

PAC Meeting Minutes

Moberly Elementary

2016 Feb16 @ 7pm adjourned at 8:30pm

1. Welcome

Patti Plottel welcomes all. Reviewed the Moberly website and encouraged parents to check the website calendar to stay up to date with events/PAC meetings

2. PAC Chair

No updates from Paul Thandi but see discussions below re: fundraising ideas.

3. Treasurer's Report

Review of spending, no concerns noted except a revised T-report from last meeting.

4. Old Business

a. Parent Class Reps

Action: Diane Blue to email Alisa working document before submitting to Patti for review. Intention is for parent reps to help their child's classroom teacher with various activities; hoping to increase parent engagement with school. Other strategies maybe better to increase parent participation.

b. Gift Cards: Update by Diane Blue - \$133.90 was raised in December 2015 gift card all-school initiative. Another giftcard order will be announced on March 11th with gift cards orders being distributed the first week back from Spring Break (eg March 29th). Feedback was the December gift card initiative did not give parents enough time to respond. Timing of deadline will line up with parents will be coming for parent-teacher conference in mid-March so they can place last minute orders at parent teacher conferences (Mar 8-10).

Other fundraising Ideas: World finest chocolates (Anh) or Purdy's (Alisa); direct drive campaign; Carnival Day (deemed a bit ambitious for this year); more movie nights/afternoon (popcorn sales)?

c. Pizza Hot Lunch – March 11th

5. New Business

Sample list of Teacher's wish list was provided to PAC: books for school library, art supplies, Lego, replace old die-cut machine (cannot be fixed), wiggle cushions/fidget seats, sports equipment (soccer balls, alligator/rhino balls) for gym and for classroom, musical instruments, chairs/carpets for classrooms, document camera, board games, decorating the exterior of school (eg murals/paintings), software licenses, etc However, Karl Graham brought up Smart board connects to computer are in need of replacing and many of these computers are not supported by the Tech department at VSB because they have been donated. VSB Tech dept only supports VSB purchased computers. Many older computers have been replaced, but the school is in need of **14 new desktop PC** so the remainder of classes will have a new computer. Karl informed the PAC that the school board has a very small budget from school board to

replace computers but there is no longer the separate technology fund that helps with replacing PCs. VSB will not support/maintain donated computers so donated computers are not helpful for students once they break down (or get a virus).

Moved by Paul Thandi to the fund \$10,000 of Gaming Grant to help Moberly purchase 14 new desktop PCs for students use. Seconded by Alisa Carvajal. **Motion Carried**

6. Principal/VP Report (Patti Plottel & Karl Graham)

- a. Food Bank – Good response this year for the canned food drive but we only brought in half of last year’s numbers. There was a pizza party prize to primary and intermediate grade for the ones that brought the most.
- b. Student Council Projects this year 1) Food Bank, 2) Hot chocolate donut hole sale for student council, 3) Pajama Day last Friday of January. February’s event is focussed on the theme of Gratitude (like Kindness Tree from last year). March will involve movie with pizza lunch (request to have PAC support with the Pizza portion) so it will happen during school time if possible (the teachers don’t come so they get a rest). Karl and Patti and helpers will help with supervision. First half of movie, then break for lunch (pizza at school or go home for lunch), then 2nd half after lunch. Pizza hut lunch, processing order, pick up and set up at old gym to pick up pizza – scheduled for March 11th (4-5 parents identified at meeting that they are able to help. The movie during school time will not have a admission cost as it is a Student Council event but the pizza part is the fundraiser. Crazy hair day in April and a Freezie-freebie fun day in May.

Other: Further fundraising idea discussions: Possible dinner fundraiser; Paul Thandi mentioned a fundraiser at Fraserview Hall recently charged \$75/seat or even a “Pub Night” type for \$20 (gives you burger and glass of wine, there will be a 50/50 draw, silent auction/raffle). Idea is that there is a food draw that helps parents get together.

For next meeting: We need to look at restructuring “meet the teacher night” in September 2016. Possibly have Gr 7 students giving parents school tours and include food to draw the crowds (eg hotdog or corn roast at meet the teachers, or maybe samosas, ice cream night bring your own bowl, pizza night, potluck)

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