



## **Parker-Varney PTG Minutes**

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

### **Attendance**

**Administration:** Kathleen Turner (Principal), Kevin Henry (Assistant Principal)

**PTG Board Members:** Mike Reedy (Co-Pres), Kelly Jobel (VP & 4th), Tanya Zinck (Sec), Jessica Deleault (Treas), Christine Carter (Fundraising Coord & Paraprofessional), Tina Kelly (Donations Coordinator), Pam Roberge (Box-Tops Coord), Liane McNamara (Sub-committee Coordinator)

**Teachers:** Stephanie Ducharme (K), Judy Moran (1st), Mary Delay (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kristin O'Neil (3<sup>rd</sup>), Mary Barry (4th), Michael Beaulac (5<sup>th</sup>), Lisa Reed (Special Needs), Cris Miller (Librarian), Rebecca Noyes (Music), Kate Messinger (Social Worker)

**City Year:** Evette Barnes, Damond Ford, Catt Trimmingham, Vilma Rodriques-Silva, Britt Langston, Annalisa Yoder, John Hathaway, Jose Villanueva

**Parents/Grandparents:** Amanda Vincent, Candace Veziris, Kelly Beaudet, Lisa Miller, Mavel Osorio, Kate DesRochers, Heather Williams, Nichole Eggerling, Janet Boucher, Sheri Gentile, Chad Rousseau & Alexander Brown

### **President's Introduction**

Welcome to new teachers, staff and City Year. City Year is a non-profit organization which seeks to serve as mentors and positive role-models to youngsters in an effort to increase school attendance and literacy and decrease school drop-out rates. They will be assisting in the classrooms and after school programs. They will also be available to supervise K-5 kids during PTG meetings this year! Besides fundraising, important goals of the PTG this year include building community and succession planning.

### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from the May 12, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of 09/13/10, the PTG fund total is \$10,380.23. The Scrip account total is \$4,353.91. The funds in the Scrip account have been allocated for replacing the P-V playground. This will be available for other projects if the City comes through with our much needed playground. Funds from bake sales go to the grades that have run the bake sales. General funds are used for field trip transportation costs, student birthday books program, providing student planners, teacher allotments, running special events and school needs like redoing the stage, new mats in the gym, new cones in the parking lot, etc. It was suggested that alerting parents to the future specific use of fundraising funds would encourage more to participate.

## **Fundraising Update**

**Cookbook:** 141 recipes received so far. Deadline for submissions is September 17, 2010 so the publisher is able to get them done in time for Christmas gift buying.

**Yankee Candle:** This is our fall fundraiser this year.

**Scrip:** P-V gets a percentage of gift card sales purchased through this program. Gift cards can be given as gifts or used for everyday purchases to grocery stores, home improvement stores, etc.

**Restaurant of the Month:** When you patronize the following establishments on these dates and mention Parker-Varney, a portion of their proceeds will go to P-V!

Sept. 22 – Blakes on South Main Street – 2:30pm to 10pm

Oct. 15, 16, 17 – You're Fired

Nov. 4 – McDonald's on Second Street

**Used printer cartridges and used cell phones:** Please recycle through P-V in order to support the school's technology needs.

## **Donations Update**

**Lunch With Santa:** Donations are needed for raffles and food to be served. Juice will be coming from McDonald's.

**Playground:** Chuck DiPrima is hopeful that a new playground could be constructed at P-V this coming spring. The current playground has been a safety concern for a long time. It was necessary to board off the slide after it broke. Please let Principal Turner know any input you might have regarding a new playground set. Please contact aldermen, the Superintendent's office and school board members to let them know P-V's needs for site improvements in order to address safety concerns including traffic flow issues.

**Printer Ink:** P-V is in desperate need of HP printer ink. Please contact Kelly Jobel if you can help.

## **Box Tops for Education, Campbells Labels and Tyson Chicken Update**

**Box Tops:** Contests will be in Oct., Feb. and at the end of the year. So, please save and turn in to your child's teacher.

**Campbells:** P-V has 12,000 points. These could be redeemed for sports equipment or supplies for the school. So don't forget to turn these into P-V as well!

## **Sub-committee Update**

**Lunch With Santa:** Will be Saturday, December 4, 2010. This is always a fun event for kids of every age. Volunteers are extremely important to the success of this event. Please make sure your volunteer forms are filled out and returned to P-V. Also please let Liane McNamara know if you are able to volunteer for this event.

## Other Topics

**Playground Cleanup Day:** The PTG would like to have a day for volunteers to come clean up P-V's grounds.

### **Free Programs:**

Coke Rewards – sign up online to give points to P-V.

Hannaford Helps Schools – turn in receipts to P-V or place in P-V's slot at the Hannaford store in Bedford.

Stop&Shop – register online and ask friends and relatives to sign up for P-V too.

Pepsi – project ideas are submitted and voted on online.

Funding Factory – technology (printer ink cartridges and cell phones) exchanged for technology (ex. Calendar software).

**Popcorn Update:** freshly popped popcorn is distributed to students on Thursday mornings for 25 cents. The PTG will have a Sam's Club Membership this year to purchase supplies. These must be OK'd by the school nurse to manage food allergy concerns. Tiffany Joseph, the PTG Volunteer Coordinator, is looking for volunteers so this program can start the first week of October.

**Purchasing Computers:** The need to replace outdated computers in the library has been identified. Principal Turner will discuss with Superintendent Brennan. Quotes for machines and service warranty costs will be sought. Will review at next PTG meeting.

## Administration Address

Principal Turner will be meeting with Mr. Di Prima on September 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the playground issue. She thanked the PTG for the new student planners and parking cones. Parks and Rec will be posting no dog fouling signs as this has been an issue. P-V is applying for a 3 year school improvement grant (SIG) to support improvement in teacher and school leadership, learning time, home/school involvement, professional development, etc. Parents are needed to volunteer to be on an advisory board. The Open House will be September 30, 2010. P-V students' families are invited to meet our new principal, learn more about City Year and visit classrooms. Mrs. Turner also suggested P-V hosting a fun fitness fundraiser which she has had a very positive experience with.

Assistant Principal Henry has signed P-V up for the spelling bee!

## Open Forum

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be hosting the Open House bake sale. Healthy options are encouraged and ingredients are helpful for food allergy concerns.

Suggestions were made regarding providing PTG meeting agendas a week before the meetings, utilizing virtual teams to increase involvement, setting up a link to Amazon.com on the school website for fundraising, specifying time commitments and tasks on volunteer forms, identifying bylaws and estimating yearly budgets.

T-Bones has agreed to donate food for this year's teacher appreciation lunch. Thank you T-Bones!

The PTG needs input from preschool parents and teachers.

Kate Messinger requested to be able to buy birthday books for the preschool. This was approved. She also wanted to inform parents of the Title I Parent Advisory Committee meeting at Beech Street School on October 6, 2010 at 9am. Title I provides extra Reading, Math and Social Work services.

Discussion about this year's Barnes & Noble night, a fun event for students to hear staff read great books, involved trying to identify the best time to schedule. Proceeds benefit P-V's library.

### **2010-2011 PTG Meeting Schedule**

All meetings will be from 6:00–7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 19, 2010  
Wednesday, November 17, 2010  
Tuesday, December 7, 2010  
Wednesday, January 12, 2011  
Tuesday, February 15, 2011  
Wednesday, March 16, 2011  
Tuesday, April 12, 2011  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011

**Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting!**