

PAC Meeting: November 17, 2015

Attending: Dan Dandar, Laura Wallace, Linda Castagna, Andrea Venegas-Rook, Debbie Adams, Jen Cleary, Lindsay Witham, Birte Hunter, Olga Brough, Principal Mark James

Laura Wallace Chairing the meeting. Start 7:05

Approval of October Minutes: Linda Castagna, Second Lindsay Witham. All in favour.

PAC Chair & Executive still vacant will continue with rotating Chair. Birte will run the December meeting and Lynda will run January.

Grad Council: Trevor

- Christmas boat Cruise. 5:30-9:00pm Dec. 1. Dinner will be supplied.
- No outside dates allowed
- Boat Cruise Forms/payment due November 26th
- Weekly Grad Dress up days/Grad Events
- Face Book Groups have been set up
- Grad wear has been ordered
- Santa's Breakfast Dec. 18th
- Baby Photos/Slide show photos due by January 15th.

Financials: Treasurer Report

Dan Dandar. The gaming funds came in this month. \$20 a student, \$12680 was what we received this year. \$3350 came in from the Donation Campaign; \$2400 was the large project funds. Technology was \$290, Emergency \$160, Transportation \$500.

Balances: \$40,000 in the Transportation fund, plus teacher requests, we'll go over this next meeting.

Lindsay Witham: \$1500 from RBC, if we organize a cleanup with 3 hours on a Sunday in the Spring.

Principal's Report:

- Mr. James talked with representatives at the school district head office about the bleachers. He learned that bleachers are not something the district has the budget for at this time. Renewing the bleachers then becomes a matter of choice for the PAC and where they want to spend their money. It was decided that the bleachers are adequate for now.
- Mr. James is looking for a small group of PAC representative who will go through the teacher wish list to determine items to be supported by the PAC and school for the year.
 - Dan, Linda, and Lindsay will meet with Mr. James to figure out a proposal for the next meeting so we can vote on the budget.
- Course and Academy Fees: Mr. James presented the proposed fees for the 2016/2017 school year. Changes for next year were:
 - an increase in Food Studies of \$5 for each Food Studies course
 - PE 9 was reduced by \$5 to match with the fee charged at grade 8
 - Basketball Academy fees were reviewed and include an increase and now are set at \$130/month for the regular program and \$150/month for the elite program. Further a

\$50 processing charge will be applied. (Refundable if a student does not get into academy).

- Mr. James submits the fees to the School Board for approval at a School Board meeting.
- School planning will be changing. A handout was presented with information on the new model, and is best summarized as a process, not an event – as it has been in recent years. The best news is that teachers will now be a big part of the process. The process begins with visioning, which will guide future actions and will require input from parents and teachers.
- Mr. James and 4 teachers went to Thomas Haney Secondary School to learn about some of the things going on in the province with regards to building flexibility into schools, this is an important issue in small schools such as Seycove where we want students to have all the options available to larger schools, and the benefits of a smaller school within a vibrant community.
- Report Cards will be different this year. Reporting for this coming year will be cumulative as opposed to term based as it has been in previous years. First term report cards will come with an explanation of the changes.

DPAC Rep: Birte Hunter,

Spring BC PAC Convention is in Kelowna, April 28th-May 1st. NV DPAC will be getting a new website, Bryan Hughes and Petra Willems did a presentation on the PLP, the philosophy of Project Based Learning which was very well received by the parents who were there. The Parent body was extremely interested and was wondering why there was only one school that does the PLP

Scholarships: Debbie Adams,

Unlock your future. Josie Hughes went to one of the seminars about the scholarships. 75 minute seminar. Maybe the PAC would provide it for the parents/students? It will be a \$400 fee, is it worth doing? The owner of Unlock your Future will try to book individual appointments. It's been really well received; it isn't too late to go to. Debbie will check with her the schedule

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52pm