 & 7 Home / School Conferences

Feb 12 – 19 Global School House

Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day – anti-bullying

Gr 6 Me to We Fund Raiser – for Africa

NGE PAC Fund Raiser – Give From the Heart

## **North Glenmore PAC January 14/14**

**Welcomed by Jane Hardy**

**Present: PAC Executive: Jane Hardy, Janine Cornett, Robynn Robertson, Jody Crumb, Simone Wittenberg, Clara Tonn**

**Parents: Dana Cotton, Nikki Price, Casey Nye, Kim Thompson, Karyn Rasmurden, Shevaune Battiston.**

**Staff: Maeve Buckley, Jordan Kleckner.**

**Maeve Buckley thanks the PAC for the holiday movie.**

**Motion made to approve the minutes made by Janine Cornett, seconded by Robynn Robertson.**

### **Administrator's Report**

**Kindergarten Registration set for Feb. 3 – March 7. Projections are that we will have 3 classes. This year is going to be online.**

### **SPC**

**Plan to meet on Jan. 24 1:15-2:15**

**Data round table at the staff meeting on Feb. 21 2:45-4:00**

**These meetings are in place to help set our school goals. We always look at numeracy and literacy. We have added a new goal getting parents more involved.**

**We have updated our website, doing more things online, offering parent information sessions. We have joined hands with all of the schools in our zone. Link on the website. NGE is hosting an esteem-building program for grade 5 and 6 girls and mothers. Registration is now full.**

### **FSA**

**A provincially mandated assessment that we are required to administer to our students. Every year we have some parents who opt out. Percentages are based on the number of kids you have in grade 4, not the number of kids who write. Teachers are not against assessments just the way they do this particular test. Testing will take place in February. More information for parents on the ministry website (<http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced/>) and the BCCPAC website ([www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca))**

### **Safety Issues**

**Be careful on the ice. Kudos to the noon hour supervisors for closing off some zones and trying to keep our kids safe.**

### **Home School Conferences**

**Feb. 6 and 7. Teachers will have scheduled individual conferences. Information coming home soon.**

### **NGEPAC funding**

**We have purchased 30 ipads for the grade 6 classrooms**

**Ordered one more SMART board and one more document camera**

**Continue to subsidize Field trips by partially funding busing and supporting families in needs.**

**Playground equipment has been renewed in every classroom.**

**Asking PAC if they would like to fund the individual headphones for students \$1,500.**

**Janine Cornett makes a motion that we get all of the students individual headphones for \$1,500 out of the general account. Harp Singh seconds.**

**In September they will go with the child to their new class. They are charging parents \$3 to replace them if broken due to neglect.**

### **Adventure Playground Equipment**

**PAC's can replace existing equipment if they are willing to pay for dismantling and installation within the budget. (eg. \$35000overall = \$15,000 labour and installation/\$20,000 for actual equipment) This wouldn't get us very much. We are not allowed to add to it. Blue Imp has a website that we could look at if we want to look at replacing it. Jane Hardy was wondering if that playground has a time when they have to take it out. We could start fundraising now so we have some money for playground equipment. Jordan Kleckner will look into this for us.**

**Are we still planning on our usual fundraising programs?**

**Yes, we are going ahead with give from the heart and the art cards.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Apple ipads cost \$10,086.72, Smart board was \$3515.68, document camera was \$894.88. We still have \$4021.06 in the gaming account. \$4,493.00 in our investment savings account and \$15,874.00 in the general account.**

**Question was asked about paying for the Christmas DVD's. Maeve Buckley will talk with Robynn Robertson about this after the meeting.**

**Grade 6's made about \$400 for shop and drop and quite a bit for pizza.**

**Hot lunch fees seem to be fine for right now.**

### **Hot Lunch**

**Lots of kids order juice and yogurt drinks. Might have to drop the juice boxes for next year. Kids make a mess with them. We don't know what to do with the juice boxes. Makes a mess for us to deal with. A big thank you to the hot lunch team for setting it all up.**

### **Spring Fair**

**Casorso's date is May 16. We need to pick a date. Thurs. Worked well last year. May 29 should work.**

**Kim Thompson would like her father in law to at least one game. She is willing to take the lead on the spring fair again this year.**

### **Field Trips**

**Kim Thompson has asked if we could subsidize for more field trips. Black Mountain does PE field trips. We are asking teachers if they would be willing to do more field trips.**

**The school buses are expensive. Maeve Buckley will find out how much it would cost to do one more field trip a class.**

**Great job with the drop off in the morning. Thanks Nicole for organizing.**

**We were given coupons from Goji's for the PAC to use as they wish and for the staff. Goji's frozen yogurt is willing to do a fundraiser where we go and get 20% of the sales in a particular month from 7-9 in the evening. We will pick a date at the next meeting.**

### **Family Dance**

**Question asked about doing a food concession. We might sell hot dogs, pizza, coffee.**

**Possibly use the multi-purpose room for a spot to sit. The dance will be held on Feb. 21.**

**Next meeting will be held on February 11**