

Minutes of PAC Meeting – November 30th 2016

Meeting Called to Order: 7:45 pm following the Talking to teens about Drugs and Alcohol presentation by ARC- attended by parents and well received.

Attendees: Susan Derickson, Candace McKinnon, Paula Diaz (recorder), Kyla Babcock (Vice Principal), Lil Bartel, Lynne Optland, Chantelle Desrosiers, Matt Whitt

Regrets: Cindy Chepil, Gary Buckberry, Curtis Schreiber

Minutes from October meeting approved

Agenda: Motion to accept (Susan), seconded (candace) Accepted as circulated

Funding requests: a letter of thanks was circulated from Ms. Hart (teacher librarian) , Mr Massey will at a later date invite the PAC members to see work done by students with the technology equipment, Work may begin in the summer regarding the gym floor and volleyball equipment.

Principal's report: Kyla reported that Curtis had attended the safe schools committee, traffic concerns from CNB have been reported but at this time the City has no plans to make changes. Candace reported a concern with drivers going onto the sidewalks to avoid traffic, Chantelle reported there are also concerns with Inappropriate parking causing traffic blocks and safety issues. Individual PAC members and Community members should be voicing concerns to the City. Kyla will follow up with the RCMP liaison officer, perhaps attendance by officer at busy pick up time may discourage unsafe practices.

Report cards: proactive approach to ensure many students have work completed ahead of time. Principals may encourage kids to attend homework club to complete work to avoid F grades.

Jupiter grades are helpful, however students may be reported as work not handed in when in fact it is handed in but not yet marked.

Marks are due by Dec 8th and report cards Issued on the 16th.

Some teachers at other schools have been using Fresh grades which has paperless report cards and on time reporting with picture/video messages. The District supports this process.

Chantelle mentioned that some students may find a low grade in Jupiter grades stressful until the student understands the small impact one low grade has on

overall marks. Kyla reported that many students regularly check jupiter grades however some struggling students do not follow the Jupiter grade marks.

COPAC report

Susan has sent out some information about upcoming parenting presentations group agreed that sending this out early to committee members is OK.

The "free range kids" topic may be of interest, especially to parents of younger children. Registration deadline, December 5th. COPAC sponsored with \$3000.

Feb 21st FORCE Mental Health workshop

April Social media education

Dec 5th there will be a COPAC meeting, Susan may attend

Big White after school program sign up by Dec 14th. There are 3 days In Jan and 3 days In March for CNB students.

Treasurer's report

Cindy unable to attend. Balances same as last month with COBSS bursaries of \$2100 to come out.

Approx. \$6400 In general and gaming money arrived, approx. \$19000 in gaming account.

Awaiting receipts for funded items to be paid out.

School store.

Susan and Lil have been assisting with Costco shopping.

Request to all volunteers to check expiry dates to avoid out-dated stock.

Lynne reported some issues with damaged ice cream which requires credit or return to supplier. Nicole and Karen aware.

Reports from departments: Lynne has sent out a request, no replies

Susan suggested a parent appreciation/greeting/social event such as held at the Elementary schools. Drive through not recommended due to traffic concerns. Evening better - to discuss at next meeting. Possibly during new parent welcome or parent-teacher night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next meeting January 25th 2017 - a social event and meeting was suggested for December 14th combined with MBSS PAC, lack of interest and due to no urgent matters requiring discussion in 2 weeks and a busy time of year it was agreed to cancel the December meeting