



Veritas Parents Support Group
October 16, 2023

Attendees: Birke (Chair), Crystal, Sylvia, Jen, Candace, Dianna, Gillian (Secretary), Tamara, Richard (school council), Sabrina, Joan (Treasurer), Sarah, Megan, Teresa, Brit, Renee

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Treasurer's report** – Community account started at \$2365; October 13 balance is \$21930 after hot lunch and apples order. Gaming grant confirmed for this year \$4560. Cheque being issued for \$13,200 to Habitat for playground equipment. Still trying to close old community account at Northern Savings – need to track down old signatories.
3. **Motion** – Birke put motion forward to contribute \$4500 from 2023/2024 gaming monies toward playground equipment when it comes in. Jen Darby second. Motion carried. None opposed.
4. **Playground update** – equipment is being delivered this Friday. Building a new fence to secure it over the winter and expect installation in the spring.
5. **Class reps** – Candace is class rep for Grade 7 – would like a second person as back up. Candace/Tamara to pick someone.
6. **Fundraising:**
 - a. Hot Lunch - volunteers for hot lunch going well. Grade 4 responsible for November lunches – ask for volunteers to go out mid-month. \$17000 of orders for first quarter
 - b. Treat Thursdays – volunteers ok
 - c. Apples fundraiser - \$8020 so far; profit of \$3400 – Bandstra donating the trucking (may be the last year). Should arrive on the 27th
 - d. Dielman's – deadline is this Friday, profit so far is \$500
 - e. Mom's Pantry has gone out – this was meant to be a Grade 9 fundraiser, so will need to donate money to the class once we figure out the amount
 - f. Christmas Market – December 2 is confirmed at the school; tables will be for sale, price tbd; food tbd (need serving it right); kids could have a table for fundraising school trips; start advertising in next newsletter
 - g. Christmas cookies – Birke – could be at market, but need Food Safe to cook items for sale (look at Mom's Pantry cookie dough)
 - h. Purdy's – Teresa – for Christmas; they are going online only for orders – arrange to have orders delivered first week of December (can we order in time for December Christmas market to sell there as fundraiser – Crystal to help Teresa)
 - i. Ascent coffee – Megan – spoke to Aleksa, just need to know when and if we want online/order forms. Wait until new year, maybe February
 - j. Other ideas – Tupperware, Bingo (maybe spring)
 - k. Valentine's dinner – Brandi open to leading this

7. Principal's Report

1. Since our Last Meeting . . .

- a. Round one and two of Emergency Drills (fire, earthquake) have been completed; lockdown drill will happen this week.
- b. Orange Shirt Day (September 29) saw great participation across the school.
- c. Classes engaged in age-appropriate activities and the grade 9s spent the day in the Nass valley for the Nisga'a totem pole rematriation.
- d. The Grade 4 class received their bibles on October 4, which are being used in the classroom this year. The students led the Liturgy of the Word and did a lovely job!
- e. The Thanksgiving Assembly was presented by the Grade 1 students. \$500 was collected by students and given to two families in need through grocery cards.

2. Coming up . . .

- a. Formal assessments, including reading assessments, SWW's, PM Benchmarks, and FSA's, are in progress.
- b. Student Led Conferences, scheduled for Oct 26 and 27, are currently open for parents to book times.
- c. Our internal evaluation by CISPG is November 14 & 15. Chris Dudale (Superintendent), Frances Roch (Director of Learning and Instruction), and one other principal will form the team and will spend two days at Veritas.
- d. Our external evaluation by the Ministry of Education is November 22 & 23. A Ministry of Education evaluator and another principal from the province will form the team and spend two days at Veritas.

3. Upcoming Dates . . .

- a. Oct 19 – Photo Retake Day, Photo Orders Due
- b. Oct 20 – Provincial Pro-D Day
- c. Oct 23 – Scholastic Book Fair begins
- d. Oct 25 – School Mass, led by Grade 9
- e. Oct 26 & 27 – Student Led Conferences
- f. Oct 31 – Halloween
- g. Nov 10 – Remembrance Day statutory holiday

Respectfully submitted by Mrs. Tamara Berg, Principal

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm; babysitting will be available