

**Ecole J.H. Sissons PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19, 2011**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Paul Bennett            Audra Donison  
Carol Lockhart        Terry Brookes

Minutes recorded by Audra Donison

1. **Agenda** – Accepted with changes as circulated.
2. **Minutes** – Approved as circulated
3. **Principal's Report** -- circulated and discussed at meeting.

Paul has the Tell Me survey results for Sissons and shared some results. Need to review what students said about reverse lunch schedule.

**Action:** Paul will forward the Sissons results to Audra.

Audra congratulated Paul on his award as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals of 2011. Parents here at Sissons are grateful for the wonderful service and dedication Paul has for the school and our children. Paul will be going to Toronto for one week in early February for training and an awards dinner.

4. **Trustees Report** – Terry reported on the following:

**Retreat** – The Board worked on further clarifying their Strategic Directions at their retreat.

**PreKindergarten program** – working on what this will look like for upcoming year, including how to identify/ attract those that can benefit the most.

**Budgets** – working on this.

Terry is looking forward to the annual upcoming principals' presentations to the Board.

Power outtages – when these occur, school activities are as per usual schedule. Sissons & other schools all have back up generators.

5. **PAC Items**

**Finance Report** – PAC balance is \$2053.45 at present. We need fundraising before we are able to spend much more money.

Action items followup re: promoting PAC as per previous minutes were done but did not result in increased attendance this month. Parents want to stay on email list and indicate they have other child activities on Wed. evenings.

### **PAC Chairs' Report**

- Sissons parents on email list provided some feedback on the upcoming calendar, which was collected by Tracy Turk.
- Some parents at other schools are concerned about backlog on cataloging of library books Paul said he thought we also had quite a bit to do, but there is a volunteer that comes regularly to help.
- Sissons is not on the 3 year capital projects plan for YK1 due to other priorities.
- Martin Male presented on WiFi concerns, raised at last Sissons PAC meeting. Apparently there is more EMR exposure from one 20 minute cell phone than there is in standing under a wireless system in a school for a year. No other schools concerned about this, so issue no longer a concern.

### **6. Other Business**

#### **Fundraising/ Dance**

It was agreed to organize support for a dance separate from a PAC meeting in the hopes of attracting parents who would be willing to help with a one-shot event.

Action: Audra will determine a date in the next couple of weeks and advertise it in the newsletter and via email.

**Addendum:** Dance meeting will be February 1 at 7:00 pm.

A fundraising for Child ID labels was suggested by a parent. Another suggestion raised was a label fundraiser to be done at the end of the school year for the upcoming year.

Action: Audra will make parents aware of these ideas and see if anyone is interested in coordinating them.

**Parenting the Net Workshop-** There was no interest expressed from parents so this idea will be dropped.

**Cursive writing** – A parent questioned if this was continuing this year.

Action: Paul will follow up with this and report back to Audra, Cynthia and Carol.

**Foxes in schoolyard:** Paul was in regular contact with ENR before Christmas. No one (including kids) has seen them since Christmas. Paul thinks ENR likely took action over the holidays to remove them.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, February 17, 7:00 pm.