



ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

NGEPAC January 13, 2015

Registration for 2014-15

Spring registration is tentatively scheduled for mid-February (information will be coming out soon). 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, our district will continue with the successful online process that was implemented last year.

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 4 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, **Tuesday, January 27, 8:45-10:00am** to review the overall process. We hope to host our annual Data Roundtable discussions, **Thursday, February 26, 2:45 – 4:00pm**. With the unique circumstances of last year and limited new data to report, our roundtable discussions this year may focus on the implementation of new programs at NGE.

Parents as Partners – iPLAN (Parents Learning About the Net) Series

Our next 2 sessions...

- 1) This Thursday (**Jan. 15th @ 6:30pm**). We are partnering with Ashley Sherbino from “Canadian Mental Health to bring this second session in our series titled “*Infants to Teenagers - How to Support at Various Age Levels*”. We will learn all about how to approach supporting our children in learning to be both positive and safe online at various age levels. We have already had over 30 RSVPs and hope to see many of our parents out at this event.
- 2) Tuesday, **January 27th (7-9pm @ the Rotary Centre of the Arts)**. Our 3rd iPLAN session will be a community-based event as part of Unplug and Play Week (presented by Interior Savings). Presenter Darren Laur will be hosting this FREE event titled, “*Internet and Social Media Safety*”. Darren is a Police Staff Sergeant with over 28 years of experience and a strong interest/background in online and social media investigations. He is also an internationally court recognized personal safety expert and has been teaching digital safety for the past 12 years. An email invite with information on registering for this event will be coming out soon!

FSA

This is a BC Ministry mandated assessment that we are required to administer to our students. Testing will take place in February. Students now do much of this assessment online. 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).

Safety Issues

The changes in temperature and weather patterns have resulted in both icy and wet conditions. 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 5 & 6. Teachers are planning for scheduled individual conferences during these early dismissal days (dismissal at 12:30pm). 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 6 Sound Field system and some wonderful home reading program resources for Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms!!
- We continue to subsidize Field Trips by partially funding bussing and supporting families in need. (up to \$1500 / per year)
- Our playground equipment continues to be renewed in every classroom.

Asking PAC if they would like to fund the iPod Touch devices to complete the tech goal for our Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms: ~\$3,000

Upcoming Fundraising Programs

Just checking in...

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

Coming up in February....

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

Feb 5 & 6 Home / School Conferences

Feb 9 Family Day

Feb 18 Harmony Day – acceptance and respect

Feb 25 Pink Shirt Day – anti-bullying

North Glenmore Elementary PAC Minutes January 13/15

Welcomed by Jane Hardy.

Present: PAC Executive: Jane Hardy, Janine Cornett, Simone Wittenberg, Crystal White, Robynn Robertson, Jody Crumb, Diane Bondaroff, Laura Overland, Clara Tonn

Parents: Shelley Foley, Kathryn Rexin, Adam Romano, Nikki Price, Rhonda Langford, Teresa Caldwell, Terry Farquhar, Jodi Newter.

Staff: Jordan Kleckner, Maeve Buckley

Minutes approved by RhondaLangford and seconded by Simone Wittenberg.

Administrator's Report

Maeve Buckley is very pleased that the children actually played in the snow on the snow day.

Crystal White would like to mention that the Christmas concert was fabulous and she thought that would be the best one we have ever had. We had about 1500 people total for all the concerts. We had about 500 people for the K/1 concert.

Registration for 2014-15Kindergarten

Usually is scheduled for mid-February, but they haven't set the date yet. Preliminary projections would be for another 3 Kindergarten classes next year.

School Planning Council

It will be different this year because we have limited data from last year to report. New ideas for this year. We have done quite a few more things with student engagement. Looking for a way to highlight this. Voice and choice, hands on, motivated, that's what student engagement is about. Tues. Jan. 27 is our first meeting.

Parents as Partners

Thurs. Jan 15 6:30

Partnering with Ashley Sherbino from Canadian Mental Health to bring Infants to Teenagers –How to Support at Various Age Levels. We will learn about how to approach supporting our children online.

Jan. 27-7-9. Darren Laur will be hosting Internet and Social Media Safety. Darren is a Police Staff Sergeant with over 28 years of experience. Jordan Kleckner will send out an email soon.

FSAs. BC mandated assessment that we are required to administer to our students. Testing will take place in Feb. It is mostly done online. Nothing has changed, but hopefully it will be different next year. More info can be found at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced/> and the BCCPAC website www.bccpac.bc.ca

Safety Issues

Please use caution. Lots of black ice.

Simone Wittenberg asked if the orange gate could be left open for hot lunch. For the winter months, we will keep it open, but having it open all the time leads to safety issues with kids running out on the street after balls, etc.

Home/School Conferences

Feb. 5 and 6 Dismissal at 12:30. Watch for more info coming home soon.

NGE PAC Funding

K/1 teachers love their new sound systems. \$1500 normally covers the field trips we do, helping with the cost of bussing and supporting families in need.

Playground equipment continues to be renewed in every classroom

Asking PAC if they would like to fund the iPod Touch devices to complete the tech goal for our K/1 classrooms -\$3000

We just finished a tech upgrade. Primaries will have more access to the computer lab. We now have 81 iPad for student use.

Update on the swing.

The swing is hugely expensive. It would be better if you could put it on and take it off. Since we can't take it off, it makes the playground seem like it is a preschool playground. Maeve Buckley already has debates with preschoolers and their parents about playing on the playground. Legally it is not suitable for preschoolers.

Treasurer's Report

We haven't paid for the sound systems yet and we haven't paid for field trips yet. Totals for that were about \$9000, which we can take out of gaming. Gaming account balance after taking out the \$9000 is about \$8700. Sitting nicely in the general account. Janine Cornett motions that we spend \$3000 for the K/1 classrooms to get them the iPod Touch devices. Rhonda Langford seconds. This will complete our technology goals for the school. It will come out of general chequing.

General Chequing is sitting at about \$17000.

Fundraising

We will do Give from the Heart again. We need some kind of new goal since we have finished our technology one.

Maeve Buckley suggests that we do something with the courtyard area. It is quite messy most of the time. Gravel or synthetic lawn. Maeve would like it to be a calm space. She is also suggesting a surveillance camera. Partiers climb on the roof and then get into the courtyard after school hours.

We could also ask for suggestions for ideas on a new goal. Maybe just put down field trips for our goal for right now.

Special Events

Feb. 19 DJ Super Dave doesn't need a stage. Grade 6's will run the concession. Crystal White will talk to the grade 6 teachers about the concession. Janine Cornett will email the room parents about half hour shifts for the dance. Need quite a few volunteers to help at the door, etc.

Spring Fair

Looking at May 28. Maeve will check out dates that might work.

New Business

We will book a couple more goji's nights. Tues. March 31 and one other night TBD.
New co-coordinator for hot lunch program.

Adam Romano has agreed to join Simone Wittenberg as a co-coordinator for hot lunch.
Welcome to the committee and thank you for helping.

Next meeting Feb. 10/15