

## PAC Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2016

In attendance: Scott Cobbe, Bev Pommier, Jodi Mann, Kelly Fitchett, Sharon Bloodworth, Mary Radonic

Treasurer's Report: Gaming account has \$15,665.40. General account has \$6499.31.

Family of Schools Facility Planning: meetings will be held on February 25 and April 6 at 6:30 in the auditorium. Topics to be covered include discussing enrolment projections for upcoming years are declining and what this means for different facilities. Where can savings be found? For PCSS, the Bubble is past its prime. What happens when it is no longer viable? One success story is how the Pathways building has been repurposed and put to use (now known as the Field House).

Columbia Basin Trust Grant: there is a recreation infrastructure grant of up to \$10,000. For anyone who wants to do the paperwork, the school could benefit from this money (it's a big project; lots would have to be planned before an application is completed). Other grant money is available from the Credit Union. Again, specifics of the project would need to be decided before applying. Possible targets: enhancing the basketball court area.

DPAC: parent advocates to speak up for parents and help them act as intermediaries between parents and the school needed. Sharon Bloodworth indicated she is willing to be the DPAC representative for PCSS. BCCPAC conference general meeting in Kelowna on April 30 and May 1 needs volunteers. Expenses paid. There is a DPAC Facebook page.

### Principal's Report:

Report Cards: Mr. Nelson reviewed grade 8 and 9 report cards and signed them. Mr. Cobbe worked on the grade 10 and 11 report cards, and Mrs. Macdonald worked on the grade 12 report cards. Report cards handed out February 12.

Chinese exchange Students: Arrive February 10. Mr. Cobbe to greet them. Nine students and one chaperone will be here until February 19<sup>th</sup>. They will be doing various activities both in and out of the school including bowling, curling, a visit to Harris' dairy farm, a visit to Therapeutic Riding, Ainsworth Hotsprings, and sitting in on a couple of classes.

Basketball season in full swing.

Most recent new teachers: Mr. McCowan (teaching senior math and science) and Mr. Louie (teaching planning, English, and First Nations Resource Development) are fitting in well.

More staff hours have made it possible to have more teachers placed in LAC and as resource teachers. This has increased the number of students who can be given more one-on-one help with their schoolwork.

More counseling time is also needed and Mr. Cobbe is working on making that happen.

Parents are encouraged to attend the Talking Tables meetings to discuss staffing in schools.

Next year's class groupings are already being discussed. With the new curriculum for grade 8 and 9 students beginning in September, staff are exploring options such as combining some classes (perhaps electives).

PAC: Kelly Fitchett has offered to be co-chair (along side Bev Pommier). Voted. Passed. Thank you!

Grad request: a request for \$ to help the grads purchase an item that can be used for years to come for Prom was tabled until later in the year when it is clearer what grad \$\$\$ needs will be (and grad fundraising is completed)

Next meeting : Wednesday, March 9 at 7 pm.