



ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

NGEPAC November 12, 2013

Report Cards

Distributed on Thursday, December 5. Overall, students have made good progress in their first term! A parent information notice will accompany report cards to help you further understand the format of the provincial reporting process.

Holiday Movie

PAC and Principal to sponsor this annual event as a special Holiday Gift from your PAC ☺. This has been a big success last 5 years. Intermediate Movie in a.m. / Primary Movie in p.m. on last day before holidays (Dec 20). Students will bring their chairs to the gym, and teachers will have a chance to clean up classrooms before the holidays. A special nutritious treat would be provided for each student Christmas oranges are often a big hit (with a little candy cane thrown in)! We're looking for 4 – 6 parent volunteers to help supervise: 2-3 for the morning, 2-3 for the afternoon. Also need volunteers to purchase and bag oranges. If you have any special suggestions for what movies to show, please let Maeve know.

Playground Safety

It is often confusing for students when parents allow them to “stretch” the rules after school (eg. Run up the slide, jump off the swings, stand on teeter-totters, running on Adventure Playground, use their sliders on the South playground). Please encourage the same safety rules outside of school hours.

Long-Term Technology Goal

Staff truly appreciate all the support from PAC funds to enhance the technology in their classrooms! We as a staff are continuing to have conversations around our short term and long term goals when it comes to educational technology (i.e. SMARTboards, iPads, other, etc). We have begun an exciting shift towards bringing technology more and more into the hands of students. We have lots of exciting learning ahead of us, as this is somewhat uncharted waters. We've already been piloting the use of iPod Touches and are now looking to explore the use of iPads/tablets in the classroom as well!

School Planning Council

This process will begin formally in January. Special thanks to our returning PAC reps Clara Tonn, Executive member, Diane Bonderoff, and Robyn Robertson. We have recently attended a District sharing session with other SPC's in the Central Zone. This year, we will continue to examine academic and social development data related to NGE, along with transition data from Dr. Knox. We will also be focusing on the many support projects continuing for at-risk learners. Our staff development theme this year is "Clarity of Engagement" – how do we best engage all students to achieve their best. Cooperative learning strategies, co-constructing assessment criteria, and building on individual success are 3 specific ways that teachers are exploring engagement in their classrooms.

Kiss & Ride Program

NGE's Kiss & Ride Coordinator, Nicole MacPherson, is meeting with Watson Road's Kiss & Ride Coordinator, to support the startup of our very own program here at NGE! We have had a handful of folks step forward to support (thank you) and are still looking for more volunteers. If you can support (even just one morning per week), please contact Nicole @ nikki_macpherson@hotmail.com or @ 250-869-6958. We hope to be up and running real soon 😊

NGE PAC Meeting November 12/13

Welcomed by Jane Hardy

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

Parents: Amanda Martin, Robyn Dunbar, Teri Loney, Rhonda Langford, Nikki MacPherson, Harp Singh, Jeff Davies, Casey Nye, Jaime Lea, Terry Farquhar, Laura Overland, Michelle Jewell.

Staff: Jordan Kleckner, Maeve Buckley

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

Administrator's Report

Maeve Buckley has donated some gator backpacks to the PAC. We can use these any way we wish. We will save them for the Spring Fair.

Report Cards

- Distributed on Dec. 5. Parent info sheet will accompany reports to help you understand the format.

Holiday Movie

- Need volunteers for this event. This has been a success for the last 5 years.
- Intermediate movie in the morning, primary in the afternoon. Will happen on Dec. 20. We need 2-3 volunteers for the morning and afternoon. The volunteers help supervise and hand out the candy canes and oranges.
- PAC supplies oranges and candy canes for this event.
- Any suggestions for what movies to show, speak to Maeve.

Playground Safety

- The safety rules apply to the playground after school as well as during the school day. Please encourage the same safety rules outside of school hours.

Long Term Technology Goal

- Staff really appreciate all the support from the PAC.
- Starting a pilot project with the 5/6 class and iPads. One full class set of mini iPads is about the same cost as 2 SMARTboards. iPads can be linked up to the projector to show the whole class what they are doing.

- Kids have to learn cooperation when they have to share the technology. Kids that have a hard time writing can submit a recording of their voice. No limitations on apps.
- Thinking about getting a ½ class set for the grade 6's. Need 1 receiver per room.
- What do they do at middle school? They have a couple of SMARTboards, laptop carts.

School Planning Council

- Special thanks to our returning PAC representatives Clara Tonn, Diane Bondoraff and Robynn Robertson.
- 5 of us were invited to a district meeting with all the central planning councils. Each school presented with pride. Every school is working towards goals and are using different methods for learning.
- This year our staff theme is Clarity of Engagement – how do we best engage all students to achieve their best?

Kiss and Ride

- Nicole MacPherson is meeting with Watson Road's Kiss and Ride Coordinator to support the setup of our own program at NGE.
- If you can support (even just one morning per week) please contact Nicole @ nikki_macpherson@hotmail.com or 250-869-6958.
- Looking for volunteers for the afternoon. We would like to close off the parking lot when it is full.
- We hope to be up and running real soon.

Treasure's Report

- Gaming account is sitting at \$14,000. We aren't anticipating any more money coming in. All the money from the spring fair raffles goes towards the gaming account.
- We raised about \$2000 last year.
- iPad minis are going to cost ~\$13000. \$10000 would supply the ipads. The school would then cover the apps, etc.
- Harp Singh motions that we spend ~\$10,000 for iPads, seconded by Robynn Dunbar.
- We made about \$1,100 for family photos.
- Our hot lunch program has been very popular and made Robynn Robertson's job much easier.
- For every payment made on Paypal, we are charged a service fee. In October, we paid over \$200 in fees. Most of the transactions average about \$10, several under \$6.00.

- We would like to put in a minimum order of \$6 to cover the fees. The fees for the pizza order were \$132. Rhonda Langford makes a motion that we make a minimum order of \$6, seconded by Diane Bondaroff.

Fundraising

- Cards by me are going ahead for this year, but not for Christmas. We need to let the teachers know before September if we want to do it for Christmas. It's too late this year to do it.
- Question asked about magazine orders and if we are going to do it this year. Information is on the school website.

Drop and Shop

- November 23 from 1-5pm. First 2 hours of fun events followed by a movie. \$10 per child maximum \$30 per family. Fundraiser for grade 6s.
- Harp Singh has 10 adult volunteers so far. First come, first serve.
- We need a minimum of 20 volunteers. Notices will go out this week.

Special Events

- Janine Cornett makes a motion that the PAC pays for the oranges and candy canes, seconded by Simone Wittenberg. Jody Crumb will buy the stuff.

Yearbook

- Teri Loney is looking for artwork for the yearbook. She has had 3 entries so far. Maeve will set up a time at lunch for the kids to do some artwork.
- Collecting donations for the Phillipian families affected by the typhoon. Clothing drive. Diane Bondaroff will find out details.
- Christmas concerts are going to be in the afternoon again. 50 families said that they really wanted it in the evening. The rest were fine with the afternoon or didn't care.
- Teachers find that it's hard on the students to do the evening one.

No meeting until January, 2014.