

Moberly Elementary School
PAC Meeting @ Library
January 20, 2015 @ 7pm

Parent attendees: Harjinder Kaur, Eva Agustin, Diane Blue, Paul Thandi
Guests: Stephanie Lawton, Jerry and Blair - Rotary Club
Principal & Vice Principal: Patti Plottel & Karl Graham

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Rotary Presentation (Stephanie Lawton)
3. PAC Chair Report (Paul Thandi)
4. Treasurer's Report (Diane Blue)
 - a. Financial request from school
5. Old Business
 - a. Playground update/plans/fundraising
 - b. Garage Sale
 - c. Movie Tickets
 - d. Giftcard fundraising

Minutes

1. Welcome parents and representatives from Rotary Club who donated site licenses for math program (Academy program: Academy of Math). The donation is a perpetual online math skills software license and we also have a reading software program. This tool assists students in the learning assistance program and Resource Teachers who identify students who will benefit from this support. Rotary Club donated \$5000 two years in a row. Google "What is CALS" Youtube video that Rotary Club of Vancouver has prepared (posted by Tiffany Munro) which is about the reading program which was donated last year. CALS = Computer Assisted Literacy Solution. The software helps with the extended learning assistance class (students have a full assessment and indicated as having a learning disability), the donation by the Rotary allows the licenses to be used with the general student population and at Moberly it's focussed in grade 4-7 students who are English language learners (the term ESL is not used as often because at Moberly English may be a 3rd or 4th language).
2. Chair's Report – no updates
3. Treasurer's Report – giftcard fundraising program has started. \$178 raised since inception (Nov 2014). Action: Diane to email Patti the Progressive Order Form with plans to launch annual giftcard fundraising later this year to support school and playground equipment.
4. Financial request from school proposal for parent voting on the annual PAC supported \$100/classroom teachers and \$100 for resource teachers (for arts/stickers, incidentals). The request for this year is to increase annual support to \$150/class room teacher for this year and continue with the support of \$1000 grade 7 grad. Reduce to \$500 in future year.

Fieldtrip subsidies – for kids who can't pay and kids cannot be excluded from field trips. \$5600. Accept the financial – motion to accept Diane and Paul 2nd except the adjustment of \$120 for childminding. **Motion is carried.**

5. Old business

- a. Playground update \$24050 + 12000 school raise = \$36000 which is 50% raised to date. Patti will call the playground company to see if phase 1 can be done.
- b. \$2000 was raised at Garage Sale. Mrs. Badh's husband called Omni TV and 2 women came and donated \$150 towards the cause. This was a lot of work and effort on part of teachers' and teacher's families with parent driven bake sale.
- c. Movie Ticket fundraiser – pre-order interest came back with lots of interest so 200 tickets were ordered. 20 tickets still remain and currently only breaking even so NO money raised (yet) fundraising the movie tickets.

6. New Business

- a. Vaisakhi Parade plans for 2015 – the VSB was so delighted with last year's Vaisakhi but it was such a huge commitment for a small number of extremely dedicated. Overall it was a great experience but overwhelming for the few committed teachers and parents. Again, this school event was under staffed by parent and community volunteers. Should another Vaisakhi participation be planned for 2015 we will need to get permission from the Temple to fundraise (without a school float) for the Playground. Students will need training and to be paired up with an adult. Paul will talk to Sodhi about participating this year but without a float and will also look at getting permission from Temple to fundraise at the Parade.
- b. Other suggested fundraising:
 - i. Used Clothing Drive – A local Association has a fundraising program that will take used clothes and pay by the weight and will even take it away the bags of clothing.
 - ii. Pizza Days – kids love it pizza day (not the healthy pizza) once a month and parents run and organize it. Takes a lot of parent volunteers. Pizza hut does individual pan pizza but there's more work for parents who have to dish out the pizzas on paper plates.
 - iii. Q: How about movie license from last year? Penguins of Madagascar – scheduled for March before spring break and another movie event before end of school year. \$800 was fundraised last year. Preparing our own popcorn was not successful so will have to order the premade popped corn and possibly offering bottled water.

7. Principal/VP report

- a. Student council items: Kindness tree – papers tree leaves will have written notes of kind-deeds and each child can only have one. 500 leaves will sufficiently cover trees. This Kindness tree will help to build school spirit.
- b. Other – Air cadets are now 150 strong (from 30 initial enrollment).
- c. Staff are frustrated about kids wandering the halls in the morning (supervision starts at 8:40am). New Rule grades 4-7 are only allowed to come in if pouring rain. Younger can bring in their backpack but go back outside. Q: Is there an after school

- program at Moberly? A: there aren't enough families to get an out-of-school program at Moberly.
- d. Sports update: Two basketball teams: Junior and Senior girls. Mr. Burrell coaching junior girls while Mr. Graham coaching senior girls. Boys had soccer in the fall (with coach Sopic). FSAs – Foundational Skills Assess grade 4 & 7. Grade 7 articulation is under way (where grade 7 students start looking for programs in placement in high school – assessments were done in early January (re: mini school applications deadlines were in early Dec).

Meeting adjourned 8pm