

Minutes of PAC Meeting – January 25th 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35 pm

Attendees: Susan Derickson, Paula Diaz (recorder), Kyla Babcock (Vice Principal), Lil Bartel, Lynne Optland, Chantelle Desrosiers, Curtis Schreiber (Principal), Cindy Chepil, Gary Buckberry

Regrets: Candace McKinnon

Minutes from November meeting approved

Agenda: Accepted as circulated, other than a date change for the Mental Health presentation to Feb 23rd.

Principal's report:

Curtis reported that traffic Issues continue to be problematic In the school and neighborhood. There Is a potential for work around the church and another crosswalk and sidewalk.

Kyla reported there has been a survey of students, staff and parents on the top ten most important questions to ask to reveal what is important to students and staff.

1. What are the challenges you face at CNB in and out of class)?
2. When you are stuck as a learner, what do you do?
3. Do you feel safe?
4. What are your greatest challenges at school?
5. What Interferes with your focusing?
6. How would you make CNB better?
7. Do you know what success looks like and how to get there?
8. Do you feel accepted?
9. Do you feel supported at home? At school?
10. How do you know if you've learned something?

In February, there will be another survey to a group of approx. 80 students, some parents and staff. Then a teacher group will look at trends and plan some school goals for the fall.

Curtis spoke re: I packages. This term they were "front-ended" and given early to encourage students to catch up and avoid failing. In the second term this will be done again and the Principals will look at numbers to see if method more effective than the previous.

E school : on the Westside it has been difficult for students not in school to access help through alternate learning. There is a facility in Westbank town centre but full of High school students and it is mornings only. A new teacher Mr. Stirling Steeves will be working at CNB daily from 2 to 4. He will help students who are non-attenders to integrate to CNB and to help with online learning. **Lynne** praised the Kyla work online.

Kyla reported the pancake breakfast for grade 7s was a success, many students reported their enjoyment. Appreciation given to the grade 9 leadership students for their planning and volunteering.

Leadership students also organised a pizza lunch for students with all G for work ethic grades.

Curtis commended the sports teams and recognized amazing efforts from teachers and volunteer coaches at instilling good sportsmanship and fair play. Particular mention to grade 8 boys and girls basketball teams.

PAC donations towards Volleyball expenses. The gym floor will be resurfaced over the summer and then the holes will be drilled. PAC have committed \$6500 this year and next to help with volleyball equipment costs.

Grade 9s are now working on course selection for MBSS.

Kyla spoke of the upcoming visits from students from the Japanese school. There will be 60 students coming in February. She requested if any parents would like to host students especially boys.

Susan gave the COPAC report from two past meetings.

There were some concerns re: reduced RCMP liaison services in some schools, this has now been resolved.

There may be delay in implementing the new curriculum for grades 10 to 12. There will still be a planning day in May.

The author Joseph Boyden will be presenting in February for PD day, this is also open to parents.

Susan attended the Lenore Skenazy presentation re: Free range kids/ parenting

January COPAC meeting superintendent Kintzinger spoke re: the graduation program.

COPAC also discussed limits as to who could attend meetings especially during elections.

Due to recent rulings between the BCTF and Ministry of education there will be over 40 new teachers hired by sd23. CNB was get 1.5 FTE.

Some schools have concerns re: space as not enough classrooms.

Proposed calendar for the 2017-18 school year has been circulated for input.

Potential school changes with potential for another High School in West Kelowna. Also potential for changes in the French Immersion programs.

There will be public forums eventually re: changes to middle school grades 6 to 8 and High school from grade 9.

Parents encouraged to review school district website for any information and the publication "Together we learn" re: specialized and dual credit programs.

New resource centres for students and parents; the Hub at Pearson road and Foundry opening in the spring, Kirschner.

There are a number of upcoming educational events in February, check the COPAC Facebook page for details.

Feb 1st: Talking to teens a survival guide Dr Knox

Feb 7th: Sexual orientation and Identity OKM

Feb 21st: Peaceful Parenting

Feb 23rd. FORCE, Mental Health literacy

April 19-20th Social media awareness

Next meeting Feb 6th, 6pm.

School departments:

Lynne: circulated a photograph of the new **library** chairs. Thanks, from Ms. Hart.

Lil: a large shop today to restock the **School store**.

Treasurer's report (Cindy) all amounts are approximate.

Some invoices have arrived, \$3700 paid so far.

Committed to fund \$ 17,600.

Gen account balance \$4200

Gaming account balance \$15,400

Susan suggested a parent appreciation event

Group discussed some ideas of a "pub night" a get together with PACs from other schools. The need to encourage PAC participation especially since some members will no longer have CNB students next year. Time frame, not at the parent teacher evening In February. Possibly around grade 6 transition time In April/May.

Lynne will explore some options.

Chantelle: asked about the electronic versions of textbooks, her daughter was using this and it avoided carrying heavy books home. This is no longer available due to cost. **Curtis will explore.**

Next meeting: Feb 15th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm