

Brent Kennedy PAC Meeting Minutes

Executive Members for 2016/2017:

Chair

Jen Peebles

Treasure

Kim Morris

Vice Chair

Cheryl Tereposky

Secretary

Sydney Thiessen

Date: October 3, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Meeting: Regular Monthly PAC Meeting

Location: Brent Kennedy Library

In Attendance:

Jen Peebles
Cindy Killeen
Kyla Hurst
Laurel ?
Kim Morris
Stacey Throop
Arwen Scheibe

Cheryl Tereposky
Chelsea Sanders
Laura Mikol

Sydney Thiessen
Jen Holliday
Mike Hurley - Principal

Call To Order: 6:33 pm **Adjournment:** 8:17 pm

1 REPORTS

1.1 Chair's Report

- Handout given at meeting
 - Brent Kennedy PAC Meeting Guidelines.

1.2 Treasurer's Report (Kim)

- Chequing Account: \$5,710.36
- Gaming Account: \$ 492.33
- Expecting grant the first/second week of October.

1.3 DPAC

- Cindy Killeen and Stacey Throop attended the last DPAC meeting.
- No Forum because not enough attendance.
- Sounds like our school is doing very well in comparison with other schools. DPAC appeared to be impressed with BK PAC and it's presence at the meeting.
- DPAC could open networking possibilities. BCTF seminars for parents.
- DPAC looking to provide an information centre for parents/parent's night out. Information seminars such as parenting issues courses, cyber awareness, etc.
- Talked about concerns with Nelson's Marijuana Advocacy - Marijuana Gummy Bears - How to educate parents to educate their children.
- Many schools in the area are having their water tested for lead - our school has been cleared for lead.
- Stacey and Cindy believe DPAC could provide many good fundraising ideas. Wildflower member shared that they run a SAVE-ON gift card fundraiser that does very well.
 - * Mr. Hurley suggested checking if schools around do this first.
 - * Arwen Scheibe asked the question of do we need to raise this money?

Next DPAC meetings are scheduled for Oct.27, Nov.24 and Dec.8 (Party).

1.4 Meals

- Nothing to report

1.5 Principal's Report

- Handout given at meeting
 - * Principal's Report
- 6) Friday Fun Day - Grade sixes organized to show leadership. It was very successful.
- 9) Winter Activities
 - * Shanoon Bennett to do Snowshoeing - will cost \$500.00 and there will be bussing costs. School will do it's best to offset costs with fees.
 - * Bowling cancelled in Nelson - Discussion regarding looking into the use of the Castlegar Bowling Alley as a possibility.

- Discussion regarding 11) Movie Night Date Change? Previously scheduled for October 21st the movie/BBQ has to be rescheduled because that is a Pro-D day.
November 4th was given as an option.
 - Cheryl Tereposky motioned for the November 4th date change.
 - Jen Holliday second the motion.
- Discussion regarding 12) Report Card:
 - New Report Cards proposed
 - Will be based on Core Competencies as well as Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.
 - Copy of new Report Card will be sent out to PAC.

Only concern ever voiced by parents with respect to the previous Report Card structure was regarding the parents inability to provide a reward system for their child due to the lack of a specific grade (letter or percentage).

2 OLD BUSINESS

2.1 New Curriculum

- Government and the BCTF have come together to build the BC Curriculum. BC teachers are sought after because of the New Curriculum.
- New Curriculum is based on:
 - * Core Competencies:
 - Communication
 - Personal Growth - Connection to heritage.
 - Self esteem and self confidence.
 - Thinking - Creative
 - Critical
- The New Curriculum:
 - * Allows the teachers to recognize the passions of the child (especially as they get older) and teach to the child's passions.
 - * Encourages teachers to interact with each other more and concentrate on the Core Competencies.
 - * Makes teachers think big and start to move away from a check list, allowing for more critical thought and artistic output.
- BK school theme for the 2016/2017 school year is WATER. Children will be talking more about and be given information about water.

3 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Teacher's Luncheon - May 2017

- Discussion regarding: Teacher/Administration/Support staff Appreciation Luncheon.
- Possible suggestions:
 - Potluck
 - Parents to cover for teacher during Luncheon.
 - Pro-D day - Possibly in May?

- Possible parent survey for volunteers.

3.2 Grade 6 Transition to MSS

- Discussion regarding Grade 7 students not enjoying their MSS experience for the first 4 months or so.
- Jen Peebles mentioned that she understands many of the Grade 7 students struggle with what to do with themselves. They feel lost for the first semester in school.
 - Mr. Hurley will find out how many students are having troubles.
 - Jen Peebles will attend the next PAC meeting at MSS and discuss the situation with them. Maybe get some feedback.
 - Different break times from the older students was one suggestion.

3.3 Canadian Tire Money

- \$90.00 was donated last year.
- Mr. Hurley will talk to the teaching staff and come up with some ideas for which the money could be used this winter.

3.4 Fundraising Update

- PAC will be holding a Movie/BBQ night on November 4, 2016.
 - BBQ will be scheduled for 5:30p and Movie for 7pm.
 - 'Transylvania 2' is the planned movie.
 - No haunted house.
 - Volunteers may not be needed as we have enough people with the Fundraising Committee.
 - Notice will go out to the families with regards to the date and then followed by a notice asking for donated baked good for the bake sale which will occur that night.
 - 50/50 draw planned as well.
- Next Fundraising Committee meeting will be October 11, 2016 at 2:35a at the red playground.

3.5 New Date for Movie Night (Oct. 21 is Pro-D Day)

- Date changed to November 4, 2016. Discussed and passed during 1.5 Principal's Report (11).

3.6 Babysitter Fees

- Kim Morris provided PAC minutes where fees were decided for 2 hours of babysitting:
 - \$20.00 up to 5 children
 - \$30.00 up to 8 children
 - \$ 2.00 for every additional child.

3.7 Water

- To upgrade the BK water system it would cost \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00.

- MSS has a water filtered fountain that cost \$1500.00.
- Jen Peebles will ask MSS what is involved physically and financially when installing and maintaining (filters, etc.) such a fountain.
- Stacey and Cindy suggested that DPAC mentioned they have lots of extra money (\$252,000.00) which primarily will go to bussing, but they may have some left over. We could possibly look to them for some funding?
- Jen Peebles will email to see if funding is possible.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AT PAC MEETING

- Motion to spend change the Movie/BBQ night from October 21, 2016 to November 4, 2016.
- Motioned by Cheryl Tereposky
- Seconded by Jen Holliday

BRING FORWARD TO THE NEXT PAC MEETING

- Fundraising - Movie/BBQ
 - Year plan
- Friendship Bench
- Varnish the fish
- What did we find out about the Grade 6 transition - Jen Peebles/Mr. Hurley?
- What is involved with the water fountain MSS has - Jen Peebles? - DPAC funding?
- \$90.00 Canadian Tire Money - any more thoughts on how to use it?

Next Meeting set for Tuesday, November 1st, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

Adjournment @ 8:17pm