

December 15, 2017

PAC Meeting minutes

- Call to order 11:19 am
- Approval of agenda – Brian and Jocelyn
- Principal's report – Sandra Szalipszki
 - Hot Chocolate and cookies was a huge success!
 - Middle school basket ball very successful and represented our school well
 - Kindergarten info session on Jan. 18 at 6 pm in library
 - Late French Immersion info session on Jan 23. 6:30 pm in library
 - Christmas concerts- 1:30 pm and 6 pm Dec. 20
 - Encouraging parents to attend day concert so gym isn't overcrowded in evening concert
 - HackerGal was huge success
 - Girls learned how to code
 - Competition across all of Canada
 - Had to create a game or a video using coding to help
 - Skating trips, wall climbing, swimming field trips upcoming for students
 - Swim club for middle school starting up again
 - School has received extra support for staffing – woodwork teacher, sewing teacher and robotics teacher hired for middle school exploratory classes
 - Starting Jan. 8
 - May be calling on PAC for financial support to help with items that may have gone missing over the last few years when these programs were not running
 - Consumables – parents are asked to pay \$20 for consumables for students who join those exploratory classes
 - Read-a-thon coming in January
 - Will be an assembly in January to kick it off
 - Jan. 19-26
 - Milk to classrooms from PAC
 - Grizzlies can come read to kids too
 - 2 people hired to temporarily replace teachers on maternity leave
 - Megan Pomper's replacement is Cynthia Adamac
 - Amy Denton's replacement is Cam Grey
 - Hearing and sight screening for kindergarten will take place in January
 - Loose part playground is working well. All students are now using it
- Vice principal's report – Jennifer Gibson
 - Water tankers were delivered
 - Need to check why they're not filled
 - Health and Safety committee inspected area outside woodshop (called the cage)
 - Found a lot of raccoon feces on the wood stored there
 - Raccoon feces may have contaminated the PAC stuff in the cage as well
 - PAC will need to check our things to see if there is racoon feces on it

- Need Rubbermaid bins to hold gardening tools to keep them from getting contaminated in the future
 - Motion to spend \$100 on totes to hold garden tools etc. in cage
 - Approved
 - Sent 4 middle-school students to be a sailor for a day
 - 2 grade 8 and 2 grade 6 boys were sent
 - All 4 enjoyed their experience
 - Class photos will take place on April 6
 - Whole school photo on that day too
 - Staff photos as well
 - President's report – Sheryl Williamson
 - Sharon and Sheryl attended SPEAC dinner at the school board office
 - 5 other elementary school PAC presidents there plus Belmont, and Spencer schools
 - Vancouver Island Parent's Conference (VIPC) will take place on March 3 at Royal Bay school
 - SPEAC sponsors 2 tickets per school
 - We get 4 because we're a middle school too
 - PAC also sponsors extra tickets
 - If parents would like to go, please contact Sheryl
 - BCCPAC AGM is in Richmond in May
 - Sheryl and Sharon are considering attending
 - Province is looking at funding playgrounds in the future
 - BCCPAC spoke with education minister to identify priorities for playgrounds
 - Want to know what are the needs for each school and district
 - Priorities and basic needs
 - What does a playground look like now?
 - i.e. Swing sets are out (only involves one person)
 - Modern playgrounds involve collaborative play etc.
 - Accessibility, safe services, initial funding and ongoing funding all being looked at
 - PAC budgets
 - SPEAC wants to be able to tell the province what PACs pay for
 - Most PACs budget based off funds raised in the previous years
 - Can we do that in our school?
 - Consensus at PAC meeting was that given our school size, we probably don't want to make that change
 - Still telling tickets for Royals: Jan. 13, Feb. 25 (pink in rink), March 17 (final home game)
- Treasurer's report – Brian Robson
 - November balance (not reconciled): \$53,356.16
 - Recommend transfer of gaming money to current account
 - Recommend moving \$11,000 of current gaming money over

- Recommend moving funds from high-interest savings account (gaming account) to conform with government rules on gaming funds
- Christmas shopping day - Alison
 - Raised \$1100 for food bank through Christmas shop
 - ~280 kids shopped, purchased over 840 gifts
 - Next year
 - Going to put a maximum of 5 gifts and will change form so that families can opt out
 - Money and sheet come back at the same time (deadline listed) so that we can plan
 - Maybe make sheet set up so that each item is a gift tag that can be cut out
- Fundraising report – Jocelyn Edmunds
 - Spring fair planning
 - Coordinators for each activity
 - Silent auction/raffle – need volunteer
 - Canteen – Sheryl
 - Games/prizes – Alison
 - Advertising – need volunteer
 - Volunteers – Melissa
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 - Will have a planning meeting in January to start planning
- Adjourned 2:50