

Bayside PAC Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2010

7:00 pm

Bayside School

Attendees:

Wendy Seward (Chair of meeting), Jennifer Ottewell, Melanie Murray, Linda Lightbody, Melany Campbell, Shirley Elm (Principal), Wendy Van Deth, Michele Gibbs, Liz Russell, Nancy Borden, Heather Tomalty, Claudia Kazanowski, Tim Dunford, Rod MacDonald (Teacher).

Meeting Minutes

Introduction

Welcome, call to order.

Approval of Agenda.

Review Meeting Minutes

The previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Correspondence

A Giant Thank You card made by Mrs. Lott's Grade 6 class was presented to the PAC. The card was to thank the PAC for funding the trip to the Cowichan Cultural Centre.

Parent Involvement

1. Discussion about what the PAC wants to do this academic year. Some ideas were: use money to enrich education for current students, have a fall barbeque/welcome back night – combine with meet the teacher night, hold speaker nights, join with school (for example band) and provide social component & food. Tim emphasized that fundraising is not the PAC's only purpose. It was decided that this parent involvement discussion should be included in next month's agenda for more discussion.
2. Ms. Elm informed the PAC that teacher moral is quite low at present. Problems with the new computer system, funding cut backs and challenges related to the diversity of students are the reasons. They need time to do planning and they don't have it. The school does not have the money to give teachers any release time from the class room to prepare and plan. There will be nursing students from UVic coming to Bayside to do a practicum. Can't relieve teachers, but it means more adult bodies in the classroom. Would like to know if the PAC has any other ideas that would help situation.

Reports

Co-Chair, Wendy Seward:

She is working on a funding short-fall letter to send out to all parents. Thank you to Wendy van Deth for compiling an email list of parents who are willing to receive emails from the PAC. There are over 300 names on the list.

Treasurer, Linda Lightbody:

She has made a new funding request form, available in the office. Teachers have all been notified that PAC is providing funding of \$70 per classroom.

Financial Report as at January 11, 2010 was presented and accepted. **(Moved by Tim Dunford, seconded by Nancy Borden, and passed unanimously)**.

COPACS:

Jennifer Ottewell reported on the most recent meeting where the Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement was presented. This is available on the School District

website.

There was also discussion of the 2010/11 budget which has a \$2.9M short fall.

Tim Dunford, School Planning Council:

Tim reported on the most recent meeting. The council decided to keep the same goals as last year for continuity. They will be doing a “what did you do in school today” survey, and they will use the results for school planning purposes.

CPF Report

No report this month.

Committee Reports

Pizza Day - \$791.36 Profit for December pizza day and \$741.03 for January.

Fundraising Report – Melany Campbell

- Coffee Fundraiser – order forms due Friday.
- Bottle Drive – this Thursday and Friday – still need a.m. volunteers.

Immunizations: Next date is February 17, 2010. There are 75 students scheduled for HPV shots. The PAC needs 6 to 8 volunteers to help.

Old Business:

Parent Education Evening: Wendy S. is looking for a good date for a parent education night with a guest speaker from Uvic. It looks as if March is the soonest.

Earthquake Preparedness – there is a meeting tomorrow between Nancy Borden and Vice-Principal Tim Lampard.

New Business:

End of Year Celebration (Grade 8's):

Wendy S. will send out a notice to other Grade 8 parents to see who wants to organize.

School Supplies: Nancy Borden and Wendy Van Deth agreed to organize this.

Staff Appreciation Lunch: Claudia Kazanowski and Wendy Van Deth will organize this. It will be held in April or May.

Funding Requests:

Mr. McDonald attended the meeting and requested funds for the Science Department to purchase science (dissection) kits for the students. This will be used to “enrich” the curriculum by providing the opportunity for hands on learning by all science students. He requested \$1,200 to \$1,500. **It was moved by Tim Dunford and seconded by Wendy VanDeth and unanimously passed, that the PAC provide funding of \$800 to Mr. MacDonald for the purchase of science kits.**

Nancy Borden noted that the basketball hoops in the gym are in need of replacement. She said it would cost approximately \$400 to replace them. There was a discussion whether this could be funded out of gaming revenue. It was determined that all gym classes had completed their basketball units, so the new hoops would be used for extracurricular sports. **It was moved by Nancy Borden, seconded by Wendy VanDeth and passed unanimously, that the PAC provide \$400 for new hoops, and that gaming funds be used if possible.**

Next Meeting

Monday, February 15, 2010 at 7:00 pm