

PAC Meeting – Nov 15,2016

In Attendance: Michelle Hebein, Debby Kabesh, Helen Braun, Connie Fan, Nicole Bevan, Ruth Kaune, Aaron Akune

Message from the Principal

- Drop Everything and Read – all English classes participated.
- Grade Nine take a kid to work day occurred at the beginning of November. All Grade Nine students participated in this event.
- We Day just happened at the end of October – only 10 tickets were given to Sands this year
- Presentation by a contact we have through our yearbook company was held at the Langley Events Centre and we sent 20 kids to this. He shared stories of his experiences in various jobs and career pathways throughout his life.
- Scholarship night in the library and we had a very positive turn out – approximately 100-120 people. Held by Susan Dean our career advisor
- Post Secondary Institutes night was also held a week later. Not as big a turn out but did provide an opportunity for people to come out and learn more about post secondary opportunities
- Fast Eddy came out to visit and gave a presentation. Carly Harrison and Tianna Blouin – run a program called Community Ambassadors. They were the ones who promoted and ran the presentation.
- Friday afterschool youth drop in program – day one was Nov 4th and day two is this Friday Nov 18th. Almost 50 kids attended day one between the hours of 3-5pm. Most were in Grade 11/12 which was not expected. Target was the lower grades so it was interesting to see who came and the trend of attendance.
- Boys Soccer team and Junior Boys Volleyball teams have qualified for Provincials! Boys soccer provincials is in Burnaby Nov 21-23 and the Boys Volleyball is in Kelowna Nov 24-26.
- Music concert Wed Nov 16th.
- Grade 11/12 Winter Gala Dec 8
- Dec 14 Christmas Concert
- Last Spring we had the school complete a survey. This information was compiled and is used to look at student opinion and needs. One question revolved around whether they felt that adults at the school believed they would be successful in life. From these results we learned that a large number/percentage (36%) do feel this however 30% feel that they are not believed to be successful. This is important information because studies have shown that those who believe that others perceive them to be successful in adulthood have a much greater chance of graduating. On Nov 14th we invited 50 kids to come to a Department Head meeting so that that questions and the results could be explored further. This information will be used to form a basis for some future objectives in the school.

Treasurer's Report

- 2015/16 Gaming Summary Report has been completed and sent in.
- Still working on the 2016/17 spreadsheet for this year's allocation of funds
- Wrote cheques for student food (\$334.97), Yearbook (\$311.18), Library (\$323.79) and Tea club (\$9.05). We also wrote a cheque for \$1400 for the Library Books
- Discussed Me to We and ask that they know for next year that the PAC can provide a loan to assist with fundraising projects. This year they will be supported through Mr. Akune as they had approached him for support.

Emergency Food Report

- Ginger has recommended that we purchase the following:
 - One day of food support
 - Lanterns and flashlights with batteries or crank ones so batteries are not needed
 - Saline solution
 - Battery Operated Radio or Crank radios
 - Community Map
 - Two Way Radios

Funds from the private PAC account (\$2700) will be used to make these purchases. Helen will ask Jodie to price out the list from the company she has used in the past.

Other Items

- Who is purchasing prizing for Grad from the PAC? Mr Akune to put out some feelers to students to see what will keep them at the event. We have donated \$600 for the prizing.
- We had allocated \$10 per child but only \$8 per child is needed. Currently there are 143 Grade 12 students.
- The extra \$2/student will be held until Grad numbers are finalized. Once this is done it will then be used to bump up prizing and to put towards the Hardship Fund.

DPAC meeting is next week

Meeting adjourned by Helen at 8:15pm sharp

Next meeting is January 17 at 7pm