

**PCSS PAC MEETING**

**Minutes**

**January 12 2021 9am**

1. **Attendance:** Sherry Harder, Kelly Fitchett, Crystal Stankowich, Brian Hamm, Jill Phelps, Kristi Wray, Greg Wanke, Mike Nelson, Ms. Parsons, Tania Wiklund
2. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes:** Call to order 9am.

Motion to approve agenda and minutes - Crystal S., Sherry H. seconded. Carried

**3. Old Business**

- a. **Hub update:** Very busy – expanded spaces 2-3 more offices being used (doubled space).
- b. **Lunch Program update:** Forms out last week – due tomorrow. Another 4 hot lunches: DQ, Panago, Blackstone and Golden Flour. Pam Kriese and Crystal S. organizing. Taking turns with restaurants in town to give them business. Try to give diversity so there is some vegetarian. Well received – kids that need lunches are getting them.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

**General account:** Dec 7/20: \$3,592.10

**Balance Jan 11/21:** \$2,827.85

**Gaming: Dec 7/20:** \$18,459.97

**Balance Jan 7/21:** \$17,867.71

**5. Principal's Report:**

-profits from vending machine have gone to purchasing water refill stations in school

-received \$700 donation from milk producer's association – for meal purchases. Should try to tie it to dairy.

-extracurricular – basketball season is now open. Cross country running team started. E sports running, art club running.

-student trustee team working at creating database to organize clubs at PCSS. More opportunities to connect – grade 12 student mental health group/club. 2 sessions per week. Straight gay alliance club.

-Pcss Learns – library newsletter twice a month.

-getting traction on climbing wall project. Student led proposal. Connected with some providers. Getting to a quote. Looking at fundraising for next year. (Kristi advises that Town of Creston may be a good source of information)

-2 new team members hired that begin later this month: Morgan Jones (background in music – vocal/band) – humanities Jan 26. Eric Meyers (PE) going on paternity leave – hired Lecara Davidson as replacement.

## 6. New Business

- a. Funding Requests: None
- b. Parent (Kristi Wray) asking about hosting an outdoor movie night for grade 7's and 8's
  - would need to purchase projector, large outdoor screen.
  - Consider partnering with Canyon-Lister. Kristi will look at costs involved. Mr. Hamm does not see a problem with further discussion after Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. PCSS already has a portable screen.
- c. Some students concerned about flickering fluorescent lights. LED lights improve that – Mr. Hamm to explore this – Mr. Nelson advises it is related to voltage issues with building – students have not come to teachers about this. – some electrical light switches are being changed over as an upgrade.
- d. Bathroom locks not all working in individual stalls in girl's washrooms. Mr. Hamm will advise custodians to ensure all working.
- e. Will be opening gender neutral bathrooms in some of the individual bathrooms.
- f. French immersion – not making steps to expand into the high school. (about 10 interested – was told they need 20 to expand). Kristi willing to create an inquiry sheet to ask about student interest. Kristi to explore numbers and provide to PCSS---Mr. Hamm to look into district position on this and report back to PAC. Explore language acquisition vs immersion (skill of learning languages). Complexities in expanding language programs and ability to staff accordingly. Will look at District plan to support students in French immersion moving forward into High School. Discuss at Alignment meeting in February.

- g. Students have asked about more outdoor seating. Mr. Hamm supports this. Kristi advises Rotary Club looking at supporting basketball courts – might also partner regarding seating.
- h. Kristi would like to introduce program that introduces students to local society – town council, volunteer time on resume – wondering if that would be interested in this – Mr. Hamm is open to this.
- i. Ventilation upgrades –When addressed with School Board, Dr. Perkins discussed larger budget. Greg asking about PCSS allocation to upgrade ventilation to improve air quality: Budget provided by SD8. Field House (\$195,000 was allocated to this building HBAC upgrades by SD8 for 2021 budget )– building at end of soccer field – old Pathways building. Now converted into hybrid gym to replace bubble. Asbestos work in past years. Wall renovation took place this past summer. Unaware of further upgrades. Greg advises that funding was provided to district but Creston has not received upgrades. Mr. Hamm to follow up with this.

Mr. Hamm shared information from custodial about air ventilation: **All district systems had been set to maximize fresh air intake (where possible) although with the recent change in temperature this is being adjusted to allow our heating systems to keep a comfortable range for students and staff. Systems are monitored with filters replaced on an approximate 3 month schedule. Filters used are a MERV 8 rating – our systems are not designed to operate with a higher rated filter (e.g. MERV 13).**

Budget can be accessed at:

[https://www.sd8.bc.ca/sites/default/files/2020-2021%20Budget%20Amendment%20Options\\_v3\\_0.pdf](https://www.sd8.bc.ca/sites/default/files/2020-2021%20Budget%20Amendment%20Options_v3_0.pdf)

- j. CBAL presentations on digital literacy starting tonight – need pre-registration.
- k. Kristi – are PCSS staff seeing effects of digital literacy programs for math? PCSS not using these programs. Not heard any concerns.
- l. Parking lot – One parent has concern about students driving at high speeds towards entrance/exit to parking lot – other parents have not noted this – minority? Mr. Hamm to watch for this.

## 7. Adjournment at 9:55 and Next Meeting Feb 9 at 7pm