

Walter Moberly PAC Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2013
Commenced 7:05pm, Moberly Library

5 Parent attendees: Diane Blue (Co-Chair), Sharon Bagri (Member-At-Large), Sodhi Bagri, Kulbinder Thandi (Co-Chair), and Paul Thandi (Treasurer); Henry Au (Vice Principal) and Patti Plottel (Principal)

Regrets: Mandeep Mali (Member-At-Large)

Welcome

1. Minutes from April 16, 2013 PAC meeting are posted on the Moberly school website.
 - a. Reminder of May 31, 2013 deadline for requests for 2013-2014 classroom placement (see Moberly school website - "Principal's News" Posted on April 11, 2013).
 - b. Discussion of keeping 2013-2014 PAC meetings on 3rd Tuesday of the following months, alternating evening and morning meetings: October (pm), November, January, February, April and May.
 - c. September will not have a formal PAC meeting but will be integrated into the "Meet the Teacher" night to give an opportunity for parents to meet with new classroom teacher at school. Preliminary discussion on the format of the evening for September 2014: As in past 2 years, keep the format as a 30 minute parent meet and greet with teacher in the classroom followed by meeting in the cafeteria/gym. Or have teachers prepare a 1 page summary to distribute to parents in a larger gathering space (less opportunity to have one-on-one with teacher in the actual classroom, but allows parents with multiple children to obtain more information from classroom teachers).

2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Update on status of Vancity PAC accounts
 - i. 2 not-for-profit commercial accounts were opened on May 6, 2013; one for PAC general funds and one for Gaming Grant "PAC Gaming Account". In the process of transferring the balances from Scotia Bank and it will take a few months to wind down Scotia account as outstanding cheques need to clear the account; hoping to close Scotia account by September 2013.
 - b. Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2013 (Diane)
 - i. A prior year adjustment to the Gaming Grant (re: Gymsense) is reflected in April's report.

- c. 2012-2013 Gaming Grant Summary has been filed with the Ministry. The application for 2013-2014 Grant Application request will be electronically submitted once we have Vancity Gaming Account cheques printed (application deadline is June 30, 2013).

Action: Diane/Paul to add to 2013-2014 PAC budget babysitting during PAC meetings (approx. \$20 for 2 sitters). Establish PAC petty cash.

Motion to increase the 2012-2013 grade 7 graduation ceremony funds from \$800 to \$1,000 by Sharon Bagri, seconded by Kulbinder Thandi. Motion Carried

Motion to accept the May 2013 Treasurer's Report by Diane Blue, seconded by Paul Thandi.

Motion Carred

3. Chair's Report

- a. Moberly PAC email: mob_pac@vsb.bc.ca
- b. May 27th PAC executive meeting with Principal regarding 2013-2014 calendar of events and discussion on fundraising/grant funds. There will be the School Plan Report to be reviewed and signed by PAC executive before June 2013 (for submission to VSB).
- c. PAC executive openings still available : Secretary, and Co-Chair (starting September 2013)
 - i. A more formal process of establishing PAC executive is required. Parents need to nominate PAC Executive candidates and vote if there are more than one candidate for each executive position.
- d. Sincerest thanks to Mrs. Kulbinder Thandi, who will be "graduating" with her youngest son (and vacating her role as PAC Co-Chair end of next month).
- e. Brief discussion of non-agenda items:
 - i. How to increase Parent participation at Moberly? Suggestions: incentives such as small deduction(\$1/\$2) in child's fieldtrip fees, serve food (cookies/coffee/tea!) at PAC meetings, Division/classroom PAC reps, reminder phone calls about PAC meeting, PAC banner/signage to be displayed at the front of school, etc
 - ii. For September/October PAC meeting, present fundraising plans along with goals/ideas for the money we have and long term goals for the future. Patti Plottel will talk to Bal Brock (professional fundraiser who had offered to set aside time to help during her sabbatical) regarding fundraising for Phase 3 of playground replacement (wooden playground structure at back of school will be removed sometime in 2013). 2 quotes

will be presented, with parents and students input. Once design is finalized, a goal will be established and then we will fundraise until we have enough to purchase and install playground pieces over several phases.

4. Principal's Report (Patti Plottel)

a. Mosquito Buzzer

There was a short discussion on installation of Mosquito Buzzer to deter late night party-goers who are on school grounds. These individuals are loitering and causing disturbances to the neighbours and community members.

PAC is in support of school of the school approaching the community and requesting funds for installation of a deterrent called a Mosquito Buzzer which emits a noise at a sound frequency which can only be heard by people under 20 years old). It was suggested that the Buzzer be triggered by motion-sensor and limited to late night to early morning to prevent children's ears from being affected.

b. Staffing/Classes for next year (in progress)

Next week is "Welcome to Kindergarten" program. 54-55 K students have registered, and all classes are full. Registrants after today will be waitlisted. 2 Staff members have been laid-off (Mrs. Robinson & Mr. Badorsingh) with 1 new staff member coming from Douglas Elementary (Ms. Moriah McMaster) with Mr. Wallace finishing his temporary term.

c. Moberly Idol – was the best event of the year. There were a good variety of acts. Thank you to Mr. Wallace for organizing and the help of the Staff. It was a super morning!

d. Volunteer Tea is on May 30th. Ms. Ingham is decorating the library for the Volunteer Tea "Filling our Bucket" theme.

e. Sports Day is Friday, June 7th with the schedule of the events listed in the Newsletter. Recess will be half hour earlier, earlier lunch, assembly at 11:30am to 11:55am. Sports Day will run 12-3pm which includes clean up.

f. Summer School Programs – Moberly will be offering remedial summer school with our own teachers. Summer school will be offered by invitation only and is meant for students who need extra help. The program runs 4 days a week (Monday to Thursday) from 8:30am – noon and a day camp portion in the afternoon (Monday to Thursday) and all day Friday. Summer school is free but day camp has a fee with subsidies available.

g. Thank you to the PAC Executives

PAC Meeting Finished at 8:05pm