

**BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PAC MINUETES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 6:30PM**

1. **Welcome and Regrets:** Raina Sidhu, Allison Lam, Kamal Kaila, David Gipson, Linda Santoro, June Goudron, Mae Quan, Carol Saito, Liz Cramb and Gurinder Aujla **Regrets:** Wendy Bird
2. **Call for any additions to the Agenda :**DPAC –Raina
3. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Linda and Gurinder
4. **Approval of September Minutes** –Linda
5. **Treasurers Report** –Carol/Linda
  - a. Budget- There was a discussion about the upcoming budget for this year, including the teachers wish list. The school needs 3 laptops and Bluetooth for all the classrooms. Need to buy a printer for the portable. It will be nice for the students because they will not have to walk into the school to pick up the papers. The smart board license is also due (\$3000) for math and other subjects. Grade 7 dinner budget was bumped up last year. Last year, the reading awards were put down because that’s what we used. We will put it back to \$500 this year. The Ice skating party will be held in January. Tas will book and let us know the date. There will be hot chocolate served at the rink as well. The laminating machine was bought a few years ago and this year we will have to replace the paper. This year we will buy Keva blocks, destination imagination books from the Rainy Day Games budget. An Educational Expenses line was added to include items that teachers want for their classrooms.  
**The motion for Budget was carried forward by the table.**
6. **Principals Report-Barb**
  - a. Cross country- there were a lot of students that participated, it went very well.
  - b. The whole school will be going to the pumpkin patch (Laity farms in Maple Ridge). Last year, we had the pumpkins brought to the school.
  - c. Odyssey- there will be an information session held for the parents that are interested. There has been a huge interest shown from parents this year.
  - d. The COL will be held on Thursday at 2pm.
  - e. “We Day” will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. There are 14 grade 7 student’s attending from Buckingham.

- f. The Collaboration has started for the Folk Dance. This year, the students will be doing a folk dance, instead of Hip Hop. The instructor will teach for a week and then the students will give a little concert afterwards. This will be held during the day on December 15<sup>th</sup> and there will be parent participation. The pancake breakfast will still take place in the morning and the dance performance again the afternoon. If it goes well, we will book again for next year. Do not know if it going to be a Christmas theme.
- g. On Movie Night, the Conservation officer made a presentation about wildlife. He was very good with the students; he showed them what to do and how to act around wild animals. Students showed a lot of interest

## **7. Old Business**

- a. PAC events scheduled for upcoming year-June
  - i. With the exception of the Potluck Dinner in February all PAC events have now been scheduled.
- b. School Lunch programs – Currently we have both Hotdog and Subway days, alternating every Tuesday. Both are doing good.
- c. Family Photo Night Update – Linda- The family photo nights went great. This year we did 2 nights rather than one because we turned families' away last year.
- d. Movie Nights Update – Wendy – Was a success. Will try to figure out a date for the next one, probably after Christmas.
- e. Skating Party Update – Tas - Is looking to book a date in Janaury for the party. This will be open to all families and hot chocolate will be provided.
- f. Odyssey of the Mind \_Mae – There has been a lot of interest shown by both students and parents. There will be an information session held on Monday night for the parents.

## **8. New Business**

- a. A. Tax Deductible Donations – June – letter will be sent out soon to all the families.
- b. Lice Check – Melinda Vargas will lead the lice check this year again. There will be a notice sent home to ask for volunteers.
- c. DPAC- Raina- Went to a meeting yesterday and they talked about Emergency preparedness. You can go to the website [getprepared.gc.ca](http://getprepared.gc.ca) and there is a list available to help you get prepared. Presentation by Meridith Hill centered around steps to guide families in becoming more prepared for disasters and emergencies. Need to plan for children in school, emergency contacts and updated information at schools for designated areas to pick up your children.

**ADJOURNMENT : 8:10 PM**