

Minutes of CNB PAC Meeting – March 15, 2018

CNB second staff room, called to order – 6:38pm

Attendees: Chantelle D (chair), Susan D (recorder), Wendy S, Julia F, Lil B, Tiffany S, John H, Karen H, Sara N, Christy L, Deborah L, Julie F, Rick O, Kyla B (vice principal), Curtis S (principal)

Tonight's agenda approved. Minutes of last meeting to be approved at next meeting.

Principal's report and discussion of impacts of Westside grade reconfiguration on CNB:

Welcome to parents of incoming CNB students.

Review of timeline for parent nights. (April 4th and 5th) Student visits to CNB happening in May.

Changes for next year: adding 2 portables, approximately 780 students this year increasing to approximately 825 next year.

Class sizes predicted to be around 25 students per class. Composition to be determined by factors such as student designations, discussions with feeder schools, parent requests, etc.

Discussion of unique middle school student characteristics including physical, psychological, social, intellectual and moral/ethical.

Discussion of target middle school organizational structure using four pillars model. Framework will contain advisory teachers, interdisciplinary teaming, planning and teaching, flexible block scheduling and exploratory classes.

Discussion of the 7 principles of learning: learners at the centre, the social nature of learning, emotions are integral to learning, recognising individual differences, stretching all students, assessment for learning, and building horizontal connections.

Efforts will be made to address the challenges facing students as they begin middle school such as using lockers, changing classes, more kids moving at once, more peers, more teaching staff, social media, self-regulation.

Question/answer session for incoming parents.

No COPAC, school department or school store reports.

Treasurer report:

Account balances - \$6227.33 (general), \$9216.40 (gaming) Spending this month - \$97.40 to foods department for bakeware.

Suggestions for future topics:

Planning meetings to be held after spring break to organize year-end celebration for grade 8's and 9's. Grade 8 "wants" include a grade 8 field trip (H2O?), door painting for art student(s), year-end celebration and awards.

Next meeting April 30th, 6:30pm. Meeting adjourned 8:53pm.