

PAC Meeting Notes – April 19th, 2010

In Attendance: Wendy McColl, Alan Patola Moosmann, Sheila C., Gary Watson, Robert Ford, Andrea MacLeod, Bruce Poritt, Kathleen Boyd, Colleen Wong, Lynne Spencer, Lisa Slakov, Rob Murray, Lorie Srivastava, Emily Chiang, Sandra Richardson, Suzanne Ahearne, Angel Bryant, Marvin Mures, Darren Bear.

Motion to accept last meeting minutes (by Sheila C., Seconded by Andrea MacLeod)

Chair Report - Robert Ford provided an update:

Request to create a Fund Raising Committee Book Drive:

- The goal is to streamline the annual Fund Raising at the school so that at the beginning of the year everyone knows what Fund Raisers will happen and when
- Treasurers, Sheila C., Andrea and Angel will head the committee

Request to create a Hudson Centennial Committee

- Sandy will share the info and experience she has from her centennial celebration
- Alan will head up the committee and Sandra and Susan will join him.
- The planning will happen next year and the execution will be the following year
- Alan will assess the need for materials and put together a budget

Committee for year end Bar - b - que

- The gym has been booked for June 24th
- Sandy, Wendy, Deb, Sheila, Cindy and Angel will head up the organizing
- Hot lunch volunteers will also pitch in
- Goal this year is for the new parents to see how the BBQ is organized and run
- Robert is keen on "older kid involvement"; he suggested that they submit playlists to the DJ
- Rob will talk to the DJ to see if he's OK with music submissions
- Mr. Mures will talk to the students

VSB Budget and letters to MLAs

- Robert has been advised by Patti Bacchus that the personalised letters of concerns from parents are a huge help to them
- He urges parents to write with all concerns. Lori spoke about her experience in parliament about how the letters submitted are counted and the importance of volume
- Alan commented on a positive response he received from a letter he wrote and the statistic that more letters are sent in regarding hunting licences

- Bruce mentioned the PACs from Gordon, Shaughnessy and False Creeks have organised a rally that is happening tomorrow protesting the funding of a Football stadium before funding education
- Mr. Muresse spoke about the projected proposal, he suggests that we should meet after the proposal comes out to talk about the implications to Hudson
- We know the band program will be completely axed.
- Hopefully parents can make a difference

PAC Secretary Report

- Lynne Spencer had nothing specific to discuss

or add Treasurer Report

- Sheila: "We're on budget, we have money left... the end."
- Robert is applying for the gaming grant for next year. The fund will be \$20/child
- Hot lunch sibling special. The research is inconclusive, but seemed to work out, however many people didn't realise that there was a new system.
- For the next PAC meeting the decision to continue the program, or not, will be made.

Principal's Report Bruce

- Info re: proposed calendar change 1.4mil savings
- All schools on same schedule Mon to Fri
- 10 fewer days of instruction – one additional week to spring break Mar 12 - April 1
- In addition the following days will be off: Oct8th, Nov 12, Feb11, Feb 14, Mar and May
- April 20th is the day of the board meeting for this issue, additional meeting on the 21st
- One week today the vote takes place
- Lori ask what the teachers think
- Bruce answered her question, by talking about the benefit of cost cutting
- Mr. Muresse said that all employees were asked to give there input
- Most teachers are in favour
- Bruce added that the administrators weren't sure at the beginning but in the end they like the proposal
- One main drawback, according to the research, is the additional daycare the parents will need
- Mr. Muresse does have concerns that the shortened year and longer days may be harmful to the kids ability to learn
- Bruce talked about the benefit of the staff's mental health because of the breaks
- Mme. Boyd added that the staff were divided about the issue depending on their situation
- The Budget: anyone that doesn't have a class, a lot of there jobs will be cut 1.5 to 1.25 position hear at Hudson
- Bruce predicts that the following may be cut: librarian, special education
- First week of May, Bruce will receive the envelope, and will know how the cuts will effect us

- Projections for the fall: Currently the English student are 168, the projection for next year is 171. Currently: French side =88, next year projection = 114 (22 K and 4 in older grades)
- Jump Rope for Heart rose over \$3000.
- The reflection garden, cement will be poured soon and will need some parent volunteers, probably a Friday afternoon (April 30th maybe) for the cement pour and help with the mosaic installation, the planting will happen in the fall
- Volunteer tea will be June 17th and will not be the best day for the choir to perform
- Another venue will be figured out for the choir

Teacher's Report

- Thank you for everyone's participation in Jump Rope for Heart
- Thank you for help with microscopes they were able to find some second hand and buy new ones
- Thank you for the oranges, there are still three boxes left over
- Sports day is coming up May 21st, request to have hotdogs and oranges

SPC

- SPC meeting will occur the 1st week of May when Bruce gets the decisions from HR for next year

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- Cindy and Robert are encouraging the new developers to focus on the problem with unsafe traffic around the school and daycare

New Business

- Susan is a parent and photographer who is starting a photography program with a group of kids around social issues and awareness.
- Several local businesses have donated supplies: London Drugs, 50 Kerrisdale cameras, the Source (cameras and tripods), the Mac store is donating a computer

Robert Ford indicated that the next PAC Meeting would happen Monday, May 10 (The night The Eagles are playing).

Motion to adjourn the meeting (7:52pm) by Robert Ford, seconded by Lynne Spencer.

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