

DIXON PAC UPDATE

APRIL 7, 2009

PAC ELECTIONS

This was our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** which hosts the elections for the **2009/2010 PAC Executive and other volunteer positions**. As per our **Dixon PAC constitution**, these elections are conducted through three rounds of nominations, led by our previous **PAC Chairpersons, Sue Mattice and Jacky Kane**. **ALL POSITIONS were OPEN!** We welcome the new volunteers whilst also thanking those who did an outstanding job this past year:

- **Chairperson & Vice Chair:** thanks to Ravi Saulnier and Kristy McLeod for their efforts this past year as Co-Chairpersons. Both women have opted to perform as co-chairs again next year.
- **Secretary:** welcome Susana Bradbury
- **Treasurer:** Mairi McNamara
- **School Planning Council (SPC):** we traditionally seek three parent representatives for this committee: (1) English strand, (1) French strand and (1) the executive. This is not a hard-and-fast rule, but helps to ensure for representation from these three groups. We thank Sadie Lee who is stepping down this year and welcome: Sandra Khan, Sue Mattice, and Ravi Saulnier
- **Social Responsibility:** Sandra Khan and

Andrea Thomson (one open position)

- **Food Days:** two people have traditionally coordinated this fundraising activity and we need more helpers for order counting days. Kelly Bajwa and Karen Robinson will continue as the main coordinators. Helpers for “counting” days include: Kristy McLeod, Sandra Khan, Karen Fisher-Hagel, Ravi Saulnier. More help will be requested as needed.
- **Fundraising Coordinators:** Lisa de Giorgio, Karen Fisher-Hagel will lead as co-coordinators for this important role; Jacky Kane will continue to coordinate the Family Photo night; Sue Mattice will review and advise on the QSP project for next year.
- **Early Warning:** Sue Mattice, Coordinator
- **Earth Quake Preparedness:** Sandy Taylor
- **CPF –** as there is currently no chapter in Richmond, no position is required
- **RDPA:** rotation schedule to be post by PAC next year
- **Guest Speakers –** Colleen Lee
- **Book Fair:** Elaine Fontaine, Susana Bradbury
- **Staff Luncheon:** to be announced next year around Christmas time.
- **Dragon Wear –** Lisa de Giorgio
- **Dragonflies:** Colleen Lee, Chris Pughe, Andrea Thomson

Welcome back Daryl Unger...

Returning to Dixon next year as Principal Daryl Unger... Daryl will join the next PAC meeting on **May 14th @ 9am**
Question? email us: dixonpac@gmail.com

In Attendance: Yi Yi Lian, Nicole Hawthorne, Susana Bradbury, Sandra Khan, Lisa de Giorgio, Karen Fisher-Hagel, Sue Mattice, Jacky Kane, Deirdre Lintott, Christine Marin, Ravi Saulnier, Mairi McNamara, Andrea Thomson, Kristy McLeod. **Adopting March Minutes :** Mairi McNamara and Nicole Hawthorne. **Times:** Start 7pm—ended 9pm. **Prizes:** 50/50 Draw: Kristy McLeod and chocolates to Jacky K, Karen F-H, & Sandra K

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dragon Wear: lots of research from Lisa de Giorgio on locating quality fleece vests and jackets to be embroidered with Dixon Dragon logos. So far the costs have been too high and she is still researching this and will get back to us in the fall.

Mother's Day Pendants: thanks to Lisa de Giorgio and Cathleen Dudicourt for is coordinating the sale of pendant necklaces for Mothers Day.

Grade 7 Celebrations: there was a Grad dinner & dance meeting on April 15th for parents who wish to help. It's not too late to sign-up to help with the celebrations—email dixonpac@gmail.com for more info.

Family Dance: notice has been sent home

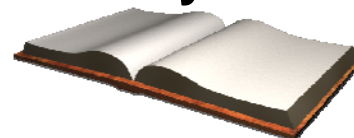
and we're looking for volunteers from the future Outdoor Ed and/or Quebec families—see back page for more information.

Quebec Trip 2011/12: parent of French students in grades 4 & 5 will be receiving a notice home from Kristy McLeod who is coordinating a committee to begin visiting fundraising for this upcoming trip. While it is 1.5 years away, the idea is to plan and implement fundraising ideas earlier to maximize opportunity and minimize stress.

RDPA: next meeting is April 21st where they will offer an Inclusion Presentation program and our very own Dixon elementary team will be presenting on anti-bullying.

~ Ravi Saulnier

gently used BOOK SALE! May 6th



Our last major fundraiser of 2009! The Book Sale will take place May 6th during the Celebration of Learning evening. A notice will go home soon to solicit used books in good condition. We aim to begin collecting books starting on April 22nd. Books can be delivered (anytime after this date) to the stage area of the Dixon Gym. We will require helpers before and during the sale: (a) to sort books into categories pre-sale and (b) to help collect money the evening of the sale.

**More info to follow...
stay tuned!**

ADMINISTRATOR & TEACHER'S REPORTS

Deirdre Lintott and Chris Marin provided the following updates:

- **Welcome to our newest Dixon parent, Mr. Yi Yi Lian, father to Cherry Lian, in Ms. Evans class.**
- **Staff Lunch:** thanks to all who cooked and baked for the April 5th staff luncheon—it was most appreciated during report card season!
- **Parent Appreciation Tea:** mark your calendars for the Parent Appreciation Strawberry Tea on April 24th from 1:30pm-2:45pm
- **SPC:** Deirdre will work with our outgoing SPC parents to determine goals for next year. Dixon plans to continue with the focus on Social Responsibility; specifically Democratic Rights and Responsibility (i.e. how can I make my world a better place?). Some activities will include Trash-less Tuesdays, garden project, all with reading, writing connections. The report will be written in May for the year ahead.
- **Track & Field:** the annual track meet is on May 19th and we will begin training soon. Five day rotation through the stations to help children practice for activities including high jump, long jump, relays, etc. Grade 3's are excited to join the track events—be sure to attend the meet at Minoru this year.
- **Jump Rope for Heart:** our very own demo team is out promoting good health with a fundraising component. There are 14 that travel with Kim Folk to other schools. Skipping for 10 minutes is equal to running for 30 minutes. Thanks to Jacky Kane and Kim Folk for their work in this organization.
- **Celebration of Learning:** May 6th between 6:00pm-7:30pm. All classes and students will have displays in their classroom—parents are invited to walk about the entire school and enjoy this evening.
- **Welcome Back Daryl Unger...** Daryl was our Vice Principal last year and has accepted the position as Dixon's principal beginning in September 2009. Daryl will join our May 14th PAC meeting at 9:00am.
- **Chris Marin** spoke briefly about the Dixon Dragonflies success... they have recently planted seeds before spring break. Lettuce, sunflowers, various veggies will be planted in the garden soon as well. We're now waiting for School district to dig up the asphalt in the annex so we can plant trees; seniors at Minoru Center have created some wooden dragonfly decorations for our garden—merci!
- **French book fair** – this is a good opportunity to get some great French books as these are hard to find in stores; many are from Quebec. We do earn a small percentage of the monies.
- **Grade 7 Dinner / Dance:** June 23rd;
- **Last day of school** is June 25th; good assembly to bid farewell to our grade 7's
- Staff wish to say thanks to all the parents who served in various PAC roles and committees this past year. We welcome to the new volunteers stepping into the 2009/10 roles!

FINANCIAL REPORT

We did not receive much income in March (\$19.56); April's cash ending balance was \$9,999.34. QSP paid us \$198 based on online orders. Family dance expense of \$236.25 did not come out of the PAC budget but rather out of the family dance fund monies. Scholarship monies still to be provided to our two high schools as well as monies to the Grade 7 luncheon.

~ Mairi McNamara

GRADE 4-6 PAID HELPERS!



The Family Dance offers a paid work opportunity for our future Outdoor Ed and/or Quebec students to assist as helpers at the Dance concession stand.

What's required? We need 8-10 students, accompanied by 3-4 parent supervisors to perform a series of duties at our May 1st Family Dance. Duties include:
⇒ clearing dishes from tables
⇒ loading/unloading dishwasher
⇒ putting dishes away
⇒ help to sell beverages at the concession stand
⇒ clean-up concession area

Last year's concession earned approximately \$250 and the money was split equally amongst the helpers. The same process will take place this year—only those who help will take part in the division of monies earned through the concession stand.

Parent helpers are key to the success of this effort—students need to be guided in the tasks; additionally, parent helpers are asked to pick-up/return the Starbucks coffee urn and get bagged ice to chill the cold drinks.

More information is available to those interested—please call Andrea at 604.241.4352 before Friday April 24th!

11TH ANNUAL FAMILY DANCE
Friday, May 1st from 6:00pm-9:00pm
HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!!