

PSO PAC meeting January 21 2019

Call to order at 5:25pm

Attendees: Christine Jordaan, Elke Baechmann, Natalie Sass, Tammy Levesque-Holyk, Keri Donnelly, Maryanne Campbell, Kristina Coulson, Denise Balbirnie, Ingrid Mapson, Geoff Butcher (Principal)

Chaired by Christine Jordaan

Agenda Items:

No additions to the agenda.

Minutes from past meetings:

The meeting reviewed the minutes from the December 17 2018 meeting.

Natalie motioned to accept minutes as presented.

Seconded by Tammy.

All in favour.

Treasurer's Report:

\$10,954.43 in gaming account

\$887.78 in working account

Natalie noted that the water foundation request that the PAC had approved in December has been funded from other sources so there is an additional \$1800 that has been provided to the school but no longer allocated.

February's Change it up costs, including lunches, are covered so no need for funding from PAC for that.

\$100 was allocated by the executive towards the Bridge students to attend the school play.

Natalie estimated that year-end costs usually amounts to approximately \$3000.

Funding requests

- Funding request for \$500 received from Ms Thain from Senior Alternate for money towards Sun Peaks trip for +/-15 kids.
- Funding request for \$180 received from Mrs. Langton for winter wellness retreat (girls PE together with some senior alternate students)
- Funding request for \$600 received from Mr Anholt for the purchase of two omniballs (brought forward from December's meeting).

Natalie motioned to contribute \$1280 towards above requests.

Seconded by Elke.

All in favour.

Principal's Report

- **Flex block** - this idea has been postponed until the school district has a chance to evaluate the Williams Lake experience

- **Teacher recruitment** - looking for math and science teachers for this upcoming semester - although not ideal, school district is willing to hire non-certified teachers with letters of permission
- **Cell phones** - new policy in place with students having to leave their phones in class when going to bathroom - phones will be confiscated if students are found using their phones in the halls during class - the intention is for this new policy to remain in place moving forward.
- **Numeracy assessment** - taking place this coming week - all grade 10 students will take the test - Grades K-9 math skills being assessed - students have an option to write it again if they are not satisfied with their results the first time.
- **End of semester** – Wednesday of this week is last day of classes – report cards will be out around Feb 14
- **Change It Up** – United Way Wildfire Recovery Fund has funded the week-long program – Monday & Friday = assembly; Tuesday through Thursday = 1/3 of the school (mixed grades) participate through the day – the other 2/3 will carry on with regular block rotation - parents may be involved in mornings but afternoons require a safe setting where students are asked difficult questions – mental health workers will be present
- **Lockdown drill with RCMP** – the local police have been really busy lately so they have not managed to establish a presence at the school yet, as planned – also they had to postpone the lockdown drill – it is now planned for the week of Feb 25-Mar 1

Old Business:

- **PSO school website** – Christine will follow up with Melody regarding a PAC page for the website
- **Royal Bank** – change of signatories completed
- **Partnership with S.C. Rhythmic Gymnastics Club** – no news yet regarding outcome of Red Cross application
- **Healthy School Committee** – Elke asked Principal Butcher if she could attend next teachers meeting so that we can have buy in from teachers before setting priorities – Geoff agreed (Feb 20 @ 3:30)

New Business:

- Ingrid mentioned university recruitment fairs – great to have at the school but she'd like students to be made aware that there are more options available as well; not just those schools that attend the fairs
- Tammy reported that she had had a talk regarding the current challenges in the school with Donna Barnett who suggested that the PAC write a letter to the School Board requesting more support staffing – Donna asked that PAC copy her on this type of correspondence

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Scholarship information session – Mrs Langton arrived to give out information and answer questions regarding scholarships. Because the grad meeting was being held in the lounge, anyone interested in scholarships went down to the lounge to hear Mrs Langton speak.

Next meeting to be held on Monday February 25 2019 at 5:15 in the PSO library.

There will be no March meeting due to spring break. The next meeting after February will be April 15.