

Seycove Secondary PAC meeting, January 10, 2017

Introductions all around, Attending: Ngaire Roberts, Sam Barker, Laura Wallace, Pius Ryan, Dan Dandar, Principal Mark James, Andrea Musselman, Magali Caron, Jen Cleary, Lindsay Witham, Sandra Brooks, Fiona Douglas-Crampton, Suzanne Siemens, Bev Buckingham

Superintendent Pius Ryan, Vision and Understanding in Curriculum. Interesting discussion about the future of education in BC and North Vancouver. List of Books: The Republic of Plato by Allan Bloom; Thinking Based Learning by Robert J. Swartz; The Predictable Failure of Educational Reform by Seymour B. Sarason; Out of our Mind, Learning to be Creative by Ken Robinson; Finnish Lessons by Pasi Sahlberg; Future Wise – Educating our children for a Changing World by David N. Perkins; DRiVE – The Surprising Truth about what motivates us by Daniel H. Pink; Emotional Intelligence by Daniel Goleman; The Rise of the Network Society by Manuel Castells; mindset, the new Psychology of success – How we can learn to fulfill our potential by Carol S. Dweck.

Dec. meeting minutes and agenda approval: Motioned Dan Dandar, seconded Lindsay Witham, carried.

Dan Dandar - Treasurer's report: There needs to be some clarification of the monies set aside for the Dry Grad. Is this 'Dry Grad' money from BC Gaming?

Mark James - Principal's report: Need some help from this group of parents. We need a school planning group to define goals, it is important to have an advisory group. Lindsay Witham and Ngaire Roberts have volunteered to be on this committee. What do we want the graduates to look like? "An educated citizen" from the Ministry of Education:

The Educated Citizen

A quality education system assists in the development of human potential and improves the well-being of each individual person in British Columbia society. Continued progress toward our social and economic goals as a province depends upon well-educated people who have the ability to think clearly and critically, and to adapt to change. Progress toward these goals also depends on educated citizens who accept the tolerant and multifaceted nature of Canadian society and who are motivated to participate actively in our democratic institutions. Government is responsible for ensuring that all of our youth have the opportunity to obtain high-quality schooling that will assist in the development of an educated society. To this end, schools in the province assist in the development of citizens who are:

- thoughtful, able to learn and to think critically, and who can communicate information from a broad knowledge base;
- creative, flexible, self-motivated and who have a positive self-image;
- capable of making independent decisions;
- skilled and who can contribute to society generally, including the world of work;
- productive, who gain satisfaction through achievement and who strive for physical well-being;
- cooperative, principled and respectful of others regardless of differences;
- aware of the rights and prepared to exercise the responsibilities of an individual within the family, the community, Canada, and the world.

As a side note, agenda planner books may be replaced with a different medium, most of the classroom agendas are taken with student phones by photo and are not written in the agenda planner.

Question from Ngaire Roberts: How many school fees paid? Only 40% so far. Invoices will go out in the near future.

In conclusion: PAC meeting in February will be rescheduled to Feb 21st if possible to avoid the 14th. There will be no PAC meeting in March. Dan Dandar will chair February. Lindsay Witham will chair April, Sam Barker will chair May, Laura Wallace will chair June.