

John Allison Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2011

Call to order: 5:05

Present: Tanya Lawes, Mr. Clarke, Alicia Gush, Dawne Graves, Gordon Comeau, Mikki-Lee Ransome, Renee Harrison, Ed Atkinson

1. Elections

- a) President—Tanya Lawes by acclamation
- b) Vice-president—Mikki-Lee Ransome
- c) Secretary—Alicia Gush
- d) Treasurer—Lisa Lankinen

2. Previous Minutes

-- accepted with amendments

3. Correspondence—nothing new

4. Reports

- a) President
 - “Come Read With Me” = parent workshop for grade 1 and 2 students
 - approval for funding passed (\$100 for facilitator and \$5-6 for each participant’s take home bag)
- b) Treasurer—no report, not present
- c) Principal
 - i) Ready, Set Learn –looking for feedback
 - possible changes to improve upon what is already taking place
 - ii) Ridgewood Visit by K and K/1
Sanderson Farm Visit—rained out
 - iii) Remembrance Day Assembly—Thursday at 11:00 at JAE—will have student performances, songs, poems
 - iv) Community Garden Celebration—Greenhouse
 - book about the garden has been published and is available for purchase
 - got the grant for the greenhouse
 - v) Princeton Helping Teacher -- did a stint at JAE, IXL for grade 3 students will be available to access through the internet at home and school—teachers can track student progress
 - vi) Reading Assessment Meeting—looked at school wide assessments, many different tools being used presently, trying to

narrow it to two (one to be used in fall and spring; the other to be used throughout the year)

vii) Cross Country Run –successful, fun

viii) Christmas Concert—will be December 13 in the afternoon at VFE’s gym

ix) Healthy Schools Survey—Rebecca Stint, the Health Promoting Schools Coordinator has surveys for parents to fill out

x) Field Trip Forms –simplified forms

xi) Fire Drills (all three done for the fall)—got faster and smoother

xii) Performing Arts—November 28 at 9:15—parents are welcome and encouraged to attend

xiii) Valley First glow Sticks—given out Halloween afternoon

xiv) Crisis Assistance Centre—donated \$1100 for snack program

xv) Early Dismissal—2:00 November 22, and 23

--the PAC encourages parents to contact teachers to set up meetings to discuss their child’s progress any time (no report cards due to job action)

d) Trustee –new Trustee (Lea Ward) in the district

- teacher negotiations are not going well
- College of Teachers has been disbanded by the government and replaced by a College council – biggest difference is that the College Council will have not control of disciplinary issues

e) Fundraising -- Mikki forgot to talk to Weyerhauser regarding printing—will do so

-- playground/shade – Barry and Tanya got quotes for shade structures

--too much money for us (approx. \$20,000), so

looking in to possibility of the High School building one

5. New Business

- “Come Read With Me”
- Thank you to community volunteers for the Halloween activities at the fair grounds

Next Meeting: December 5, 2011 at 5:00pm

Meeting adjourned: 5:02