

PSO PAC meeting November 19 2018

Call to order 5:20

Attendees: see sign-in sheet
& Principal Geoff Butcher

Chaired by Elke Baechmann

Agenda Items:

Aleta informed the table that Crystal Dawn Langton wasn't able to attend to present information on scholarships. Ms Langton will be invited to come to the December meeting.

Minutes from past meetings:

Minutes from September 17 2018 meeting were reviewed.

**Mikara motioned to accept minutes as presented.
Seconded by Natalie.
All in favour.**

Minutes from October 15 2018 meeting were reviewed.

**Mikara motioned to accept minutes as presented.
Seconded by Christine.
All in favour.**

Treasurer's Report:

\$14,321.21 in gaming account
\$1,078.41 in working account

Gaming money has arrived. The following cheques are still to be written on gaming account (previously voted on):

\$400 towards cameras (request from Mr. Murray)
\$600 towards drum making session (request from Ms Grimes)

The following cheques are still to be written on working account:

\$168 towards Red Cross (outstanding balance of excess funds from Kristen Buhr event)
\$75 towards BCCPAC to cover provincial body's annual membership

Funding request received from Ms Corno for drama production

**Natalie motioned to contribute \$500 towards drama production.
Seconded by Elke.
All in favour.**

Principal's Report:

Mr. Butcher spoke about:

- **learning outcome report cards** (i.e. not letter grades) for Grades 8 and 9 are being explored by the school
 - this is a widespread practice in BC already
 - Grades 10-12 report cards would maintain letter grades
- **flex / choice blocks** - school is also looking at implementing flex blocks which would allow students downtime or extra assistance in their day
 - this is already done in Williams Lake and is a trend in BC education
 - 45 minutes to an hour - students would sign up ahead of time
 - could be study sessions, student led sessions, knitting club, lego club

- focus is looking at ways to find time within the school day to have a break
- **Change it up (YES camp)**
 - first week February; week-long program leading students through process of developing compassion, tolerance, etc
 - some funding already identified for this but Mr. Butcher will be approaching PAC for financial support at a later date
- **RCMP** - in the process of establishing an office in the school, mornings
 - going into classes, presence in and around the school
- **MySchoolDay** - school is exploring a new app that may become an alternative to the current paper based planner
 - would give students and parents up to date information about school activities
- **November 27** - Mr. Butcher is headed to the School Board Trustee meeting in WL to request the use of the Junior Gym for the drama club's production

Old Business:

Christine will have the PSO PAC constitution, minutes and meeting announcements uploaded to the PSO school website, under the Parents' section

New Business:

Royal Bank - as a result of last month's election, Christine Jordaan, as incoming Secretary, needs to be added as a signing authority on the PSO PAC accounts. In addition, Aleta Bryan, as outgoing Chairperson, needs to be removed as a signing authority. Christine and Aleta will go into the Royal Bank to make these changes.

Gmail account - Christine will establish a PSOPAC Gmail account.

Request for Partnership with South Cariboo Rhythmic Gymnastics Club

Sang-Hee Robinson put forward a request for the PSO PAC to partner with the Rhythmic Gymnastics Club in their funding application to Red Cross. They are requesting funding from Red Cross for their youth program. The group is working with youth and their parents to help establish stronger connections with each other and within the community.

This type of partnership has been done before by PSO PAC (i.e. Dr. Kristen Buhr sessions in spring 2018). Red Cross requires a non-profit organization to manage the funds.

Because the Treasurer Natalie had left the meeting to attend another meeting, it was agreed that the Executive would look over the proposal and discuss whether or not the PSO PAC could partner up.

Application has to be submitted to Red Cross by end of November.

Healthy School Committee

Elke proposed that a Healthy School Committee be struck so that issues affecting the student population could be discussed more deeply than can be done at the PAC table.

Mikara motioned to strike a Healthy School Committee.

Seconded by Christine.

All in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Next meeting to be held on Monday December 17 at 5:15pm in the PSO library.