



Parent Advisory Council Meeting

November 10, 2015

Minutes

Attendees: Kathy Haesevoets; Natalie Smith; Kat Duncan; Carie Hartig; Paula Scallion-Pond; Nicole Linuzzi, Irene Ives (vice principal), Carter Giesbrecht (principal); Kat Rainsberry; Carmen Welsh; Tara Poilievre. Reported by Gillian Ruemke-Douglas.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. Approval of agenda:** Kat moved to approve; Nicole seconded
- 3. Approval of October 2015 minutes:** Kat moved to approve; Nicole seconded
- 4. Treasurer report:** Reviewed budget and standing report.
- 5. Fairway cards and Thrifty cards:** Cards haven't been picked up yet and will be distributed to the grade six classes. Envelopes are all ready to go.
- 6. Breakfast club report:** Hot chocolate, bread and cups have been stocked up. Carmen is able to get extra cups when they go on sale.
- 7. Principal's school report:**

Report on Math night, Remembrance Day assembly and parking/drop off issues. Changes will be coming to address continuing issues.

Two additional Professional Development days to be added to the calendar due to new curriculum. Dates will be well published.

Operation Snowball: An annual fundraiser/event that is all about the theme of generosity. The kick-off is next week. St. Vincent de Paul is the charity that accepts the donations. Hampers for Cedar Hill families in need are prepared. Events include the food drive, a coin drive, a fair themed evening (Tuesday, December 1st) with activities that raises about \$2-3,000, and a Christmas concert. For the first time ever we can't have one grade 6 concert –there are over 70 grade 6 students now so we need to split the concert into two. More details will be coming soon from the school.

Report Cards: Report cards will be changing to reflect the new curriculum.

8. New Business

Vending Machines: Kat presented what is permitted to be sold via the 2013 BC Schools Vending Machine rules. See page 59/53/51. No gum, no Gatorade or Mentos.

Survey Question: The school district is anticipating the operating budget for 16/17 will be in a deficit so they are looking for feedback from school PACs on what the (learning) priorities are. Last year they eliminated the administrative supplies budget and one ELL support position. What they are asking is what budget items PACs would NOT want cut. What are the areas that need to be protected? We filled out a similar survey last year. Maintain current levels of service was the message given last year.

Carrie motioned to send the same message as last year – maintain current levels of service.
Tara seconded it.

The survey was completed and will be sent to the school district via Carter Giesbrecht.

Healthy Schools newsletter: Carrie asked why this email is not being circulated to all parents.
Paula will follow up and ensure the email distribution list is up to date with the district.

Question re Seismic Upgrades: The school building is not suitable for an upgrade, however, it is built out of wood and on bedrock so we are in good shape and reasonably safe. In the future the building will be replaced but there are no plans at this time.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2016