

## **Oct 11 PAC Meeting Minutes**

Sarah Hodgson: Kids are really excited about safe travel to school; thank you from teachers for the espresso machine; Green team (recycling on Wednesday mornings) need help from parents, on Wednesday mornings to help sort, and to get refundable containers to the Bottle Depot.

Murray: other option is to scrap recycling at school, and get kids to take home what they've brought to school "pack in, pack out"

## **Safe Travel to School**

Thanks to Tom for organizing and to all the parents who have stepped up to help out

Drive to 5: school expected it to be the most challenging one as it involves a big change in habits. Had 99 students dropped off at Drive to 5 locations. We could have had better communication about walking school bus, as parents expected to find it on all days. Parents are welcome to organize this amongst themselves.

Jen: kids at Rockland and Moss were very excited about walking to school on their own, and didn't want to wait on the walking school bus.

Feet on the street: approx. 250 kids walked today and picked up tickets

Thursday is cycling and transit; prizes will be specific to bussing and biking. Bikes can be locked to the fence when we run out of rack space. The city is donating a bike rack and a fix-it tower as part of this campaign: fix-it tower will go near the low wall at Moss & Fairfield, want to put bike racks near the dome at the front of the school; will solve supervision issue for that area as well. Need further discussion of moving bike racks from behind school to front as they're currently underused.

Friday will be 100% car-free at school. Parking lot will be used for extra recess.

## **Halloween Party**

Music is under control; sound system ordered and playlist created

Jen is in charge of games and needs volunteers for two things: goop table, someone to drill out 200 apples and tie strings through them

Donation letter for apples and pumpkins: who is doing this?

Justin is doing haunted hallway; we'll use the Facebook page to solicit supplies/helpers

Nicole is handling quiet room in the library

Volunteer sign up is already on the PAC website

Do we want lights for outside this year?

Janine is doing decorations-looking for any lawn-type decorations that people are willing to loan for the evening; we'll also have pumpkins that people can take home to carve, bring back for the evening, and take home again

### **Poinsettia Christmas Fundraiser**

Need to confirm dates, and it needs a coordinator. Julia will deal with it if we go ahead.

**Staples update from Tanya**-went really smoothly. Feedback from teachers that the bags labelled with names are useful for storing extra supplies in the classroom

### **School Update**

Murray: teachers discussing whether kids can be allowed to wear costumes to school. Some schools do. Argument against is that they can be distracting/overwhelming/get wrecked before Halloween.

Parent feedback: kids have lots of opportunity to wear costumes before Halloween, plus we have the party, which gives them the chance to wear costumes to school.

New Safe and Caring SJD section on school website, outlines allergy awareness; info around lice and how to deal with them. Nuts in lunches will be eaten in the classroom, rather than at the tables in the halls, and shouldn't be eaten as snack outside. Kids will be washing hands after eating lunch.

Noodle Box for schools programs: no nuts are allowed in the school lunches, and they are prepared before the restaurant opens in an area that has been thoroughly cleaned after any nuts have been there.

### **Guest Speaker: Kirk Beasse**

**Kirk will send Tanya an email with links to the research he's discussing**