**Raymer Elementary PAC Meeting**

MINUTES for Thursday Jan 22, 2015

In attendance: 6 parents plus Executives

**Principal’s Report**

- Receiving Excellence Through the Arts Grant this year – approved to create a library mural with artist Linda Lovisa of New Moon Gallery in the spring.

- Thank you to teachers for giving up their time to organize and run Wednesday lunchtime clubs for the intermediates (e.g. Lego and chess clubs)

- Concerns about speeding still exist. Continue to be in talks with appropriate avenues regarding speeding on Raymer and Tutt.

**Funding Requests**

- PAC has approved funding for Lisa Nickle’s Grade 1-3 Reading Initiative program

- PAC has approved funding for Hot Shots contest to be run by Mr. Corrado – *basketball themed Spirit event for Intermediates.*

- PAC has funded the purchase of replacement headphones for the computer lab.

- PAC may be asked to help fund some supplies for Excellence Through the Arts mural.

- PAC may be asked to fund library books depending on school budget.

**Fundraising**

- Raymer Spirit Wear – wristbands sales to date $230. Order form to be going home shortly.

**New Business**

- Spring Fair set for Friday, May 22nd, 2015 with a circus theme.

- New activities include petting zoo and circus themed entertainment

- Focus on gathering raffle prizes; bigger prizes and bigger goals = more funds raised

- Volunteer Spot website will be up and running next month for volunteer sign up. Denise Bone has agreed to be Volunteer Coordinator again this year. *Deannie will be contacting KSS and KLO leadership to find volunteers*

*-*Heather has volunteered to be the Circus Entertainment coordinator

- Denise suggests this year no extra tickets for activities (everything, except food, included in wristband purchase).

- A parent offered the use of her own bouncy house for the fair (possibly as a toddler-only activity*). Deannie to inquire about liability.*

- Capri bowling is confirmed to set up a station; needs 2 volunteers. *Can be students*

**Parent Education**

- BCTF Parent Presentation: a free 1 hour presentation on “Supporting your child’s learning” to be held either during February or April in lieu of a full PAC meeting - depending on availability. More details to come.

**Traffic Report – Adam Clarke**

- Speeding: specifically on Richter and Tutt. SD23 has suggested more prominent school signage and automated speeding trackers. *PAC and principal looking into options for improving and funding this.*

- Parking: limited parking spots right in front of school. Complaints that people parking for longer than pick up/drop off are overusing them. We would like to see that become a quick turnover area; with no parking and *Adam will work with the City to get signage changed to reflect that*. For longer parking please use Richter or pay parking on Tutt (**free until 9**AM)

- Working with City to possibly create free 15 minute parking at 8:30 and 2:30.

 - Looking into the possibility of speed bumps, cross walks or 4-way stops on Raymer and Tutt to create a safer roadway. City has to do traffic studies to see what is possible.

- Trespassing on school property: With more people avoiding pay parking and using Richter to park there has been an increase in foot traffic across school property. Some of the openings in the fence have now been closed off and SD23 will continue to make changes to the fencing to alleviate this. *Adam will be opening up discussion with the City regarding people abusing parking on Richter St by the school.*

- Richter St cannot be paved to have angled parking because of drainage issues.

*Next PAC Meeting – Wednesday February 18, 2015 (6-7PM)*

*Next Pizza Day – Friday, February 27, 2015*