



PAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 27th, 2016
7:00 pm - Montecito Staff Room

Attendees: Joanne Little, Jarnail Darar, Reece Jorgensen, Susan Scott, Afsaneh Saneh, Mo Aghazadeh, Michelle Lock, Carine Choo, Tanya Lakovic, Addie Ceralvo, Michael Lee, Connie Hosie, Holly Lloyd, Heather Kimmie, Miriam Fitterer, Tara Sutherland

- Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm
- Review the minutes of September 2016's meeting
 - Motion to accept minutes; **motion carried**
- **Reports & Updates:**
 - Principal:
 - See attached report
 - Chair (Susan)
 - Thank you all parents who helped with the **Terry Fox Run** in September. Special thanks to Stephanie for stepping up to be the course marshall, and making sure students stayed safe during the course.
 - Congratulations to Connie and her **Book Fair** volunteers for hosting a very successful fair.
 - **Annual direct donation** drive is happening right now. We have one more day for the drive and we're sitting at about 50% of our goal. If you haven't yet made your donation yet, it's not too late.
 - A big thank you to **TD Bank** and their generous contribution to our sports equipment of \$500. We are still finalizing purchases, stay tuned!
 - **DPAC Vendor Fair** and speakers were fantastic - lots of discussion about PAC transparency in light of the Surrey PAC financial issues. Moving forward we will bring monthly bank statements in a move towards greater transparency.
 - **Pumpkin event** did not work this year - we were unable to secure pumpkin donations. Possibly review next year.

- o Treasurer (Reece)
 - See attached report
 - From the DPAC vendor fair, PACs are encouraged to allocate our funds
 - We are in recovery of when we spent \$24K on laptops and subsequently iPads
 - Beginning the process of undercovered area and upgraded playground
 - Water bottle and water fountain funds are still being discussed and cleared up
 - For 2016/2017 the budget is balanced and it is slightly bigger than what was spent last year
 - Motion to adopt the proposed 2016/2017 budget: **motion carried**
 - o DPAC
 - If anyone can attend the November meeting that would be great - Miriam attended - thank you Miriam
 - o Grants (Mike)
 - We did not get iPad monies from Best Buy
 - Look at more technology based product
 - o Fundraising (Addie)
 - Purdy's and Neufeld notices are going out and will be out for 2 weeks
 - o School Planning Council / Power of Four Committee (Principal / Parents / Planning / Progress)
 - There was on quick meeting - see Holly's notes
- New / Other Business

o Teacher Wish List

- Busses going to the public library; popup library staff might agree to come every other week - this would alleviate the need of the busses
 - Heather is going to ask for an additional portable; talking to the assistant super-intendant
 - There is already a bin that is being used for furniture; looking to get another one to help with storage needs
 - Options:
 - o Borrowing Scholastic lockable cases within each classroom
 - o There are 0 rooms available for a library

- o Working in collaboration with another school and borrowing from that school
- Motion to strike the budget for the busses; **motion carried**
- Aboriginal Resources
 - Included in the redesigned curriculum – some are online; looking for books; might be housed in a book room or in the library; Raven Tale’s are on YouTube; the request would change to Funding the Curriculum
- Motion to pass the \$1200 to Fund the New Curriculum: **motioned carried**
- Bass bars for music program
 - E bar
 - Motion to purchase the E bar: **motioned carried**
- Science Equipment – Bill Nye
 - Motion to purchase the Bill Nye DVDs: **motioned carried**
- iPad carrier cart
 - currently being stored in the laptop carts that was donated to the school
 - new carrier cart is sleeker, with baskets for the iPads, has a handle so that the iPads can be carried safely; would save space and better care for iPads
 - Motion to purchase iPad cart: **motion carried**
- Robotics
 - Ways to bring the new Applied Skills curriculum – start with coding on line – Robotics would give the application of the coding skills acquired
 - **Bee Bot** is a very basic and applicable for younger children; **Dash and Dot**, has a downloadable app; image and graphic programming without

being able to read; next level up is the block programming – has the same code as Code.com; potential races or tasks for the robots that the students would code their robot for; can be used from 5 year olds and up; **Legos We Do or Vex** – build your robot; multiple sensors and motors and a brain; have to design it themselves; can do a planned robot or make their own; borrowed one called Olli from the district; Holly has applied for the Chevron grant that might help to purchase robots; most of the teachers are team teaching the lessons with Holly (building capacity with the classroom teachers)

- Holly has acquired a traveling wireless Meru so that there will always be a strong signal
- Motion to approve the applied skills curriculum through the purchase of Robots: **motioned carried**
- Motion to approve the replacement of broken toys/games etc.: **motion carried**
- Resource Program
 - Outdoor activity was for the EAs to use with kids specifically; beanbag chair will be made by PAC Exec Connie
 - Motion to approve the funds for the Resource Program: **motion carried**
- Belcarra
 - Motion to fund the Belcarra field trip to a maximum of \$1125: **motion carried**
- o Events Calendar
 - Expenditures will easily cover
 - Would like to pursue for next year a fun Halloween event
 - 1 pop up a month – moving to cashless school, so there is the idea of a **Punch Card** – preloaded by School Cash Online set up by Rae; \$10 or \$20 denomination; cards would be kept in the kitchen; encourage the use of cash vs.

credit card as there would be less transaction fees; next term there could be some incentives

- Pop up Tuck Shops will continue
- Table the remainder of the PAC Events Calendar for next month's meeting
- o December events
 - Gingerbread House (paid event \$5 per student; parent volunteer to collaborate with teacher liason)
 - Santa's Breakfast (first planning meeting has happened; Connie is providing an Elf costume)
 - Concession at Christmas Concert
 - Tabled to an 'offline' conversation with PAC representative
 - Bottle Drive
 - tabled to November meeting
- o Grade 7 Grad
 - Parent represetitive would like to come with some suggestions and speak with admin
 - theme of the grad party?
- o Odessy of the Mind Meeting
 - Tuesday, November 1st at 7 pm in the library (or staffroom)
- Next meeting date: Thursday, November 17th, 2016
- Adjournment 9:03 pm

PAC Meeting: Principal's Update – October 27, 2016

Information and things we're proud about over the past month...

- Parents as Partners conferences...excellent turn-out, staff found them informative
- Terry Fox Run...\$535 collected...successful run due to Ms. James and great parent volunteers
- Curriculum Implementation Day – Sept. 30th
 - AM: planning using the 'big ideas' of the redesigned curriculum at Stoney Creek School
 - PM: collaboration on the redesigned curriculum
- Professional Development Day – Oct. 3rd
 - AM: work on our Writing and SEL goals (details in the notes section)
 - PM: collaboration in interest groups
- Whole school Mad Science presentation and primary Turtle and Frog presentations
- Class Reviews and IEP (Individualized Education Plan) meetings completed
- Coding...kids are keen, Holly is building capacity with staff, guest speaker Cedric Caillaud (from Microsoft) worked with Grade 6/7s
- Coats for Kids program helped support some of our families
- Kin's Market/Cobs Bread sponsored nutrition workshops presented to all classes
- Me To We applications and speeches...14 kids selected to attend the Me to We Day celebration
- Boys' and Girls' volleyball has started...Ms. Quan and Ms. Ward are coaching...kids are very keen and have asked for extra practices, especially during lunch times...skills are improving
- Primary Reading groups have begun
- Had first earthquake drill during The Great BC Shake Out on Oct. 20th
- Monitors of the month...to recognize outstanding service to the school, for all students to understand what good monitoring looks like, and to help the monitors feel valued
- Pop up library...very successful, have booked for Oct. and Nov. for all classes

Things we're Looking Forward to before the next PAC meeting...

- Hallowe'en assembly on Oct. 31st at 9:45...Grade 6/7 dance in the afternoon...kids can bring in carved pumpkins to help decorate the gym for the day
- 10:00 late start on Nov. 1st
- Nov. 3rd Me to We Day celebration
- Collaboration time provided on Nov. 7th and 8th for staff to mark baseline writing samples as part of our new Writing goal
- Nov. 9th photo retake day
- Nov. 10th Remembrance Day assembly 11:00

Notes:

- School Focus: As a school, we have been focusing on becoming more *socially responsible*...the main focus has been on safety both inside and outside on the playground. We have been reviewing expectations with students (such as walking in the hallways, keeping our hands to ourselves, and playing in appropriate areas) as well as discussing the reasons why they should make these responsible choices. Students are also trying to become more dedicated recyclers! Ms. Ingham has visited each class to talk about bucket filling which encourages kindness through positive words and actions.
- Seismic Upgrade Update:
 - Unitech is the project management company hired and they are still hoping to start the project in mid-November
 - waiting on a permit for tree removal of the two trees by the parking lot garbage bin, as well as further vermiculite testing

-Library, LSS room and Tanya Nicoll's room will be the first affected by construction
-Ms. Ward/Ms. Lloyd's class will be moving to portable 3 and Ms. Nicoll's class will move to their old classroom
-most meetings have been between Unitech and the board office management team, they are hoping to have the first meeting of all parties involved in the next few weeks (Holly and I will be attending then reporting out/getting feedback from staff and PAC)

- 2016/17 School Goals:
 - A) -Goal 1: Increasing connectedness. Our goal is for every child to have at least two adults they feel care about them or they can trust in the school. In addition we are also working on increasing peer to peer connectedness.
 - Goal 2: Improving personal writing with a focus on meaning. Our goal is to increase our students' abilities in writing with meaning. This means producing personal writing where the ideas are related, flow and include details. In the intermediate grades the students will work on adding more logical explanations, examples and reasons to support their thinking.
 - B) At Pro-D, we had discussions and activities that focused on: What do we notice with the writing curricular competencies from grade to grade? What do our students need to work on? What should we specifically focus on? How will we create a baseline? Monitor progress? We decided to all collect a fall writing sample and will be collaboratively marking them as a baseline on Nov. 7th and 8th. Based on the results, we will determine our next steps and discuss how we can move the kids forward in writing. In SEL, we are also collecting baseline data related to the two parts of the goal. We will be looking at these goals and creating action plans on the Nov. 25th Pro-D Day.
- Learning teams: staff are currently involved in many learning teams and professional growth in the district...I am proud of the huge engagement in learning, collaborating and staff trying new things. Some examples of the learning teams are:
 - Communicating Student Learning (6 staff)...currently looking at portfolios
 - Co-teaching and Collaboration in ELL (2 staff)...focus on supporting ELL kids in class, modelling our own thought processes, using pre-writing activities
 - Strengthening Ourselves and Our Communities Through Writing workshop series with Faye Brownlie (8 staff)...learning various strategies to support writing success (Faye is actually coming to work with staff and model a lesson with Div. 6 next week....lucky us!)
- Staffing:
 - Extra 20 hour per week EA position provided but no new Education Fund support as requested
 - Ms. Cole's last day is Friday as she begins her mat leave..Ms. Vivian Cheng will be replacing her. She completed her teaching practicums at University Highlands in a Grade 4/5 class last school year and comes to us with rave reviews.
- Report Cards: the district has "tweaked" the existing template for both primary and intermediate report cards to meet the new ministerial reporting order. Teachers can explore other ways of reporting but will need communication with parents e.g.) 3 way reporting