

## Minutes of PAC Meeting – February 15th 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, Candace McKinnon

Minutes from January meeting approved, Curtis noted that Math e book has been purchased.

**Agenda:** Accepted as circulated.

**Guest:** Jude Pipher from Central Okanagan Bursaries and Scholarships Society (COBSS)

COBSS was formed by retired high school principals approx. 40 years ago. COBSS committee members will be visiting 43 PAC meetings this year to give thanks for donations for bursaries, scholarships and awards. This will also provide information to PACS of why they send these cheques. CNB donates for 4 \$500 awards each year. COBSS have approximately 35 Community volunteers who work alongside the High school counsellors to provide financial assistance to graduating students with the costs of their further education. This can be to attend University, College of trades schools. There are over 500 awards per year and can vary from \$250 to \$10,000. Donated by individuals, organizations, businesses.

Students apply online and awards are based upon family financial needs and certain criteria for each award, a committee meets for 2 weeks in April to decide on award recipients, they are divided by schools.

### **Principal's report:**

There will be 1.5 additional teachers. 1 FTE for grade 8 and 9 numeracy and literacy and 0.5 extra for applied skills.

Next year with the BCTF contract and changes in class composition there will be more staff due to more sections and smaller classes. This will fill up space in the building and may lead to reduced space for electives.

Numbers throughout the district are increased and portable classrooms added.

Traffic issues- Curtis received information from the City of West Kelowna re: planned road improvements around CNB. Chantelle reported there have been some driving improvements with respect to merging and parking.

### **COPAC report - Susan**

Reminders of upcoming parent education seminars in February on Mental Health and Peaceful parenting. In April Social Media Awareness for parents April 20th at Dr Knox and April 21st at OKM. Further details on COPAC website

[www.copac.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.copac.sd23.bc.ca)

Next COPAC meeting will be March 6th at 6:30, starting with some social time for parents to discuss any concerns.

Central Okanagan Safe schools committee, there will be a video game released by Braintrust Canada to encourage kids to protect their heads. A poster will be sent to schools on Feb 27th.

DARE - drug and alcohol awareness program will be returning to elementary schools.

BCCPAC will be hosting an all-party forum on Education. This will be on April 4th and will be available as a live stream or a taped event.

### **School departments: Lynne**

Jennifer Craig from grade 7 English has requested some help from the PAC to publish novels. The grade 7 students are writing novels and some will be published and retained in the library. An estimate will be requested for consideration. Discussion ensued around possibility of parents being able to purchase their own child's book or fundraising by grade 7s to cover costs so everyone has a book. More Information on cost is required.

**School store:** a new volunteer for shopping will be requested. The store volunteers will look into the date for a money transfer to PAC account. Lynne reported some issues with the microwaves, they have now been moved to a more visible location for enhanced supervision, there have been coins found inside which could be hazardous.

### **Treasurer- Cindy**

Approximate balances: general \$3200, gaming \$10,500  
Most of this money has been pre- assigned. Store money still to come.

Receipts have been submitted for foods and sewing, paid. Receipts submitted for band and outdoor education. Previously approved amounts to be funded were paid. Band \$1500, outdoor ed. \$1250.

## **Social event: Lynne**

Lynne has contacted Whiski Jacks, there is a possibility of holding a social event there on May 6th. They can provide 125 tickets to sell at \$20 each to includee burger and a drink. \$10 to venue, \$10 to PAC. This could be held 6 to 9 pm.

Debate ensued, is this event a social event to meet other parents ? parent appreciation ? a fundraiser? Agreed that this event if to occur should be a fundraiser for a specific goal.

Group concurred that we need to encourage more parents of the younger students to be involved with PAC. Several committee members will no longer have children at CNB next year.

Suggest to invite grade 6 parents to May PAC meeting. Committee member volunteers to attend feeder school PAC meetings in April/May to issue a personal invitation, also to attend the grade 6 parent night at CNB. Susan to get information from PACs at Rose Valley, Chief Tomat, Shannon Lake, Mar Jok and Hudson Road on their meeting dates and ask for someone to be invited to attend preferably at the start.

Also PAC should have a presence at the welcome back to school barbecue In September.

The Messages to present : no fundraising other than school store and gaming, PAC a good place to find out information about school events and culture, help to decide on funding applications to enhance student learning, opportunities and participation at CNB.

**Lynne will contact Kyla** and arrange for PAC Information to be added to the newsletter, specifically to inform parents of Items funded by the PAC this year and thank parents and students for supporting the school store.

**Next meeting: April 26th at 6:30pm**

**Note consensus was to cancel the March 15th meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 8 pm**