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| | | <p>from Bearspaw Christian school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Great idea and the Board will see how to make that work and make it happen. - Volunteer incentives idea: parents shared that they believe that the assembly and smiles from the teachers was incentive enough. - Volunteers for the “not so fun” jobs needs to have constant encouragement to gain more volunteers in those areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palliser Updates (if applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Bussing, boundaries - #'s are up in Elementry but down in Senior High - Palliser student wins silver in Science Fair. - In Camera; legal, labour, land – good - 6 trustees engage in informal meetings- Don Zech said he would like that to be less often. - Don Zech said he feels, the election of Allison Redford is positive and feels that she will deliver on her promise to give education more money. - Allison Redford has talked about eliminating Grade 3 & 6 PAT tests. - Allsion Redford also campaigned that she would like to see the scraping of Bill 18 (the new Education Act)...should be interesting to see outcome. - “Palliser is the best school division in the province” said Don Zech - Rumor that Masters Academy is pulling out of Palliser. Is it true? In discussion. How does it affect GCA? It shouldn't. Will keep GCA informed - Palliser School District meets with various educational societies twice a year. - Don is excited to talk to the GCA Grade 6's as a guest speaker • Teacher Report (feedback from recess equipment, supplies, other) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Like the new recess equipment - Could use more big bouncy balls. They are out of season right now but might be an item that is added in February. - Quality of the school supplies is way better. Thanks Lisa - Intermurals: Right now we are doing indoor soccer and then will be switching to Volleyball. Grade 7 about 30 kids; Grade 8 only 6 – 8 kids; Grade 15 – 20 kids - Teachers asked to report of upcoming events that are happening, especially in Jr. High for students. • Landscaping Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on snow removal contract (same person as last year) - A group called “The Band of Brothers” have contacted the school to see if there is anything that they can do for the school. The school has sent them a list of items that they could use help with and they are just waiting for a response back. - Landscaping budget \$15,000 to hire people to take care of the cleanup around the school. - Bob told parents their involvement was not needed as the school respects parents time. - Parents suggested that we should have an option to volunteer as they may not be able to during regular school hours. - Another suggestion was maybe JR high could volunteer and have those hours go towards the MTO. - Bruce Curlock asked Why can't all 3 options work together budget, Band of Brothers & parents. - Parents and children take pride in ownership - Revisit Spring beautification in January - Fence between school and Sobey's has 2 holes. South side and east side. - There is a shanty in the trees in the east corner on school property. Police have been called and they will remove the shanty. - Bob has looked at the areas in question and they are being fix along with the | <p>Don</p> <p>John/Sean</p> <p>Tasha/Bob</p> |
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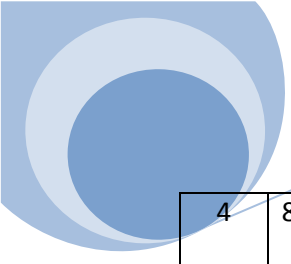
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - graffiti on the slide. - Suggestion is to acquire the extra land that's between Sobey's and the GCA. • Parking Update (patrollers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be no parking patrols at the south end crosswalk at this time but Derrick is looking into getting them and what processes need to be in place for that. We may be able to approach AMA to see if we can patrol at the south end crosswalk. Will report at next meeting. - Discussion about having patrollers on 24st by the condos. There was discussion that having patrollers at that location may cause a bigger back log of cars. - Can't have the cross in the middle as it is the middle of the road. However, if GCA was able to acquire the land across the street there could be a sidewalk or walk over put in. • Running Club Money Fund- what did we get <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 Buckets were labeled and delivered to each teacher which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 hockey sticks, 2 goalie sticks, basketball, volleyball, soccer ball, tennis balls - Overall feedback was good - In February we will refresh the supplies & add - \$1500 leftover. What do we do with it? An idea is to get stationary items like tetherball or newer basketball hoops - • Evergreen update – recommendations for remaining money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is about \$13,000 in the Evergreen account - Quinn is taking care of the Grade 6's. They are using Evergreen this year. - Since the funds were raised for the purpose of Evergreen and IT, the grade 6 evergreen cost will be taken from the \$13000. - From the balance of \$9000, a recommendation was made to use this money to fund the 'Mad Science' program, a program that Ms. Thirsk will give oversight to for the grade 4 and 5s. - Calvin Tong brought up the point that if the monies were allocated specifically for 'Evergreen/IT' then we are not able to use it for Mad Science. He did clarify that we can proceed with the 'Mad science' program and perhaps defer the cost to 2012-13. - Date confirmation of the Mad Science for Grade 4&5 still to be determined (report next meeting) - Need to make the School Supplies fundraiser to be a broader purpose because as it is now the fund that are raised can only be used for Evergreen/ GCA Technology. Consider a more generic name, for example: In house field trips. - Oct.14 @ 2:00 inhouse field trip – "Just Kidding" bulling package including the Grade 5's. And there is follow up. 100 parents welcome, 50 minute presentation. • Fundraisers- recommendations for registration next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For bottle drives maybe register at bottle depots and when parents take in their bottles they can say that all money goes to GCA. Some bottle depots that offer this option are T'suu T'ina Nation and 130th. - There needs to be a better explanation on how IT fundraising works. More clarity on \$100 donation (voluntary) and/or selling of the books (mandatory). - Parents get a tax receipt with the \$100 donation - Parents like the option to sell the books to help cover out of pocket expenses. - Calvin will talk to the Society about this and report back next meeting • Grade 6 camp for next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was a great success. Students, teachers and parents all said it was a great experience. - Proposed recommendation is to do this camp next year for the Grade 6's in | <p>Andrea</p> <p>Tasha</p> <p>All</p> <p>Andrea</p> <p>Andrea</p> |
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| | | <p>September and not do the one outdoor trip in February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Miller said this could be a start of a new tradition. - Derrick will get feedback from the teachers about doing the trip next year. It takes a lot of time and commitment to arrange this kind of field trip at the beginning of the year but they enjoyed it too. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uniform fee was introduced because there were many children coming to the office for items need on Official Uniform days. - The office was getting very overwhelmed and took up a lot of their time. - They still will give children clothing if they have an accident, etc. - Will also be based on if the child has never forgotten their proper attire to a child that always forgets their proper attire. • Cafeteria feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new cafeteria menu started off great but has gone a little down hill since then. - Cold lunches are great but the hot lunches are questionable. - Kids like to have to option of hot or cold lunches - For the smaller kids they find that their food is brought out too early and is cold. - Portion sizes have not changed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 1 & 2 same portion size - Grade 3 – 5 same portion size - Grade 6 – 9 same portion size - Angie Peters does quality control and gets feedback from the students and takes that back to the cafeteria staff. - Issues that have already come up have been brought to the cafeteria staff’s attention. - Poster of children with sever allergies in the cafeteria. Where did it go? And is there going to be one put up? Angie Peter didn’t take care of that before but will look into it. - Bob and Angie communicate with Sodexo regularly. So everyone is encouraged to give them any comments or concerns. - If Sodexo doesn’t change GCA will make the change. • School phone books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are they coming? YES - When are they coming? Later this month • Student Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be covered at next School Council Meeting • Alumni communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be covered at next School Council Meeting • Technology Committee? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be covered at next School Council Meeting • Any other new items | <p>Sasha</p> <p>Sasha</p> <p>Andrea</p> <p>Tasha/All</p> <p>Tasha</p> <p>Tasha</p> <p>All</p> |
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| 4 | 8:00p | Next Meeting Date & Time: Monday, Nov 21st from 6:30-8 Andrea to chair Adjournment and prayer | |
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