

Minutes – March 7, 2018

- Call to order: 6:34 pm
- Agenda approved with revisions – Lauren and Jen
- Principal's report – Sandra Szalipszki
 - Thank you for the pancake breakfast
 - Thank you for the book fair
 - Thank you for the pink shirts
 - Art start
 - Lots of progress
 - Finished first phase
 - Request from PAC for pictures of the progress to be posted on FB
 - Going amazingly well
 - Back of posters have been drawn and tiles have been rolled out
 - Little circles to represent each student have been created
 - Tiles will be glazed and grade 8 will grout them together
 - Finished product will be placed at every exterior door
 - Elementary basketball is now over
 - Thanks to the teachers for coaching
 - Jamboree at Royal Bay on March 6 was fantastic
 - Middle school volleyball completed as well
 - Students get to compete against schools outside our district
 - Thanks to teachers for coaching as well
 - Curling session in middle school gym for some elementary classes
 - Helene looking into how much it would cost for school to have our own curling set to incorporate into PE lessons for the kids
 - Feb. 20 – one woman circus show visited school
 - Kids loved it
 - Grade 7 at Camosun for field trip to see apprenticeship programs
 - Mental health day for middle school students
 - Learning self regulation, growth mindset, aboriginal ways of healing
 - March 15- WE Day in school for middle school students
 - From Me to We movement
 - How to act globally and locally to have an impact on the world
 - Middle school music went to UVic for music festival with Mr. Croft
 - Elementary choir sang at Royals game
 - Concert March 8 at 1:30 and 6 pm
 - Middle school band concert for the whole school on March 9
 - Lots of ski trips and swim trips coming up
 - Ski trip on March 1 to Mount Washington for middle school
 - Lots of fun, no injuries
 - Swim club is continuing for middle school
 - Mr. Rodman and Mme. Narsing are coaches

- New daytime custodian – Al
- Terry Fox fun is coming soon
 - April 27
 - Will be looking for donations to Terry Fox Foundation soon
- Jump rope for heart coming soon
 - Mmes. Marshall and Goreas are organizing
 - Island Hoppers coming April 26 to get kids started
 - Actual jump rope for heart day will be in May
- Working on Grade 5 transition to middle school from Millstream
 - Counsellor going to Millstream on April 10 to prepare transition plans and talk to kids about John Stubbs
 - Kids will be visiting school on April 17 to see what it's all about
- Young innovators project – several teachers involved
 - Kids doing innovation in classroom
- Mentorship projects outside and inside school
 - Mentorship blocks are time tabled for new teachers to learn more about how best to teach with more experienced teachers as mentors
- In-house TOC working great
 - Mr. Brown prepared dress rehearsal for spring concert for Mme. Daykin March 7 and was able to do that because he had filled in for her before
- Mme. Ryan created new way to enter and exit middle school gym in 8 mins
- Great Pro-D session by Roy Lister (McGill)
 - Talked about incorporating language learning in all subjects
- New technology arriving – smart boards, chrome books that were ordered will be arriving soon
- Wifi is being upgraded at school
- Outdoor cameras have been upgraded
- Kindergartens are now playing in the main playground
- Loose parts playground progressing
 - Some minor challenges but lots of successes
- Kindergarten registration was last week of January
 - District limited number of registrations this year
 - First time in a long time that this has happened
 - 16 in district and 9 out of district on wait list right now
- Phasing out grade 6 hockey academy at John Stubbs
 - Scheduling and time tabling isn't working out as well
 - Want to enrich what we have with the exploratories
- President's report – Sheryl Williamson
 - Pink shirts went well
 - Thanks to Sandra and Jen for the slogan
 - 45 shirts left over to sell next year
 - Impressed with the company
 - Will do this again next year
 - Sold ~170 shirts this year

- Will ask if we can use this company for our “volunteer” shirts for spring fair and other events
- PAC elections coming soon
 - Elections are in May
 - Sharon will put out a call for nominations
- Spring fair coming along
 - Hoping to do food trucks this year
 - Ashley will be bringing the bouncy castles
 - Next planning meeting – March 16 at 1:00 pm
- Movie night was cancelled for snow
 - Not sure it’s a possibility to reschedule this year because of spring fair
 - Will try again next year
- Agendas
 - Middle school students don’t tend to use the agendas provided by PAC
 - Grade 1 – 5 will still get agenda
 - PAC will purchase a small number of agendas for middle school students, but it will be up to each student if they want to purchase one
- School supplies
 - School Start is a new company that offers school supplies
 - Price seems reasonable compared to Staples
 - Supplies are ordered online up until September and then delivered to home
 - No need to pick up from Staples
 - PAC receives \$5 per kit
 - Consensus is that we should switch to this company
- Hot lunch availability next year
 - With school being at capacity next year, home ec room may be used as a classroom
 - Getting kitchen every Friday next year may be a challenge
 - One option may be to purchase a large container that is placed on school property and can be equipped with a full kitchen, so lunch can be prepared there
 - Sandra will know in May whether home ec room will be available for PAC to use
- Teachers leaving for next year
 - Sandra will advise
- Buddy family concept
 - Idea is to create a “family” of multi-age students across elementary and middle school who would do group activities together in-school
 - Thought for next year
 - Hard to do with a large school, but might be worth a try
- Book fair
 - Went well
 - Thank you to library for giving us space throughout the week for the book fair
 - Will improve communication for the next one
 - Kids seemed to enjoy it

- Fundraising report - Jocelyn
 - Art Card proofs after spring break will be returned to students
 - Proofs will be distributed in April
 - Order forms will be due back on April 11
 - Final orders should be delivered in time for Mother's Day
 - Met with QSP lady
 - Cookie dough, seeds, magazines for sale
 - All online
 - Sounds fairly easy and minimally time consuming
 - Jocelyn will explore further
- Book fair and emergency prep reports - Lauren
 - Looking for other people to run book fair next year
 - Kirsten Q. and library had said they'd be willing to organize next year
 - We will ask if they are willing to take this over
 - Emergency prep
 - Need to know final location of water carboys before we can fill the ones we have
 - Will need more water carboys for next year since school population is increasing
 - We will be asking parents for a \$7 donation to cover emergency rations in September for the 2018/2019 year
 - Emergency prep at district level (SPEAC emergency prep committee)
 - Currently no standards at district level for schools
 - Every school PAC and admin act independently to ensure safety of their students
 - Committee asked that each school PAC make a wish list of what each school should have so that they can figure out funding at the district level
 - Langford Emergency Services was guest speaker at SPEAC meeting
 - Looking at hosting an emergency preparedness night for all parents in the district
 - SPEAC looking at doing more
 - Sandra is working with Kirsten Q's husband to prepare a map of where all prep items should be set up in the event of an emergency
- Treasurer's report - Brian
 - Needs more info to finish up February month end
- New business
 - Poppin' 4 Peeps
 - Lots of waste on playground so popcorn may need to be cancelled
 - We will start using less full bags for Kindergarten to see if the mess gets reduced
 - All other bags will be filled with less popcorn so that they can be closed easier if not completely eaten
 - Parent communication
 - How feasible would it be to have a pinned post on PAC page with monthly lists of what's happening this month?

- FB only allows one pinned post
 - PAC will try and put together a google calendar that can be shared with all parents to keep them up to date
- Millstream elementary earth awareness community event – April 14, 2018
 - Large garage sale, bottle drive etc.
 - \$25 for table
 - Should PAC rent a table and ask parents here for donations so that we can sell at their garage sale?
 - Maybe next year
- Adjourned 9:12 pm