

PAC Meeting January 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:02p.m.

In attendance: Mike Nelson, Scott Cobbe, Karl Mottl, Bev Pommier, Kelly Fitchett, Trudy Robinson, Mary Radonic

Treasurer's Report: \$15,665.40 in gaming account; \$6499.31 in general account

Need to spend some money. Kelly Fitchett asked if some field equipment to get students active (during lunch hour for example) might be a good way to invest some money. Ideas for what type were discussed. A super nova was mentioned as an option. More discussion needed.

Clarification of what PAC money is spent on was given: the students.

Update:

- Gymnasium equipment upgrade is ongoing.
- PAC has most recently (in the last year or so) contributed to the following purchases: crash mats (already installed) for the gym; charge cart for library laptops; equipment for the robotics club.
- Call out system is finally up and running (automated system which sends out class absence notifications)
- 30 pairs of poles and snowshoes have been purchased (the money was donated by Gleaners). They are on the way.
- A Kin-ball was recently purchased and has already been used in PE classes.

Principal's Report

- January 23: first Art Attack Day will be held at the school from 11-2. Ms. Hawkins and some community artists will explore various artistic activities with invited students. Based on how this first day goes, future Art Attacks may be planned.
- February 10: a delegation of Chinese International Exchange Students will arrive. Staying until February 22. Arrangements are currently being made for activities in the school and surrounding area including skiing, skating, and a trip to Ainsworth. An attempt to match up the visiting students with PCSS students to make the activities more enjoyable is being made. The students will spend a small amount of time in some select classes. They will be housed with homestay families.
- April: there will be a First Nations students trip to Vancouver Island (for grade 11s and 12s). More details to come.

Sports

Basketball season is in full swing. Six teams are playing for the school. They are relying on community coaches, with the exception of the junior team that is being coached by Mr. Nelson. Thank you, Mr. Nelson!

Farm to School Program

Successfully ran another lunch on January 13. The program may not be sustainable, though, as the bulk of the preparation workload is falling on Mrs. F. Cobbe's shoulders.

Provincial Exams

Week of January 25-28

Grade 10: Math (January 28), Science (January 25), English (January 26)

Grade 11: SS11 (January 27)

Grade 12: English 12 (January 25), Communications 12 (January 26)

NID (Non-Instructional Day) January 15

PCSS will host all Creston Area school staff to look at New Curriculum Implementation. It is a day of planning.

A second NID will be in April.

Implementation of the new curriculum for K-9 is September, 2016. For grades 10-12 it is September, 2017.

February 5: next Professional Day for staff

School staffing: on December 10, staffing needs were finally addressed. Postings for second semester were created. Two half-time positions and one full-time position were successfully filled. There is one more posting to come and it will be focused on indigenizing the curriculum, and finding resources for First Nations initiatives. A Native Studies degree will be required.

Mr. Cobbe is currently assembling a report on creativity in the classroom (a directive from the school district). With so much creativity in so many diverse areas of the school, he is looking for an effective way to inform the school community of what his findings are once the report is complete. Details to come.

New Education Assistant positions

-Two new full-time EAs have been hired. Noon hour tutorials have been available for sometime and now afterschool tutorials are available twice a week. Students can ask for details at school.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next PAC meeting is February 10th at 7 p.m.

