



## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT NGEPAC May 2014

### **Focus on Math Facts**

Thank you for your support of our Math Facts school goal. In the past, the PAC has provided math flash cards for Gr 3's – they have been greatly appreciated by our teachers and families. We are now moving our goal into the tech age!! Sumdog (a on-line basic math facts gaming program) has become an instant success with our students – weekly home practice contests are well subscribed by students in Gr 4-6. We'd like to further promote this home practice program and provide the opportunity for Gr 3. Therefore, asking the PAC if they would like to repurpose their funding support of our Math goal to paying for annual student memberships - \$2 /student.

### **Bike to School / Work**

Walk / Scooter/ Skateboard / Bike to School Week is May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup> . Students are encouraged to ride, walk or board to school in order to support the program that encourages healthy living and environmentally friendly transportation options. Small prizes will be given to a variety of the participants throughout the week.

### **Track & Field – June 9**

Intermediate Track and Field is under way. The students are practicing the events Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons as they ready themselves for the Apple Bowl track meet. The Apple Bowl meet is scheduled for Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> Thanks to our parent helpers at school stations – will be sending requests for Apple Bowl helpers soon.

### **District Track & Field Meet – June 11**

An opportunity for 2 students / gender / event / grade. Gr 4-6 - entrants must make a minimum standard. Teachers will be providing students and parents further information regarding the standards and participation in this event.

### **NGE Traffic Flow and Parking**

Going great! Improvement continues throughout the weeks – traffic much calmer. Would love to have more parent help!!

### **Parent Volunteer Tea**

Our annual "thank-you" to our many wonderful volunteers is coming up Thursday, May 22, 11:30 – 12:30 ... we hope you can make it. Any one on the PAC Exec, or attending this evening that missed an invitation? Our apologies for missing you... Please fill one out tonight ☺

## **Technology for K / Gr1**

As per the direction from the PAC, we consulted with the K and Gr 1 teachers as to what kind of technology would be suit their young learners. Proposal to purchase Sound Field Systems (see information handout for research on classroom benefits) approximately \$1500 per classroom + installation. Teachers would also make great use of "center" technology e.g. wireless listening center, Ipods, Ipads. Overall, looking at a budget of \$3000 per classroom vs. \$5000 for Smart Boards.

## **Update on Staffing for Next Year**

- Congratulations to Judith Amos on her retirement! Over 35 years of outstanding service to the families of Central Okanagan School District!
- Congratulations to Jill Fenton – transferring to Rutland Middle School
- Welcome Back to Bryce Owens – successfully posted into an intermediate position at NGE
- Expecting further staffing announcements to come 😊

North Glenmore PAC Minutes May 13/14

Welcomed by Jane Hardy.

Present: PAC Executive: Jane Hardy, Janine Cornett, Jody Crumb, Simone Wittenberg, Crystal White, And Clara Tonn

Parents: Rhonda Langford, Kim Thompson, Laura Overland, Amanda Martin

Staff: Maeve Buckley, Jordan Kleckner

Approval of the minutes made by Jody Crumb, seconded by Janine Cornett.

#### Administrator's Report

Focus on math facts: In the past, the PAC has supplied flash cards for all of the grade 3's to take home. We are now moving into the tech age. Sumdog (an online basic math facts computer game) has become an instant success with our students. We would like to promote this program with the grade 3's, asking PAC if they would like to give annual student memberships to this program instead of the flash cards. Janine Cornett motions that we pay for the annual membership costs of all of the grade 3-6 students (\$2 per student) seconded by Jody Crumb.

#### Bike to School/Work Week

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#### Track and Field –June 9

Intermediate students are participating in track and field on Mon. Wed, and Fri. afternoons. The Apple Bowl meet is scheduled for June 9 this year. Will need parent volunteers.

#### District Track and Field Meet –June 11

An opportunity for 2 students/ gender/ event/grade. Grade 4-6 students must meet a min. standard to attend. Teachers will be providing students and parents further info about this event.

#### NGE Traffic Flow and Parking

Going great! Need more parent help 😊

#### Parent Volunteer Tea-May 22

Our annua tea is coming up on May 22 11:30 -12:30. We hope you can make it!

#### Update on Staffing for next year

Judith Amos is retiring

Jill Fenton –transferring to Rutland middle school

Welcome back Bryce Owens for an intermediate position.

Expect more staffing announcements to come.

#### Technology for k/1

##### Sound field systems

Small microphones that the teachers use with speakers in the room. Students are much more engaged and the teachers don't have to project so loud all day long. Recommended for the younger grades. Their hearing is just developing.

6 of them are about \$9000

They would also love to have some iPods/iPads that could be center based.

#### Canadian Student Leadership Conference

Annual conference which is being held in Kelowna in Sept. 1000 grade 11 and 12 students will be coming to Kelowna. We will be their field trip. 20 students will be coming to visit us. We are funding post cards for the kids to send home to their families.

Question about the 100 kilometre Club. We are not doing the 100 kilometre Club this year. Too many problems getting the kids to keep track on their own.

#### Treasurer's Report

General account -\$11,117.74

Hot lunch program -\$7820.01

Question about hot lunch program. Should we do a survey among parents about hot lunch and how it is going? Look for feedback. Maeve Buckley and Jordan Kleckner will work with Simone Wittenberg to put together a survey.

#### Fundraising

Gojis' fundraiser – made about \$300.

We have been given permission to do the same fundraiser several times throughout the winter months.

Question asked about recycling juice boxes. Kids didn't want to help with juice boxes. We didn't make that much money.

Pizza night will be Sept. 18 next year.

We will book Basil Cooper for family pictures for Sept.

We are also doing art cards in Sept. So that they will be ready for Christmas.

#### Special Events

Teacher Appreciation luncheon – June 17.

Need volunteers to bring food.

We need freezies for kidfest which will be held on June 18. This is for k-3. PAC will buy 350 freezies to help with this event.

#### New Business

Field trip discussion will happen in September.

Next meeting June 10