

Minutes of CNB PAC Meeting - October 30, 2017

CNB second staff room, called to order – 6:45pm

Attendees: Chantelle D (chair), Susan D (recorder), Wendy S, Julia F, Lil B, Kyla B (vice principal)

Tonight's agenda approved.

Minutes of last meeting approved as amended. Submissions for staff funding requests due November 10.

Vice-principal report:

Take your kids to work day this Wednesday for grade 9 students.

Character strong – developing student social and emotional awareness. Houston Kraft was a speaker at the school this month. Educational component provided by John Norland. Six teachers took part in training with them in Portland. Learned about character dares, kindness. Learning in-person social skills.

Extended Mentorship – started the year with name games to encourage connections between students.

FSA – Foundation Skills Assessment. 150 of 230 students in grade 7 are writing. Writing, reading and numeracy are the 3 components. Writing is done. Numeracy online is the next portion. This assessment used to be at the end of the year but now can be used proactively in grade 7. Based on grade 6 learning expectations. Marking is done locally and data is used by the school to help students.

GRIT – guys really into training. Helping boys re-establish a connection to their school. Learning to interact with the community, guest speakers, field trips.

Empathy strong – Middle school version of roots of empathy. Behaviour support program for kids spending lots of time in connect. It is going well. They had a visit from a baby in a recent session.

New leadership teacher – Nikki Parrotta – minute to win it, pie eating contest, Halloween dress-up

Learning assistance – 2 teachers at 0.7/0.8 each. Challenging start-up. Class sizes are small but collaborative model of support has suffered. Lost 2 adults supporting this role due to a loss of funding specific to these positions.

Teacher funding:

Some requests have been received. ***Susan will put these into a spreadsheet. Susan will pick up any additional submissions on/after November 10th.***

Treasurer report:

Account balances as of September 30, 2017 - \$8381.30 (general), \$3152.56 (gaming) Gaming funds to be deposited this month - \$14,860.

Budget approved. School store contribution estimates are low (\$5000) as last year store profits provided to PAC were only \$6000 for the year. Most likely we will get more than that this year, as there has been significant waste reduction since the end of last year. We can approve more funding requests later in the year, if we end up with a large surplus. We will consider using teacher luncheon funds at Christmas

this year, instead of at the end of the year. COBSS bursary contribution is only \$600 this year as three bursaries from previous years were never claimed. We will use these up this year but stay consistent with a total of 4 bursaries to be given out. Noted that in the past there was more than one grade 9 student award, but this has now become only one. This is given out at the end of the year assembly for grade 9 students.

Julia asked if we could fund transportation to the spring BCCPAC conference for one or two parents. We could consider this in the spring, if there are funds available.

Susan will get banking set up for herself, Chantelle and Lynne, with the minutes provided from last month.

School store:

Susan reported that Lynne would like to pass some responsibility for the store on to others this year or by the end of the school year. We would need someone who can come in to check on the store on a regular basis. Lynne has done an excellent job helping to get the store organized and making money again.

Asked Kyla if we could get some feedback as to where to place microwaves to avoid mischief and damage from students. ***Kyla will ask Curtis what he recommends.***

COPAC:

Last meeting not attended by our school. Minutes/agenda mostly covered basic start up procedures for the year. Next meeting is Monday, November 6th at 7pm.

Items of interest:

COBSS recipients sent in letters of thanks along with graduation photos. ***Kyla will post these in the staff room.***

Two Big White after-school ski sessions will be starting Jan 11 and Mar 1.

Outdoor Ed silent auction - Don't know how much in total they raised but profit from 50/50 was \$170.

BCCPAC online engagement site regarding cannabis regulation is available. BC human rights commission discussion online until November 17, 2017.

BCTF presentations offered. 10 to choose from. We can choose to have one or more to be held at our school, if there is interest. Could consider tying this in with extended mentorship themes.

Delay in new curriculum implementation. Our grade 9s will be the first to have full implementation required.

Good summary of gaming grant information in latest publication from BCCPAC.

Open recording secretary position:

Do we need incentives to get more people out to PAC meetings? Ideas – cub bucks, dinner, gift cards, child minding. Not sure how much difference this would make. ***Chantelle will put an announcement out in the November newsletter regarding a need for a recording secretary. All attendees to consider approaching anyone they think might be willing and able to fill the position.***

Next meeting November 27th, 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:53pm.