

## **PAC General Meeting Minutes**

January 28th 2016

Attendance: Mrs Boles. Alicia Rempel. Zoe Flower. Karma Deu. Maryanne Csontos. Erin Lenko. Valerie Cyrany. Sabrina Sidhu. Lori Meier. Helen Antenbring. Claudia Fabian. Anne Conlin. Freis Lees. Janice Darnel. Christine Sainsbury. Shaila Jamal. Cynthia Dobbs Cox. Letitia Niesner. Shawna Shoranick. Caroline Ng. Michael Goundrey. Kira Valdez. Gabriel Baru. Cori Simmonds. Ellen Weeda. Heidi Hanscom. Stephanie Tam.

Call to Order at 7:05pm

Approval of Agenda

### **Presidents report- Alicia Rempel**

Willoughby Slope Consultation

-meeting coming February 15 with administration, to discuss catchment boundaries and options

"Thank You" to our PAC executive

Events in planning process for 2016

-Movie Nights, Valentine's Dance

### **Secretary report**

Zoe Flower motions to approve November general PAC minutes

Ellen Weeda seconds

Motion passed

### **Treasury report**

- We have \$27K in general with anticipated spend of \$6K

- Keep \$20K "nest egg" capital

-We have reached \$11K of our \$15K fundraising goal

Maryanne Csontos motions to approve General and Gaming budgets. Cynthia Cox-Dobbs seconds

Motion passed

### **New Business**

#### **Sweetheart Sock Hop Valentine's Dance**

-Lori Meier: event will be Friday, Feb 12th 608pm

-Volunteers needed, hotdogs and pizza up for pre-order via Munch a Lunch

-Newsletter has been sent out

#### **Classroom Baskets for Spring Carnival**

-Ability to pay online closes March 31st

#### **Special Presentation from Principal Mrs. Boles**

Where are we going?

-Rate of Langley grads is significant compared to provincial average

-First Nations girls on par with all girls average

-Lynn Fripps is second highest rated school in district (Alex Hope is first)

-Lynn Fripps is a community school

- New Curriculum is arriving in 2016-2017 school year
- Powerpoint presentation by students focuses on preparing kids for future jobs through critical thinking, collaboration, and self-lead learning
- New reporting system uses Fresh Grade application
- Current literary assessment reveals Grade 1-3 below average, very concerning
- Children who aren't reading at Grade level by Grade 3, statistically unlikely to graduate
- Grade 1 reading has gone up, but falters and loses steam by Grade 3, down 20%
- What has changed in last 5 years to create this downward trend?
- "Self-regulation" behaviour: kids no longer know how to cope with social situations
- Invention of iPad in 2010 correlates to students with lowest reading levels
- study reveals students are receiving an average of 5-7 hours daily screen time outside school hours!
- Learning/socialization starts in the home, best learning environment replaced with a screen
- Kindergarten teachers struggle to teach reading early, too much focus on teaching self-regulation first
- Children forgetting how to create play, rule sets-- expect to win, expect rules to be provided, fight them when they don't get their way

#### What Can Parents Do?

- Can school provide feedback and ideas on how to encourage self-regulation behaviours at home?
- Prepare for new curriculum with a parent workshop, show a lesson plan with a teacher from each grade
- Mr. Dorland already uses Fresh Grade with no letter grades or report cards
- Intrinsic motivation in a student creates a love of learning
- Reporting features words like: Curiosity, Strengths, Personalizations
- Website based so parents can connect anywhere/anytime

#### Gender Identity Presentation: Mr. Dorland

- District is focusing on gender identity and creating safe spaces
- Bathrooms at school: students report 70% have experienced harassment in this space
- stats on depression and substance abuse are scary
- Schools to create washrooms with no labels, just like at home, no Boys or Girls signs
- Surrey and Abbotsford already using this method
- All new school built with bathrooms no gender, floor to ceiling cubicles, wash station outside, no doors
- Current bathrooms allow for secret meetings, photos of others in stalls, graffiti, intimidation
- Parents are voicing concern over mixed gender bathrooms
- Principal encourages you to have your say with the district

#### Next Meeting

- New school photographers for school photos: Little Black Umbrella and Mountain West

#### Meeting Adjourned 8:26pm