

Minutes of PAC Meeting – April 26th 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 6:40 pm

Attendees: Susan Derickson, Paula Diaz (recorder arrived later), Lil Bartel, Lynne Optland, Chantelle Desrosiers, Curtis Schreiber (Principal), Cindy Chepil, Gary Buckberry, Candace McKinnon, Lidija Danyluk

Minutes from February meeting approved.

Agenda: Accepted as circulated.

Principal's report:

There will be 6 new teaching positions, postings will be available soon. More electives will be added.

Kyla has gone to the elementary schools and will be going to MBSS to discuss student transitions.

Next Thursday the Lt. Governor will be speaking at CNB school.

COPAC report - Susan

Susan had been unable to attend the recent meetings. From the COPAC minutes there will be Enhancing student learning committees in the schools this replaces former School Planning councils.

They will welcome parent input.

School level document will focus upon the importance of social responsibility.

An educational event was held discussing social media. Strategies given to kids to avoid sharing inappropriate content. The approach was different from previous events and focused on making kids think how cell phones have changed social interactions.

There will be upcoming mock elections and student votes.

Possible budget changes coming at COPAC.

A survey available re: new youth clinic Foundry for youth, parents and caregivers.

There will be a delay in French Immersion planning.

The next COPAC meeting will be May 1st.

Information available re: Brain trust video game to protect you head, Susan reported it appeared to be geared more to the elementary school age level.

School departments: Lynne

PAC committee members commended Lynne on the wonderful newsletter. Very well received, especially the photographs. One idea for the next newsletter would be a "tear off" with cub bucks to spend at the store. Curtis will ask office staff to add to next newsletter.

School store: Concerns were raised at our previous meeting that no monies had been transferred from the store to PAC. Lynne and Karen have reviewed sales, pricing. It appears that the store has not made money this year and may have run at a loss. There have been many wasted specials due to over-ordering and other wastage such as expired product. Store prices have now been increased to cover costs as the purchase price of many items have increased from suppliers. Ideas to reduce wastage: ordering less, students will then usually purchase an alternative item to use up stock. Potential for online advance ordering and paying like the monthly lunch program, having a dedicated on-site volunteer "store manager" to ensure waste and cost control and report back to PAC. Will require further discussion at next PAC meeting.

Treasurer- Cindy

Approximate balances: general \$3100, gaming \$3800
Funds previously committed general \$900, gaming \$460

Should leave a \$5000 float for next year.

From PAC budget we had expected \$8000 from the store, the max now expected is \$2000 and could be 0.

Items committed to fund: teachers luncheon up to \$1350, grade 9 farewell \$700 and award \$100.

Decided to fund a "coffee and muffin" for the teachers, less cost but still shows our appreciation.

Funding requests:

Ms. Bishop again has requested a contribution towards door painting. This has in past years been funded by PAC, with low funds, we will plan to help but as the project has already started if funds depleted Curtis said school will cover. Ms. Bishop could be reminded to put door painting in her initial request at the start of the year. It is possible that some items requested by staff cost less than requested so may be able to fund.

Mr Perry for the music department submitted a request for funding a program in conjunction with the Okanagan Symphony. As this is for next year a decision should be made by the PAC in the fall.

Oyama zipline sent information, Curtis will review.

PAC members attended feeder schools, response positive. Parents at feeder schools were invited to attend our meetings and the Grade 6 welcome evening on May 10th at 6:30pm. Some PAC members will be there to speak with the incoming parents.

Next meeting: May 31st at 6:30pm, elections will be discussed
June meeting will again be joined with MBSS PAC and be a social event.