

Walter Moberly PAC meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Commenced 9:00am, Moberly Library

8 Attendees: Diane Blue (co-chair), Melanie Collado, Marnie Episcopo, Mitch Magureanu, Nabeela Nazneed, Paul Thandi (treasurer), and Henry Au (vice-principal) and Patti Plottel (principal)

Regrets: Kulbinder Thandi (co-chair)

1. Welcome

Welcome to new vice principal Henry Au.

November 2012 PAC meeting minutes available on Moberly website. Parents are encouraged to frequently browse Moberly's website for updates. The aim is to reduce paper by having updates available electronically from the website which is a good way for parents to keep up to date with communication, events, and activities at Moberly.

Overview of January 8, 2013 Moberly Newsletter with highlights to:

- St John Ambulance babysitting course for children (on Pro-D day)
- New teaching and temporary admin staff members listed
- Hot Chocolate Day (student initiative)

2. Treasurers Report

Review of the January 2013 Treasurer's Report; 1 transaction to report of \$3 bank charge and a pending deposit from VSB reimbursement towards 2012 playground equipment installation.

3. Principal's Report

- a) The Christmas Concert was a huge success for an evening concert. In the past few years, the concerts were held during the day. Thanks and kudos to Mrs. Brown and all the teachers who volunteered their time for hugely successful evening. The response to this concert was so overwhelming that a limit of two admission tickets per family was imposed. Students performed really well and parents and families showed much appreciation for the evening event.

Suggestion was made for future Christmas concert (depending on volunteer teacher commitment) that there be 2 nights of concert.

A parent has taken a video of the concert and putting on to CD; likely available to share with other parents. A last minute fundraiser of cookie and chai made about \$100 for the school. As the refreshments were not announced before the concert, parents did not know to bring money, so the remaining half of the food were sold at cost to teachers. The refreshments were commented as a really nice addition to the evening concert.

b) After school program (3 programs):

Jan to Mar term: Sports4All (Fri Gr 4-7) and Art Attack (Gr 1-4) and YBall (Wed) – next week
All these programs are operated on a cost recovery basis. If students are interested, there is payment to participate.

Mr. Baker's Homework club is a free program on Wednesdays or depending on his availability.
The proposed schedule is mornings twice a week and a Games day after school once a week.

c) Upcoming Events:

Next week, January 22, at the monthly school assembly awards/certificates will be given out.

Moberly Apparel: Last year Mr. Nijjar (Moberly parent) organized a Moberly apparel sale through the PAC. The response from last year was that jacket and shorts did not sell well. The shorts ordered were too short (the preference is for knee length shorts). T-shirts and hoodies sold better with sweatpants possibly which were probably better seller than shorts. Patti Plottel received funding for vests for student leaders (to be worn during recess and lunch).

For this year's Moberly apparel school fundraiser, parents helpers/volunteers would be much appreciated (eg sitting at tables at front hall to take orders).

In light of recent cyber bullying tragedy (Amanda Todd), there will be a seminar for Moberly parents called Parenting in a Cyber Age. It will be held during the next PAC meeting, the evening of Feb 19th, in the school gymnasium. The cost of \$475 for this Solos run seminar (google Solos more information about the organization), and hope for a big turn out from parents. There will be Punjabi translation available during the presentation. Notices will come out soon.

Other non-agenda item discussed:

A short discussion on traffic safety near school as there were police patrol outside Moberly this morning. Volunteer parent parking patrol is offered in some schools. A few years ago, Moberly had parents who were interested in establishing a volunteer parent parking patrols but no volunteers have committed. The school purchased bright reflective vests for volunteer parent patrol and are available for interested parents.

There was a short discussion on the shooting in Pennsylvania incident (Sandy Hook, Connecticut). Patti Plottel informed that Moberly has code red and yellow drills (for intruder/unsafe situations). Police School Liaison officer (Const. David Parkinson) will be attending upcoming drill at Moberly. As with fire/earthquake drill, the more you practice, the likely you will know how to react in a real situation.