

Seycove PAC meeting: October 13, 2015

Attending: Josie Hughes, Birte Hunter, Sandee Doxtator, Andrea Venegas-Rook, Lindsay Witham, Linda Castagna, Ngaire Roberts, Laura Wallace, Steve Weller, Sonya Klassen, Mark James (Principal).

Motioned to approve September minutes: Birte Hunter, second: Lindsay Witham. Unanimous

Motioned to approve the financials from April: Linda Castagna: Birte seconded. Unanimous

Motioned to approve the agenda: Birte Hunter seconded: Jen Cleary. Unanimous

Action Item: Dan will work with Deb Bramley to get the minutes and the financials on the website links

Dan Dandar: Introductions around. Dan is the Treasurer and is chairing the meeting.

New Business:

Open Executive Positions: These could be rotating positions.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary

Laura Wallace will chair November 17. No meeting on the 10th because of Remembrance Day. Birte Hunter will chair December, Linda Castagna will chair January.

Mr. James is definitely missing a PAC chair, someone who has a sharp vision to what the students and staff want from the school.

Grad Council consists of 12 students. The PAC has asked for a representative from Grad Council to attend PAC meetings to report on progress of upcoming events.

Treasurer's Report:

- Payable is lower as payment to Seycove Music happened
- Basketball is the only payable left.
- \$12,680 is the amount we should be getting from the Gaming Funds we applied for in May. Lower amount due to declining enrollment
- Transportation has \$39000 and
- Technology is nearly empty after buying computers in June,
- Emergency Prep has around \$5000 but we have funded that the last two years to bring it up to code.
- Re-classified the staff lunch into its own line item for further discussion later in the year.

Fundraising:

- Back to raising money for the bleachers which will be about \$65000. We modified the funds sheet last year for parents to contribute to the gym bleachers, but we didn't get much money. Overall donations were around \$8000. Mr. James is asking the teachers for their wish-lists.
- Notices were sent out via e-mail for parents to pay their fees for this year. On the fee sheets there is PAC donation. By next meeting we should have some idea of how much we're getting. Parents need to have more information on why we need money, we need to sell the value of what we're doing raising cash for the bleachers. We need to communicate the need more often.
- Pizza sales cannot go on as the contract for the cafeteria does not allow us to add anything. There also can be no bake sale. The district has a policy against sweets in schools.
- Lindsay Witham can get us a grant from RBC for the school cleanup, \$1000 for the school and \$500 for her involvement. So if we do a school cleanup on a Sunday in the Spring we will be able to get that \$\$.

Principal's Report:

Seycove staff meetings are held on the same day as the PAC meeting. They start with 'Seycove Celebrates, where they talk about the positives of the last month. The staff here at Seycove is very close and it's been refreshing. Students have been outstanding.

Events that have already taken place

- There was the First Nations orange t-shirt day
- Trip to Black Tusk
- PLP went to Oregon
- Grade 8/12 BBQ
- International Dinner
- Grade 11's to Victoria

The staff at Seycove is unified in their pathway of doing things. This school has an Ethos which has resulted in following through with possibilities. The staff at Seycove takes things on and complete objectives. They are trying to make our school the place to come to. There are some really neat things that can happen at Seycove and Mr. James thinks we have the staff and the students to be successful.

There are over 80 International students at Seycove from all over the world, (Germany, Brazil, Korea, etc...). The students take all the same courses as the regular students do without distracting from the regular lessons and the students do quite well. Many students make contacts that can last for years. Mr. James will be looking into how our international students can share their cultures with ours.

DPAC: Birte Hunter

Nothing to report from DPAC but every parent is welcome to attend the DPAC meetings at the Education Service Centre on Lonsdale, last Thursday of every month.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:23pm