PAC MeetingWednesday November 29, 20176:30 pm at the School

Present:

Jody Billingsley, Acting Principal
Alexa Bodel (Treasurer, PAC)
Shevaun Brown (Secretary, PAC)
Keelin Costello
Lisa Fairburn
Erin French (MAL, PAC)
Sara Gardner
Katie Hlynsky
Wendy Human (Web & Communications, PAC)
Karyn Jones
Meighan Jury
Kelly Kerklaan
Tatiana Krapotkina (Hot Lunch, PAC)
Brenda Radies (Chair, PAC)
Kelly Richter (DPAC Rep, PAC)
Heidi Scorgie (MAL, PAC)

Called to order 6:32 pm

Adoption of minutes from October 25th meeting
Kelly, Brenda

Adoption of the Agenda
Alexa, Brenda

Treasurer's Report:
Income:

- Funds deposited for Pumpkin Patch ($1675) – thanks very much Kim and Sean Whittall
- Funds deposited for Social ($1000)
- Added in fundraising from planned raffle baskets and cheque drive (rough estimates)

Expenses:
Since our last report, we paid for:

- Art Room Supplies bought
- Funds issues for classroom teachers and Principal's discretionary fund
- Maker Lab and consumables – received invoice, paid deposit on Maker Lab booking and provided the additional $735 for student consumables

Ongoing /other items:

- Hot Lunch

- Scholastic Book Fair
- Spirit Wear

Chair's Report & New Business

- Scholastic Book Order – very successful with $3102 returned to the school (once $3000 is cleared, 60% of profits are returned to the school). Thank you to Kelly & Mattie for organizing/running! Katie H raised concerns about book fair purchases; peer pressure to buy goods of questionable quality and whether this is the best way to raise funds. Eliminating or reducing the 'trinket' component was discussed as an option for future book fairs; it was noted that an Usborne Book Fair could be considered in the future as well. Erin F tabled the idea of children taking home a 'wish list' of top picks for parents to sign off on as permission for purchasing.
- Christmas Basket Raffle – collection boxes in the classroom; Karyn J has put raffle tickets for sale on the Munch-a-lunch site. Donations will be collected after school on Monday and assembled into baskets. As always, there has been mixed support from parents.

DPAC Report

<u>Minutes of the DPAC meeting held on Nov 1, 2017</u>

President's Report

- Sarah Ward (October Speaker) - if missed good recap on Sharon Selby's blog

Committee Reports

- Finance & Facilities - VOIP shift; parents won't see any difference on call in. Allows for better voice mail, etc.on WVSD end
- Salt shed being built on facilities site to avoid shortage. All schools to get a battery operated snow blower.

Trustee - Nicole Brown

- Student enrolment - overall up by 80 kids. Majority are local students (I.e. not international). ELL is up by 20%.
- New academy program this year - grade 10 - Outdoor School. Two afternoons/week.
- Staffing - all in place for the year now. TOC lists have been decimated; feel that WVSD has our numbers up for the year.

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent

- Change in structure at the District level from the Deputy superintendents departure. Same number of positions but a shift in roles and responsibilities. Part of this includes the appointments of Sean Nosek & Kim ?. One additional position is open; may result as a shift in the school based principals. Shift has happened; Liz Hill is now the District Coordinating Principal.
- Curriculum - BC Gov announced that they are delaying the implementation of grade 10, 11, 12 curriculum. New plan - grade 10 only starting next year and then staggering the roll out. Grades 11 and 12 following year. Working with universities on the grade 11 and 12.
- Province wide Examinations - were written in grade 10; new numeracy and literacy assessment is being brought in somewhere between grades 10 and 11. Still in a transition time; some students will write one or other depending on where they are in their school career. Indications are these are "low stakes" exams. Don't count as part of any course mark. Unclear what the universities will do with them at this point; they are scored on a 4 point scale. Won't be used as a barrier for entry, but perhaps will require a remediation course in first year based on score.
- FSA's written by grades 4 & 7 in the fall instead of spring this year. Different exam. Typically BC Government reported out by school; this year they will be reporting by District and then individual student results.
- FSA evaluates reading, writing and numeracy. Does not affect grades. 6-8 hours over a number of days (grade 4).
- Different districts have different teacher contracts. Movement has gone towards more provincial level bargaining for issues such as wages, (although base salaries are different as they harken back to a time where they were negotiated differently.)
- 2002 BC Government took many provisions out of contracts; court reversal brought those back - but to a time where there were 60 different contracts to many districts are stuck going back to the past. So many changes since 2002 where those rules and language no longer apply.
- WVSD has class size limits, ratios (number of students to councilors, student supports) but no language on composition (I.e. number of IEP students per class, etc.). Gives our district more

flexibility, but both sides can be argued. This does allow for services be deployed to match need.

Guest Speaker

- Presentation by student support services on Milo (used to support kids with autism).

Principal's Report

- JB thanked parents for warm reception & support.
- AC extending his leave until after the Christmas break, but he will be back Jan 8th. This will be confirmed in newsletter sent out to parents tomorrow.
- JB presented video of 'The LAUNCH Cycle for Design Thinking' and summarized initial discussions and pro-D around its implementation. He reinforced that this is not a new concept, just a new way of presenting STEAM to students.
- Zen Makerspace labs booked – these will provide pro-D for teachers and hands on experience for students.
- Dance in Schools booked for Jan.
- Badminton booked for Feb.
- JB reported that the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at GEC was a success; thanked Radies Family for represented GEC at the WV Remembrance Day Ceremony.
- Thank you to PAC for hosting the Scholastic Book Fair.
- Well done to Lisa Fairburn for efforts with Girls' Basketball Tourney.
- Communication continues with Admiral Seymour, our sister school. Kelly & JB met recently to discuss the 'Day in the Bay'. Charity Cantlie & Regina Koot's classes will begin pen pal exchange with AS counterparts.
- 25 Jan – Student Emergency Release Drill in the afternoon.

New Business

- Erin F informed that Lion's Bay PAC was sending card and gift to AC; was it appropriate for GPAC to do the same? JB confirmed that AC is happy to accept cards etc at this point. Motion to release discretionary funds for card and gift (under $200) for AC passed unanimously.
- Kelly R suggested parents should be reminded to check for head lice regularly. Could this be put into the PAC E-news? Lisa F suggested parents could be asked to hang onto their child's coat(s) at the Christmas concert.

Q&A.

- Kelly K enquired about after school activities – How are they selected? How much rent is paid to the SD? JB explained that proposals are accepted and selected as appropriate, but often dependent on interest. The activity offering for Term 2 will be similar to what was offered for Term 1; specific program list will be sent out in newsletter tomorrow.

Adjourned; 8:05pm