

Linden Lanes Parent Council

October 21, 2013

Attendance: Heather Dodds, Kathy Brigden, Angeline Templeton, Stephanie Bessant, Amy Baraniuk, Lori McComb, Kari Baraniuk, Melanie Wallace, Lorraine Gosseye, Janet Olsen, Christy Klassen

Regrets: Tammy Hossack, Deb Mason (Angeline Templeton will act as teachers rep in Deb's place)

1. **Call to order 7:02pm**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Review and approval of minutes from Sept 23, 2013**

MOTION: (*Moved by Kari Baraniuk, seconded by Lori McComb*) to approve Sept. 23, 2013 minutes.

4. Principal's Report

Kathy shared part of the school report and a new provincial report card for early years. The report card was piloted in BSD by George Fitton and New Era last year. Angeline taught at George Fitton last year. BSD uses a division wide report for middle years. It's not a huge change but there are different indicators (1-4 vs E,M,A) and this is only for grades 1-6 not kindergarten. Comments fields are restricted and short and they don't carry forward over the terms. There are new sections on learning behaviours.

Angeline pointed out that it's important to remember that conference times are very important and even more so now. The reports are more vague so must make use of conferences.

5. Teacher's Report

No report

6. Treasurer's Report

MOTION: (*Moved by Stephanie Bessant, seconded by Lori McComb*) to pay \$1066.22 to Mom's Pantry for the balance of the order.

We received a cash bonus from QSP for \$295.00

7. Fundraising Report

Mom's Pantry pickup was yesterday.

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Magazine sales are underway.

Vista will run in Nov/Dec. Forms will go out with report cards and will be returned Dec 3rd. Heather to update the template and send to Kathy and Lori.

Holiday Magic has sold 45 tickets for a profit of \$245. The order forms are on the website and have gone home with the students.

Discussions on February fun event. Maple Leaf needs the request letter at least 2 weeks in advance. Amy will send the letter, Kari to give Amy the letter for Giant Tiger, buns, condiments. Will table the discussion of what the event will be until the November meeting. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting, estimate the costs and bring a proposal.

QSP – we have no prizes as we used them all for the carnival in February. The prizes we would've used for next year will arrive about 2 weeks after the sale ends. We are the only school that deals with the prizes like this. Lorraine will talk to the rep about how they work. We will wait to hand out prizes until they come in 2 weeks after our sale and hand them out at that point.

8. Communication Strategy

Kathy contacted the communications office for BSD. They are developing a division wide social media policy which will determine how we can use these tools for communication. Until the policy is approved, we are not able to communicate on Facebook as schools and parent councils can not have accounts. We will use the BSD website and email through Synervoice as our communication tools until further notice.

Linden Lanes has been trying to update the website more frequently and we have email addresses for anyone willing to provide them to the school, this hits a large percentage of the school population.

Synervoice as a phone call was being used for multiple purposes and is now only allowed to be used for attendance and emergency calls.

We will look at using a website link for the newsletters and forms which will direct people to the website.

9. New Business

Christy Klassen asked about Linden Lanes clothing. New Era had Fridays as a school pride day where everyone wore school clothing. T-shirts were provided to kindergarten kids by parent

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council. Used, gently worn clothing could be donated back and sold at a reduced cost to kids in the school.

NOTE Put this in the plans for 2014-15 as it needs to be done at the beginning of the year.

Moms Pantry – thank you to everyone who helped out and especially to Nancy Kolesar for all you have done over the years to make this fundraiser a success.

Adjourned 8:08pm