

PSO PAC meeting December 17 2018

Call to order 5:20pm

Attendees: Elke Baechmann, Christine Jordaan, Natalie Sass, Tammy Levesque-Holyk, Mikara Pettman, Melanie Lang, Anne-Marie Stroup, Gwen Scott, Manuela Betschart, Nicki Jackson, Geoff Butcher (Principal)

Guest: Linda Martens, SD27 Board Member Zone 1

Chaired by Elke Baechmann.

Agenda Items:

No additions to the agenda.

Minutes from past meetings:

Christine read through the minutes from the November 19 2018 meeting.

Elke motioned to accept minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mikara.

All in favour.

Treasurer's Report:

\$14,312.06 in gaming account

\$1,074.18 in working account

Natalie noted that she has not yet written the cheque to cover funding requests approved to date (\$1500). One cheque will be issued to the school.

Natalie to contact Aleta to determine where to send Red Cross cheque.

The decision was made not to pay the membership fee for BCCPAC, which was required if PSO PAC sent a rep to the BCCPAC AGM. Aleta had volunteered to attend but is no longer eligible to represent the PSO PAC because she does not have a student in the school. If any other PAC member is interested in attending, they are welcome to contact the Exec.

Funding requests

Funding request received from PE department for new water fountain in the gym area.

Natalie motioned to contribute up to \$1800 towards water fountain.

Seconded by Gwen.

All in favour.

Funding request received from Mr Anholt for \$600 for the purchase of two omniballs.

**After discussion, this request was tabled,
pending the receipt of a large funding request
from the school expected in January.**

Principal's Report

- Question was raised regarding when the gym wall would be fixed because having three classes in the gym at once is causing some conflicts. Mr. Butcher replied that he did not have a timeline; they've been waiting for eighteen months or so. The wall is not the right wall for the space and there are issues with getting it repaired. PAC could write a letter or phone to Alex Telford, Manager of Facilities and Transportation.

- **Threat Assessment:** meeting was held for parents on December 10. The follow-up is that there will be a lockdown drill sometime during the second week in January and perhaps a second in May.
- **Student Recognition:** Mr Butcher and Mr Brown are working on a 'random acts of recognition', a way of rewarding students for positive behaviours
- **Drama Production:** Will be at the Junior High gym this year.
- **Surveys from Students:** Mr. Butcher presented brief summary of the findings from the student survey. 80% response rate. Grade 8 students had lower reported incidence of stress than other grades. 65-68% of students report not seeing any bullying take place in the school. More survey info will be available in January.
- **Flex Block:** more information will be presented at next PAC meeting but the school is looking at implementing a 45minute/day flex block for students. The idea is to solve problems for the majority. Flex blocks will blend students of different grades together; less focus on segregation. Flex blocks' intent is to give students opportunities to catch up, ask questions, engage, explore interests.
- **Change it Up:** program coming for a week in February with the goal of creating a positive community. Rather than rules, looking to create common agreements collaboratively. Last held at the PSO in 2008/09 when it was only a senior HS. +/- \$11,000 for a full week; looking at a number of funding options, including Red Cross. May have a chance to involve parents. Funding request will likely come to PAC at January meeting
- **Log entry:** early stages of looking at creating a 'welcome pole' for the school, displaying who we are and what we believe; outcomes of the Change it Up could be carved on it. It would be a partnership with Sitka Log Homes.

Old Business:

- **PSO school website** - Melody working on uploading PAC constitution and minutes to the school website (parents tab)
- **Royal Bank** - Christine hasn't yet gone into the RBC to get signed on as a signatory. To be done by next meeting.
- **Gmail account** - new email address established: PSOPAC100mile@gmail.com
- **Partnership with S.C. Rhythmic Gymnastics Club** - The Executive did agree to support the proposal to the Red Cross for the funding proposal as presented at the November meeting. No news has been received to date as to whether the club has received the grant or not.

New Business:

- **Healthy School Committee** - consensus was that more staffing is needed, who are trained, supportive and engaging with students. Letter should be written to Donna Barnett asking for more staffing support. Brief discussion was had around how to move Committee forward. Sandy Davis from head office to be involved (cc superintendent). Request to be made to Mr Butcher to make stats from the student survey available to be shared with the committee. Focus of first meeting would be to set priorities: vaping and cell phones are primary concerns.
- **Scholarship information session** - at the end of next meeting Crystal Dawn Langton has said she will be available at 6:15 to speak about scholarship application process.

Meeting adjournment

Next meeting to be held on Monday January 21 2019 at 5:15pm in the PSO library.