

PAC MEETING MINUTES

May 26th, 2016

Attendance: Leilani, Christine O, Valerie, Ali, Leni, Katrina, Lorin and Sharon

Meeting was called to order at ~6:35 pm by Leilani.

There was not a quorum present at the beginning of the meeting, however a quorum was formed shortly after the Principal's Report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Cooley provided an electronic copy of her report which follows. Any further discussion or comments regarding a topic has been added in **BOLD**.

Fri., May 27 – District Trackmeet

-PAC movie night

-Eureka Science sessions

-Pitman/Jorgenson classes to Blackwell Dairies

Mon., May 30 –WITS for Kindergarten at 1pm

-Big Buddy Celebration in the afternoon

-Assembly 1:45pm – Bike To School

Mon., May 30-Thurs., June 9 – grade 2 swimming

Tues., May 31 – McCauley's class to Residential School tour

Wed.-Fri., June 1-3 – Carr and Brennan classes to McQueen Lake

Fri., June 3 – Blacquiere, Hansen, Marchese classes – Science Fair

Mon./Tues., June 6/7 – TRU athletes visit DT

Wed., June 8 – Senor Froggy lunch

-Jensen's class to firehall

Thurs., June 9 – Musical Performance in the afternoon

Fri., June 10 – McCauley, Brennan, Carr classes – Science Fair

Tues., June 14 – Aboriginal girls' group swim

Thurs., June 17 – Grade 7 Math Race in the afternoon

Fri., June 18 – Bentz class to the Heritage School

Tues., June 21 – Aboriginal Day – classes taught to play bannock ball

-Bojesen/Noble and Caissie's classes to the Wildlife Park

Thurs., June 23 –McCauley, Cinel, Blacquiere, Hansen classes to the waterslides

Fri., June 24 – Jorgenson and Pitman classes to McQueen Lake

-Fun Day

Mon., June 27 – Grades ½ to Westsyde Centennial Park

Tues., June 28 – year end assembly

Wed., June 29 – last day of school –half day – 12:30pm

- 1) Teaching Staff Leaving: Mrs. Caissie, Mr. Wood, Mr. Ngo, Mrs. Schill, Mrs. Jensen, and Mrs. Cattermole
- 2) Support Staff Leaving: Mrs. Meikle, Ms. Stittle, Ms. Dore, and Mrs. Landygo
- 3) 2016-17-400 students, 16 divisions
- 4) New Staff 2016-17: Mrs. Morrison – grade ½ and Ms. Wium – primary PE prep. Mrs. Pagnotta will be taking a grade ½ position next year as well.
- 5) School Science Fairs – there are two -June 3 and June 10.

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- 6) determine what areas related to the Redesigned Curriculum they would focus on in the next school year. David Thompson staff will be focussing on Inquiry-based/Project-based learning and Assessment along with presentations of learning. This aligns with SLPs from other Westsyde Family of Schools in order to maximize professional development opportunities and resources.
- 7) Spring Break 2016-17 – in order to have a two break in the spring of 2017 schools will be adding 11 minutes to the school day. Currently we have already added 7 minutes to the day so need to add 4 more next year. As a staff we made the decision to extend the day to 2:34 from 2:30.

END OF PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Lorin reported that the Scooter Racks were finally here and installed and some kids are using them. Other kids are not happy about leaving their scooters in the rain and weather so they are disassembling them and putting them in their lockers. Christine noted that she had not yet seen an invoice for the scooter racks.

Lorin also spoke about the Safe Arrival program going live at the school. Parents will now have to call a toll free number, go to the safe arrival website or use the Safe Arrival App to report their children's absences. This program will help free up a lot of Mrs. Morris's time from calling home to ensure that an unreported absence is legitimate. A few parents reported receiving several phone messages from the system. Lorin said that the system will call each phone number in the child's file several times if parents don't register or if parents didn't listen to the entire message and acknowledge that the message was received. David Thompson is one of the District's pilot schools for this system, with the system going District wide next year. Lorin also said that magnets are on their way so parents can have a handy reminder of the phone number and website address.

Lorin also reported that a class set of 30 Edison Robots that he presented in the April meeting would be \$990 USD and that they could be here in ~ 3 days. Two parents requested more information regarding the robots as they were unable to be at the April meeting, so Lorin offered to set up the projector so that the parents could see the presentation again. After a few minutes (the meeting continued but for subject continuity the report will continue here) Lorin presented the presentation again. He said the robots could be used for a robotics club for interested children.

MOTION by Christine that PAC pay up to \$1400CAD from the Gaming account to purchase a set of 30 Edison Robots, 2nd by Ali. CARRIED

TEACHER LIAISON:

Ali said there were no new requests from teachers at this time.

DPAC REPORT:

Valerie reported that the DPAC AGM was held on April 19th and that they did not immediately have a President that night, but they have since found someone to take the position. Valerie also noted that the minutes from the meeting were not yet available. Christine noted that the notes from the March DPAC meeting that Valerie provided were in the April PAC meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Leni presented the treasurers report and said that PAC had healthy balances in both accounts. Leni explained that PAC received \$820 more from Gaming as an adjustment, most likely due to the amount of students at the school. She also reported that there are still a few more expenses to come out of the accounts like the hot lunch expenses for the last few hot lunch days, the scooter racks, etc. Leni also reported that a cheque to Blackwell Dairy had gone stale-dated from January. Christine said she would look into this. She also reported that PAC had several stale-dated cheques that were issued to some of the refs for volleyball and basketball. It was assumed that the kids they were issued to may not have bank accounts or the cheques were misplaced. It was suggested that for next year PAC should issue cash and receipts to the refs instead of cheques so that the students are better able to benefit from reffing games. She also reported that a Gaming cheque #161 had been reversed as this was a cheque from the previous school year given to the School Board but had not been cashed. Leni also requested the link to the Gaming website for applying for next year's gaming money. Christine will supply her the link.

FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE:

Art Card Fundraiser:

Christine reported that we had not yet received an invoice for the Art Cards so we were not sure how much was made from this fundraiser.

Spring Plant Fundraiser:

Christine also reported that Coralee was expecting to make around \$400 from the fundraiser. Some feedback from parents was that a lot of other organizations were also doing plant

fundraisers at this time of year so they found it hard to sell to family and friends. It was suggested that maybe next year it could be planned earlier or an alternate fundraiser could be organized.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scooter Racks: discussed earlier in the meeting

Whunda Days - Email Vote: A note for the official minutes that an email vote had taken place to subsidize the Whunda Days event and that it was for PAC to pay up to \$640 (\$5 per student) towards the expenses of the event for all grade 6 and 7 students. The email vote was carried.

Bike to School Week: Christine reported that Mr. Martin had put in a request for \$100 for prizes for Bike to School Week. Christine reported that the PAC Executive was emailed and it was decided that this request could come out of the budget for School Events and that no further vote was needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Societies Act - Christine reported that she received an email from BC Societies letting us know that there were changes to the Societies Act coming in November of 2016. She wondered if anyone wanted to look into what this might mean for our PAC organization. A parent suggested that it might be quite an involved process. Sharon said that she would check into this for us as the School District may already be aware and looking in to this.

Placeholders:

Creation of Facebook Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator

Need a Friend bench - There was some discussion about the Friend Bench again regarding if we just get a friend bench without memorializing Krystina or Mitch. It was discussed that having the memorial may bring up sad memories for students, another parent felt that it would help students to remember the good times. Sharon has discussed this with other professionals in how to deal with these losses and thinks that it may be best to have the plaque as a gentle reminder for those who want to honour Krystina and Mitch's memory, but not to have a school wide presentation about it. Another parent felt that it would not feel right not to acknowledge and honour Krystina's memory as she was a large part of our school community and that she would like to see the plaque on the bench. It was decided for now that Christine would look into sourcing a bench first to see what kind of costs would be associated with getting a bench and that we could further discuss the memorial in the fall.

Set up consistent PAC meeting times - It was suggested that perhaps PAC go back to the original Wednesday night meeting times rather than the switching between Tuesday and Thursday. As it was generally agreed upon that a consistent meeting time would be best, it was

thought that we should wait until the September meeting took place to get the most input on what nights would work best.

Next meeting Wednesday September 14th, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

(Minutes recorded by: Christine Ony)