



ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

NGEPAC November 18, 2014

Christmas Concerts

See notice sent home explaining the Trial new format. Looking to better accommodate audiences and provide more “stage” time for students.

Holiday Movie

PAC and Principal to sponsor this annual event as a special Holiday Gift from your PAC ☺. This has been a big success over the last 5 years. Intermediate Movie in a.m. / Primary Movie in p.m. on last day before holidays (Dec 19). Students will bring their chairs to the gym, and teachers will have a chance to clean up classrooms before the holidays. In the past, a special nutritious treat has been provided for each student Christmas oranges are often a big hit (with a little candy cane thrown in)! We're looking for 6 – 8 parent volunteers to help supervise: 3-4 for the morning, 3-4 for the afternoon. Also need volunteers to purchase oranges and candy canes.

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

Our Kindergarten and Gr. 1 teachers have piloted two different versions of sound field systems in their classrooms over the past month. They are most impressed with the quality, ease of use and functionality of the Juno systems. Not only do these systems bring all the same benefits as any other sound field system, they also come with a second microphone for student use and iPod music playing capability (for action breaks and 60 beats per minute music to support learning during seated work). Our team is excited and appreciative of the PAC’s support with this technology.

School Planning Council

This process will begin formally in January. Special thanks to our returning PAC rep, Executive Member/Treasurer, Diane Bonderoff. This year PAC members Nikki Price, Laura Overland and Kathy Chin will be joining our SPC team. 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. We are now in year #3 of our 3-year staff development theme of Student Engagement and this year specifically, we are “Calibrating” all the strategies, structures, programs, instructional approaches we have implemented over the past 2 years. Cooperative learning strategies, co-constructing assessment criteria, providing voice and choice, enhancing learning through technology and building on individual success are just a few of many ways that teachers are exploring engagement in their classrooms.

Kiss & Drop Program

NGE's Kiss & Drop Coordinator, Nikki Price, along with our wonderful parent and middle school volunteers, continue to make our parking lot flow smoothly and safely each and every morning! It has truly transformed the morning drop-off. We continue to need 1-2 parent volunteers to support our Dr. Knox student volunteers each morning. If you can help out, even just once every 2 weeks, please let Mr. Kleckner or Nikki know 😊

Field Trips

Staff are thankful for your extra support around field trips and are currently making plans to add at least one new extra-curricular learning adventure per grade to their year. Our recommendation is the additional field trips continue to be pay-as-you-go and have PAC increase the subsidy they provide for bussing and supporting students in need. We are presently reviewing our accounts to determine how much bussing and subsidy we needed to provide last year and we'll come to the January meeting with a more specific proposal for PAC when it comes to supporting for field trips.

North Glenmore Elementary PAC Minutes November 18/14

Janine Cornett welcomed everyone.

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

Parents: Rhonda Langford, Kathryn Rexin, Marni Insley, Adam Romano, Paulette Deyholos, Mike Deyholos, Courtney Schilling, Teri Loney, Amanda Martin, Kathryn Chin.

Staff: Jordan Kleckner

Simone Wittenberg motions that we accept the minutes and Robynn Robertson seconded.

Administrator's Report

Christmas concerts-new format this year. K/1 afternoon concert on Dec. 17 and grade 2-6 at Dr. Knox on Dec. 18. Students will be involved in the concert the whole time. Scheduling was difficult at Dr. Knox and we can't get any practice time during the day. We are doing this as a trial for this year to see how it goes.

Holiday Movie

PAC and Principal's sponsor this annual event. Grade 3-6 movie in the morning and K-2 in the afternoon on Dec. 19. Gives teachers a chance to clean up their room before the holidays. PAC provides Christmas oranges and candy canes. Crystal White will pick up the oranges and candy canes. We have about 480 students this year. We need about 6-8 volunteers to hand out the snack and supervise in the gym. Janine Cornett will send out an email to room parents.

Playground Safety

Reminding parents to encourage the same safety rules after school as we have during the day. Jordan Kleckner says this is going well for the most part.

Long Term Technology Goal

K/1 teachers have piloted 2 versions of sound field systems. They are impressed with the extra features of the Juno system. They come with a second microphone for student use and iPod music playing capability (for action breaks and 60 beats per minute music to support learning during seated work). The school has put in a purchase order to get these for 6 classrooms at cost of a little under \$10000.

School Planning Council

Begins in January. Members for this year are PAC rep, Diane Bondaroff, Nikki Price, Laura Overland, and Kathy Chin. We will continue to examine academic and social development related to NGE and the transition to Knox. Cooperative learning strategies co-constructing assessment criteria, providing voice and choice and enhancing learning through technology and building on individual success are just a few of the ways that teachers are exploring engagement in their classrooms.

Kiss and Drop

Big thanks to all the parents and Dr. Knox students who help with this. It is working very well and Jordan Kleckner has had requests from other schools to come check it out. We still are looking for 1-2 parent volunteers to help out the Dr. Knox students. If you can help out just once every 2 weeks, please let Jordan Kleckner or Nikki Price know.

Field Trips

Staff are thankful for the extra money for field trips. Jordan Kleckner does not see adding an extra field trip as being overly taxing to the parents. We only have 4 students on the brown bag lunch program this year. Our recommendation is that additional field trips continue to be pay-as-you-go and use the PAC money to subsidize the bussing costs and supporting students in need. Brendalee Robinson is looking into the last couple of years records and will let us know how much we have spent in previous years on busing. Jordan will let us know what she finds out in January and then we can vote on a proposal. Marni Insley mentioned that the grade 6's had used the city bus recently for a field trip and it was a great experience. The bus driver was very good at explaining how the system works to the kids. We have to be careful on how much we use the city bus for field trips as we don't want to not use the district drivers. It costs about \$2 a student for them to take the bus on a field trip.

Treasurer's Report

We made about \$850.00 on family photos this year. That number is less than last year's total, but that might be partially due to the late start of school and getting organized. General account balance is sitting at about \$15,800. We received our gaming funds for this year, so we have about \$18,500 in our gaming account.

Fundraising

Cookie dough sheets are due on Thurs. Laura Overland is phoning in the order at noon on Fri. We need 300 pails ordered to not pay shipping, not quite there yet. Goji's fundraiser is happening next Wed, Nov 26 from 6-8. Simone Wittenberg will be putting up the posters this week. Jordan Kleckner will send out one last reminder email with an attachment for cookie dough. Dominoes Pizza is an ongoing fundraiser, we will get Jordan Kleckner to send out an email reminder for that in Jan.

Special Events

Crystal White has hired DJ Super Dave for the Feb. family dance. He needs the screen, so he would like to have the stage set up differently than last time. The date is Feb. 19. He sounds fabulous. He has young kids and he is willing to go over song lists. He is giving us a great deal for \$350. Robynn Robertson talked to the kids from Watson, who used him last year. They said that he took requests and played what he could of the requests. He is giving us a deal as he wants to establish some relationships with the schools.

Scholarships

Wondering why we don't do scholarships for KSS. It is time to decide what we should do. We thought about doing one for a boy and one for a girl. Our suggestions for criteria would be: attended at least 3 years at NGE, they have a good work ethic and our involved in a community activity. This is what they would publish in the scholarship booklet. Jordan Kleckner is suggesting some sort of leadership criteria. The scholarship committee decides. We need to find out if they expire. What happens if they want to take a year off? Janine Cornett will find out for us. We will do just 1 for this year for \$500 and then find out how many students apply and maybe up it for next year.

Our technology goal is now finished. The K/1's are getting the Juno systems. We did a purchase order for 6 and it cost just under \$10,000. We are also ordered some iPods for them and some books. We will write up a newsletter for parents talking about our technology goal. We also are looking into a special swing like what Watson has. Looking for a swing that is not permanent for a student in kindergarten.

Shawna Horning would like some money for the library. She would like to get rid of the couch and she says it is a bit of a germ fest. She would like to order a little chair for the VIP. Jane Hardy has told her that we would order one for her. She would also like some bean bag chairs for the library. Jordan and Shawna have been discussing a bit of a reno for the library. Trying to create alternate paces for students. Laptop carts for the intermediate students. Get rid of the island and create some spaces where the kids can just lounge and read. All kids sit in a different position to read. Hoping to look at a different way of setting up the library. The chair costs about \$100.

Next meeting will be Jan. 13/15

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