



ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

NGEPAC October 8, 2013

Student-Led Conferences

Thank you for attending and celebrating your child's learning! We had a great turnout – students were very excited to take the lead in sharing their learning with their parents.

Lots of positive feedback from parents, students and teachers ☺

A reminder that teachers are still available for individual meetings or conference calls if parents feel the need.

School Goal 2012-2013 – From our School Planning Council Report, the school will continue our efforts in Literacy (focus on reading levels and written composition) and Numeracy (focus on computation, balanced with problem solving). We are hoping to launch our zone-wide Parent Network this year in order to further meet our Parents as Partners goal.

School Planning Council – Requires 3 representatives each year, one who must be part of the PAC executive.

Check out our Website!

Mr. Kleckner is updating the NGE website on a regular basis. We will often post special dates, parent notices, important information, and event pictures (e.g. Terry Fox Run, Home/School Conferences, etc). Big thanks to Teri Loney (our PAC photographer) for all her wonderful pictures and collages over the past year!

Collaborative Model of Support

School District #23 continues to have a strong focus this year on "collaboration." NGE has long worked on a collaborative model, bringing a "team" approach to support students with any needs – academic, social, behavioural. Our School-Based Team process has worked very successfully over the past 5 years – bringing parents, teachers, administrators and any available resource "experts" to consult (eg. Counselor, speech Pathologist, Special Needs Resource Teacher, Aboriginal Advocate). We have been provided with additional staffing funds this year to help expand this process.

Learning Improvement Support

Additionally, our school has again been provided with additional staffing funds to support learning improvement in a multitude of ways. Our NGE focus will be on supporting new instructional initiatives based on research and "best practice." Some initiatives we are continuing to support this year: Cooperative Learning Strategies (student engagement), Instructional Technology (student engagement & differentiated learning), Literacy Strategies (Daily 5, Words their Way, etc).

Foundations for Success: Primary / Intermediate Student Assemblies – continue our theme that aligns with the SD#23 Attributes of a 21st Century Learner – Learner, Thinker, Innovator, Collaborator, and Contributor. These serve as great learning assemblies for students and wonderful opportunities for primary and intermediate teachers to collaborate and co-plan learning opportunities for students.

Hallowe'en

Here's what's happening at NGE!

Celebration Assembly – 8:45 – several classes performing

Costumes – most students wear to school – simple, no masks or accessories

Pumpkin Carving Display – Gr 6 classes will send notice home

Activities – individual classes

Kiss & Ride Update:

Jordan connected with the Kiss & Ride coordinator at Watson Rd who is happy to help our parent community set up and coordinate our very own program. Unfortunately we only got one volunteer from our recent newsletter article and would still need an overall coordinator for the program. Kiss & Ride programs have done an incredible job alleviating traffic concerns and parking lot congestion issues at many other schools around our district. PAC to potentially have room parents try and drum up interest?

Playground Equipment Update:

We connected again this year with SD#23 operations around potentially adding more playground equipment. Our North Playground is getting up there in age and the district is potentially willing to allow a replacement/upgrade. An original rough estimate for replacement costs is a maximum of ~\$35,000 (PAC funded). When factoring in take-down and installation, this would leave roughly \$20,000 to spend on actual equipment. Some operations employees will be coming out to look at our North Playground to hopefully provide us more details around a potential replacement and the cost in order to help us make an informed decision 😊

North Glenmore Pac Meeting Oct 8/13

Welcomed by Jane Hardy

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

Parents: Megan Coakley, Rhonda Langford, Teri Loney, Kathryn Rexin, Dana Cotton, Lynn Vicaretti, Jenn Wenzel, Kia Robertson, Terry Farquhar, Casey Nye, Jeff Davies, Nikki MacPherson, Kim Thompson.

Staff: Jordan Kleckner

Motion to accept the minutes made by Jody, Crumb and seconded by Janine Cornett.

Administrator's Report

Student led conferences were very well attended. Positive experience for everyone. If you have any concerns please speak directly to the teacher.

School Goals

Same goals as last year. Looking to do a mom and daughter parent session series around body image and also hoping to launch our zone-wide Parent Network this year inviting all of the parents in our feeder school area to attend.

School Planning Council

Requires 3 representatives each year one who must be on the executive. Where are our kids at, what do they need help with.

Last year we bought a bunch of new books for the grade 6's that really got the boys reading.

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Collaborative Model of Support

The school has been provided with additional staffing funds to expand this process this year. We have a school based team process that has worked very successfully over the past 5 years – bringing parents, teachers, administrators and any available resource “experts” to consult. (eg. Counsellor, Speech Pathologist, etc.)

Learning Improvement Support

Our school has been provided with additional staffing funds to support learning improvement. Some initiatives we are continuing to support this year: Student engagement, Instructional Technology, literacy strategies.

Foundations for Success

Chantelle Adams comes in and she is presenting the attributes of a 21st century learner. Primary teachers and intermediate teachers are then free to collaborate together. We are doing one in mid-October.

Halloween

Celebration assembly – 8:45

Costumes simple, no masks or accessories

Pumpkin Carving Display done by the grade 6's.

Kiss and Ride Update

Jordan Kleckner went over to Watson Elementary to check out how their program is working and was very impressed with how well it works.

They set up cones so that you have to drop off your kids at the proper spot. Watson is willing to help us out getting this set up. Looking for a coordinator to do this. We only need about 10-15 people.

Room parents could send out a notice and see if they could get at least one person per class. Nikki MacPherson has volunteered to be the coordinator for this program.

The Wilden bus

The streets are too narrow. Jordan Kleckner feels that they have hit a dead end because there isn't enough room especially in the winter time. Maybe we could set up a car pooling for Wilden?

Playground Equipment

Our north playground is getting old and we had to remove a piece of our equipment.

We have about \$35,000 including installation. Casorsa Elementary went with a primary geared playground. We would have about \$20,000 to spend on equipment.

They now have climbing nets and other stuff for intermediates. The district will send out a couple of guys to discuss it with Jordan Kleckner. Jordan will ask if we can have the latest magazine so we can discuss this at a PAC meeting.

Treasure's Report

We received the gaming funds in September. We received \$8640.00. We have 36 months to spend this money. We have a general chequing account and a hot lunch account. Set up with paypal or credit card for hot lunch. A big thank you to Colleen McGregor and Simone Wittenberg for setting up online ordering. 76% sent in the school fees online. Hot Lunch should be nice and clear this year.

\$13,000 in the general account. Made about \$480.00 with the pizza night. We made \$295 on the cake raffle 2 years ago.

Fundraising

51 families signed up for family photos. Missing 9 families' payments. We made \$1275.00. We made \$78.83 off the IGA gift cards in the last quarter. We are going to do Funscrip gift cards again this year. We have lots of IGA gift cards available.

Special Events

Family Dance – Do we want to have DJ Haymaker again? Kim Thompson makes a motion that we have DJ Haymaker do the dance again. Seconded by Robynn Robertson.

Crystal White asked that family photos not be on the same night as pizza night next year. Pizza night went well even though the weather was crummy.

Maeve Buckley sent Jane Hardy some info about getting movies before they come out on DVD for the school. You can only do 2 a year. Looking at doing a fundraiser with babysitting at the school. Do a movie, craft, popcorn. Rutland Elementary does this fundraiser, so Robynn Robertson will find out what they do.

Room parents.

Janine Cornett is still looking for about 4 room parents. We need Buskell, Hansen, Harms, Bowen.

Gatorwear Gear

Do we do this every year or just do it every other year? We need 12 hoodies or 12 tshirts to put in an order. Could we do a display of the items?

Looking for a volunteer to do the notice board by the library. Casey Nye has volunteered to do this for us.

Yearbook

Met with 2 printing companies. We would like to charge \$15. Do we have to guarantee a certain number? The first year Ms. Draper ordered just under 300, the last year she ordered 325. We could always sell any extras at pizza night, etc. We have to pay \$80 shipping. There is an option to upload any photo to the website. Only the members of the committee can see it. Crystal White made a motion that we use Lifetouch to produce a yearbook this year. Colleen McGregor seconds.

PAC Newsletter

Kathryn Rexin will work on this.

Modified magazine fundraiser is happening as a fundraiser for the school. We will just do this online for renewals.

Hot Lunch

6-7 people have volunteered. Lynn Vicaretti is organizing this. Volunteers are asking if they can have some gas money for getting the deliveries. Janine Cornett will look into the price and see what we should charge. Lynn will give them a tracking sheet for each month and we will give them a check once a month. Lynn Vicaretti would like to make a motion that we pay for the gas, seconded by Simone Wittenberg.

We are still working on our technology goals. Looking at alternate things for the K/1 classrooms. The grade 6s would be the last 2 classrooms to get the smartboards. We just need 1 document camera.

Question asked about the ice buildup around the front entrance. The custodians drop piles of salt. We would avoid the stairs with the kiss and run program.

Question about textbooks. Do you have enough for everybody? Yes, generally they have 1 to 1, but sometimes they share.

Would the teachers at NGE be willing to attend the district track and field. A ton of schools participated last year. The problem is that it often falls when the grade 6s are at camp Boyle. Last year we went by ourselves to the apple bowl. In the past the district often paired us with a smaller school and then we dominated. We are probably going to go on our own again this year. The teachers will talk about track and field and the district meet next week.

Do we want to do art cards again? Jordan Kleckner will bring it up with the teachers and see what is doable as far as timeline goes. They would have to be in by the end of November.

Next meeting is November 12.