

PSO PAC meeting May 13 2019

Call to order at 5:18pm

Attendees: Elke Baechmann, Christine Jordaan, Natalie Sass, Mikara Pettman, Aleta Bryan, Ingrid Mapson, Geoff Butcher (Principal)

Chaired by Elke Baechmann

Agenda Items:

No additions noted

Minutes from past meetings:

The meeting reviewed the Minutes from the April 15 2019 meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report:

\$5213.00 in gaming account

\$857.32 in working account

It was noted that the actual cost to PAC for pizza day (Child and Youth Mental Health week) was \$800, not the \$1500 approved at the April meeting. Total cost was \$1300; Canim Lake Band contributed \$500 towards the lunch. Overall, the event was a great success.

Funding requests

- Request for History Makers conference: Aleta spoke to the request originally made in April; History Makers is inclusive of all, maintaining a biblical world view and focusses on life skills and healthy communication. Aleta informed the meeting that they had fundraised enough to cover costs for this conference and was withdrawing the request.
- Funding request for \$250 from Aleta Bryan for Bridge year-end event: day in Kamloops, picnic, laser tag, trampoline park. +/- 20 students going June 23
- Funding request for \$400 from Mr. Ardiel for geography field trip to Lilloett & Lytton +/-26 students
- Funding request for \$300 from Mrs Kreschuk for piano tuning
- Funding request for \$500 from Mr. Butcher for Grade 8 Welcome Dinner to be organized by the Bridge

**Natalie motioned to contribute \$1,450 towards above 4 requests.
Seconded by Christine
All in favour.**

Principal's Report

Lots going on this week: track & field, soccer zones, heavy metal rocks, grad 125 G kids, 261 honour roll (no mark less than C+)

Suspensions: School District has seen fewer suspensions over the last five years most common suspension reason = 'other' (i.e. not drugs/alcohol, violence but could be truancy, smoking, inappropriate behaviour, vandalism)
SD suspension policy will be modified from ten day punitive to be more to admin's discretion. Discipline is becoming less punitive and more behavioural.

Students Achievement: What makes an impact on student achievement? Research across North America indicates:

- leading teacher learning and development
- establishing goals and expectations
- ensuring quality teaching
- resourcing strategically
- ensuring an orderly and safe environment

Vaping: bag checks have started; +/-40 vapes have been confiscated over the course of the year. Change in policy: vapes will now be returned to parents at the end of the year. Question asked whether a monitor can be checking bathrooms for vaping; response was that bathrooms are being checked now.

Follow up from PAC letter to admin:

- Educational matters = admin
- Community matters = PAC

Student Governance: school looking to establish a student council - Ms Soukkareff will work on developing the Council with students. Change It Up leaders will come in September to work with Ms Soukkareff and Mr. Butcher on governance.

2019-2020:

- plans to reroute the bus route
- adding students to school culture committee
- having discussions around how to recognize the good - not always about scholarship
- teacher recruiting ongoing - Mr Butcher found that there was good interest expressed at the job fair in Ontario

Marsh: area between the marsh and the school needs to be FireSmarted / cleaned up. Administration has heard of some resistance from the group who oversees the marsh trail (owned by 100 Mile District but there is an environmental group that is opposed to changes being made at the marsh). Suggestion that PAC write a letter to the 100 Mile District (copying Mr Butcher) requesting that the area be cleaned up.

Old Business:

- Partnership with S.C. Rhythmic Gymnastics Club - no new information available
- Healthy School Committee - follow up from May 9 meeting - Mr Butcher and Mr Brown met with PAC members of the Healthy School Committee regarding the letter that had been written to administration April 30. According to proper procedure, the letter should not have been copied to the Superintendent or the Trustees. Further, Mr Butcher informed the PAC that it is not within the PAC's mandate to comment on staffing.

New Business:

- No new business raised.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Next meeting to be held on Monday June 17 2019 at 5:15 in the PSO library