

**Parkside Home & School**

**October 12, 2010**

The Parkside Home and School met on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 7pm in the WSB boardroom at Parkside.

Present: Sandra Hall, Joanna Stewart, Crystal Gaudet, Christine Handrahan, Judy Wright, Crystal DesRoche, Sarah Grace Schurman, Lori Burnell, Peggy Naus, Tammy Gallant, Lisa Schurman-Smith, Janet Cameron, Serena Hutchinson, Terri Roberts-Peters, Guylaine Marois, Rayona Arsenault

Regrets: Heidi Quinlan, Melanie MacLellan, Judy Martin, Dawn and Kevin O'Brien, Penny Coughlin, Andrea Boyle, Rachel, Lisa VanderVeen, Shelley Tamtom

Guest: Sarah Rogers

Sandra welcomed everyone, and since there was a great turnout with many new faces each person introduced themselves. First on the Agenda was Sarah Rogers, who spoke from an EA's perspective on the benefit of a sensory room and the potential of introducing one to Parkside. After a brief open discussion on the topic, it was agreed Sarah should continue her research to determine estimated costs and what is involved in building a room. She will update H&S in a couple of months. She also provided a website if anyone would like to do some of their own research.

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**Treasurer's Report:** Joanna reported the current balance to be \$3505.58. We are still awaiting the final count for the June 2010 annual school field trip to be deducted, as well as a cheque for the fall Cabot Park snacks.

**Principal's Report:** Principal Janet Cameron gave a brief report of activities, events, and general Parkside information she thought parents would like to know.

**Facts parents might want to know:**

**Student population** – 289                      **Staff** 24 Teachers, 4 Non instruction, 6 EA's

**Number of classes** 8 English 1-6

4 French Immersion 1-4

4 Kindergarten-2 French Immersion, 2 English

**Total** 16

**Services available at Parkside**

EAL

SPL

Big Sisters

Public Health

Resource - English/French Immersion

Special Ed

Autism

Child Psych

French Coordinator

O.T.

## **Details**

Cross Country  
Intramurals  
2 Choirs (Harmony groups etc...)  
School Pictures  
Newsletter  
Food program  
Milk/Pizza/Subs/  
Hotdogs/Chips  
Bus evacuation  
Fire/House Safety  
Terry Fox Run  
UPEI Nurses - K  
OT Workshop  
Epi Pen Training  
Beginning Teachers - Mentors and Support  
PD Days December 2 and 3, October 1, November 26  
Fundraiser  
    Magazine  
    Halloween chips/cheesies

## **Other**

Grade 4 Math Assessments  
Teachers goals, interviews and schedules  
13 Teacher Evaluations  
4 EA evaluations

## **Upcoming**

Million Minute Reading - October 25  
Math - Support - David Costello - October 20  
Parent/Teacher inverses November 10 - Evening - November 12 - All day  
Christmas Concert - December 7  
School Skate - December 22

## **New Business:**

A) Executive Positions-Members at Large-Lori Burnell and Crystal DesRoche, Secretary- Lisa Schurman-Smith, Co-President- ???? –help the current President, there was some interest but so far no one has come forward for this position.

B) Healthy Snack Program- Parkside H&S applied for funding from the Breakfast for Learning Program(Healthy Eating Alliance) with the potential of providing a healthy snack to all students once or twice a week. We were approved \$2000. We are now looking for interested volunteers to help organise menu's and volunteers. Crystal Gaudet will be chair of the committee.

C) Fundriasing Discussion- In the past number of years Parkside H&S has held numerous fundraising events throughout the year (penny parade, bake sale, Spring Bazaar, Family Fun Night) It was decided in May of 2010 that we would attempt one big fundraiser at the first of the year, we chose the QSP Combo (Magazine and Giftware) Campaign. We

have already had this fundraiser and will know our final tally raised by the next meeting. It was successful. The many little fundraisers may be continued with the school heading them up as some have been traditional events for the students for the past number of years. All funds raised by H&S are put back into the school in various ways. We will be discussing the 2010/2011 budget in greater detail at our next meeting.

D) It is the goal of the executive to share the responsibilities of various activities that happen with our H&S throughout the year. With this in mind we are looking to have sub-committees or co-ordinators for our different activities. Each one was described in hopes of finding something that suited the talents of the different people around the table. Hotdog Co-ordinator- organises the two volunteers needed each month for the hotdog day(this is the last Friday of the month), Joanna will do the monthly purchasing of the hotdogs. Rayona Arsenault offered to be this co-ordinator. Teacher Appreciation week Co-ordinator- organises a committee that creates TA week events ie. Potluck luncheon, teacher prizes or treats etc. Tammy Gallant volunteered. Bike Rodeo- this annual event is co-sponsored with the City of Summerside Police Dept. It is held in the spring and H&S takes care of the volunteers, and snack for the 2 hour event. Lori Burnell volunteered to Co-ordinate this event. Snack Cupboard- this is a cupboard that is provided to any students that either forgot or didn't have a lunch or breakfast provided for them, it is a basic healthy option. H&S has helped to fund the needs of this cupboard over the last couple of years. Janet Cameron will do the shopping for this, as it is the school that gives out the food and knows when things are running low and what is needed. Healthy Snack- as discussed earlier, Crystal Gaudet will chair this sub-committee.

It was decided that a note will go home in the next week or so looking for people that would like to volunteer for the different activities. Hopefully we will have a good response. If each of us does a little bit then no one job feels overwhelming. It was also mentioned that no matter what committee or chair you take on you will not be doing it alone. Everyone tries to help where they can.

E) Draw for Classroom Prize- last year the H&S had a draw of all parents that were present at the monthly meeting to win a prize of an ice-cream party for their child's class. It was decided we would continue with this idea. Tammy Gallant's name was drawn for her son's Ben 2b class, Ms. Cashin. This will be provided next week to the class.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday November 9, 2010. 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.