

Moberly Elementary PAC

April 15, 2014

Commenced 9:15am at Moberly Library

4 Parent Attendees and Patti Plottel, Principal

Regrets: Henry Au, Vice Principal (teaching commitment)

1. Principal's Update

Patti reviewed and navigated the Moberly website. She highlighted the school newsletters which are available to download, review of the Vaisaki parade, blog/invite to the fundraiser, and currently resolving the email distribution list because the email regarding the parade was not received by couple of parents on distribution list.

Patti wishes to thank everyone who was involved with the parade and especially to the Bagri, Thandi and Lalli families for their dedication and hard work organizing the Parade and preparing the float. Along with thanks to Ms. Sandhu (Principal at Emily Carr Elementary) who helped with the Parade.

May 30th deadline for submission of letter of request for next year's class placement. This coming Thursday is Jersey Day (sports team jersey or colour of their favourite team). Last week the students enjoyed a performance and next week there will be an assembly with a dual theme of Earth Day and Aboriginal People.

School Plan annual meeting will be Monday, April 28th, a professional day spent on goal setting (improving Aboriginal culture understanding and improving Reading). Over the next two weeks in preparation for the annual meeting, teachers will review progress in terms of current year's goals and there overall good gains in reading and Patti is pleased.

2. PAC Chair Report – Diane Blue

- no updates except a quick review of Treasurer's Report

3. Old Business

Playground update/plans – to be discussed in following sections

Baisakhi Parade Update – see item 1

4. New Business

A possible Moberly garage sale is being planned as a fundraiser before end of the academic year. Ms. Badh is looking at organizing it with parent's input. The date is not set but it will be afterschool sometime in May. There is hope that parents will come and look through the sale during student pick-up time. Garage sale items will be donations from Staff and students who will bring them to school to

sell at Garage Sale. For the first year, it is discussed that the garage sale be kept manageable. Possibly parents to participate by selling their donated items at the garage sale. No date in mind yet as classroom teachers will be meeting today to determine if they are willing to help run each table.

Moberly Olympics (Mr. Au's project) – student council meeting at lunch today.

School Planning day on April 28th.

School Calendar and Fee Schedule for 2014/15 will be the same cost as last year with \$45/student of which \$25 to school board, \$10 for performances, \$10 for nutrition for K or \$10 for student books/agenda. Fee schedule for fieldstrips will be determined by classroom teacher.

The district-wide School Calendar is available on the VSB website for 2014-2015. The School Board determines how many hours to teach, and it is up to schools to determine which days to take off. Next year November will have an extra day off, 2 breaks (Winter & Spring), and 6 pro-D days. It is a big challenge and staff will review the calendar and whether to vary the day from the standard calendar. The School Board is in the midst of budget process and their plans are to cut \$14 million from budget – cuts to school psychologist, SLPT and area counsellors; all these cuts means elementary schools will have less help and support and 3 more closure days. However, this does not mean less school/teaching hours, it means longer school days. The VSB proposal for a week long closure in November is not popular among parents and it is noted that the closure is not coming from teachers. Patti advises parents that parents can talk to the VSB if they feel strongly about these issues.

5. Principal's Report – see above items

PAC's next meeting is Tuesday, May 20 at 7pm

Adjourn at 9:45am