

**Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

**Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014**

**Time**

**Item**

**6:30 pm**

1. Presidents Welcome
2. Introduction of Executive Members and Attendees - 15 people in attendance
3. Reports

**a. Principal's Report – Principal Sue Bergen**

-Thank you on behalf of teachers for all the patience and understanding showed to Raymer staff.  
-Staffing is decided on before the new school year and Mrs. Bergen was able to secure a new teacher for 2014/15. Usual enrolment of Raymer is 250 students, we are down in registration this year by 25 to 30 students which translates to our school operating at a \$100,000 deficit. Technically we should have lost the extra teacher that Mrs. Bergen got for us, so it is a blessing that the district gifted us this new teacher.

We are in unique position at raymer because our class sizes are smaller due to one extra teacher.

Raymer Intermediate: 20-24 students - BC max for Grade 4-6 is 30

Raymer Primary: is as low as 19 students - BC max for Kindergarten is 22. BC Max for Grade 1-3 is 24

New teachers: Mrs. Jordan -grade 1/2 and Mr. Olson 4/5 (*replacing Mrs. Watson*)

**-Ways to support our students and Staff:**

Wish List from Teachers

**We Day-** Every year the Grade 5/6 Teachers take a couple students that have demonstrated remarkable leadership skills to the We Day in Vancouver. This year it is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Mrs. Bergen has asked the PAC to fund the cost of 2 TOC's (substitute teachers)- \$360 for a total of \$720. **APPROVED**

**Music Equipment-** Mrs. Bergen has asked if the PAC would help financially to procure some musical instruments to utilize the Activity room as a music room.

PAC member Suggestion: musical instrument donations

**6.50 pm**

**b. Treasurer's Report:**

-PAC Account Balance \$20,000

-Waiting to find out if approved for the Gaming Grant that PAC applies for every year- \$5,000

-COBB Bursary – Awarded to Raymer alumni (K-6) Please see Students thank you letter on the PAC board.

-Partial Funding of Grade 6 year end field trips- PAC contribution \$1,500. Grades 6 also do their own Fundraising efforts to support their yearend field trip.

**c. Hot Lunch Report – Hansons Pizza –Once per month - we need at least 2 Volunteers to help distribute Pizza to each class one Friday a month from 11 to 12 pm**  
1<sup>st</sup> Pizza Day, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>

-There are multiple parents who are interested in volunteering for this day.

-Email suggestion: other options aside from just Pizza, Hot Lunch use to be once/week and there were other food options in the past but those options were no longer offered due to lack of volunteers. Carry this suggestion forward to October PAC meeting

**TRAFFIC REPORT:** Adam Clarke and Mrs. Bergen have been at the forefront of this arduous task for the last year. We fought hard to get a sidewalk in front of our school and it is finally done, the city will be coming back to finish the edge of street. Next task is crosswalks on raymer crossing tutt. See PAC board for City of Kelowna new parking strategy.

7:00pm

#### 4. New Business

##### 4.1 Fundraisers – Focused more on Community Building within our school and our neighbourhood

- **Presentation:** Jeremy co-founder of **Taste Locally** discussed their business that markets “a deck of cards that represents our favorite local businesses” and “includes about 48 discount cards.” Value \$500 and Retailers for \$25. \$1 from every deck sold goes to Kelowna Food Bank and Raymer would receive \$7 from every deck sold. Members present liked this fundraising idea. All marketing costs involved in this fundraiser are absorbed by Taste Locally and the minimum order is 100 decks (Jeremy said because our school is smaller they could lower minimum order) Some members felt 100 was an achievable goal, some were skeptical. This batch of cards expire in May, so the shelf life was considered. One member mentioned it’s a great buy for Christmas.

Jeremy explained that they “kick off the fundraiser with our incredible **Magician** and team member who will go to each class and get every kid excited about the fundraiser”. It was discussed how this may be disruptive due to the lost time from strike, **Suggestion** of a school assembly to kick off fundraiser.

\*Needs to be approved by Principal Bergen and teaching staff.

Action: time Sensitive because of Magician. Needs to be decided on by mid-October and it is a 3 week fundraiser.

For more info Website: [www.tastelocally.com](http://www.tastelocally.com)

**-PAC member Suggestion:** Fundraising with flower bulbs and seeds. *Benefits: support local greenery, environmentally conscious* Carry this suggestion forward to October PAC meeting-i.e. logistics, additional interest

**-PAC member Suggestion:** Bottle drive fundraiser

##### 4.2 Winter Celebration – input from parents on possible Winter Celebration- *Capri Bowling* –

Members present liked this idea. Date will need to be decided on.

Action: Deannie will contact Capri bowling to find out the cost and what the cost will be for families to attend. (food, shoe rental etc)

##### 4.3 Halloween Dance – 1<sup>st</sup> PAC event of the year (October 30<sup>th</sup>).

Members present liked this idea. No food, but water will be provided.

Decorations will be fall themed and will not be scary at all. Costumes are allowed, just no face masks.

##### 4.4 ~~Circus Yoga workshop – Anita McFarlane~~ – No time to discuss

##### 4.5 Parent Education ideas- Connecting with our community resources

*Suggestion: Invite teachers to attend these 2 potential workshops to get the maximum reward for cost*

###### I. **Building a Bounce Back Kid:** Ashley Sherbino (Community Education Facilitator for CMHA)

Some members present liked this idea, was not enough time to discuss in detail. Carry forward.

###### II. Nancy Phillips, Author of **The Zela Wela Kids** financial story book series which currently includes four titles. They address topics such as: the difference between needs and wants, the different uses for money, the importance of saving, entrepreneurship, and the “give, invest, save and spend” or GISS Method of money management.

Her Mission: to help improve the financial and life success skills of our youth globally.

Her Goal: to help 15 million families teach their children financial life skills by 2017.

Was not enough time to discuss in detail. Carry forward.

##### 4.6 Need New Ideas for PAC meeting (dates and times) *in order to make it more inclusive to all Raymer PAC members to attend so that we may gain new ideas, insights and visions.*

Every member present was enthusiastic and had many great ideas. There have been about 20 surveys returned so far. Survey is also on PAC website.

Old Business

##### 5. PAC Website- *Well received by members present*

##### 6. DOOR PRIZES- H2O Family Pass, Scandia Golf, Deli City

7:45 pm Adjournment Ran a little late, but everyone was in great spirits! Thank you!

Next meeting is TBA. Hope to see you there.