

2015-2016 PAC General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 26th, 2016 at 7:15 pm

Chair: Beverly Walker

Minutes: Katie Bedford

Attendance: 21

- 1) Intro and Welcome:
 - a) Call to Order - @ 7:22pm
 - b) Approval of Previous Minutes (Date: February 2016)

- 2) Financial Report: Conrad Chevalier (**5 mins**)
 - a) Discussion: Re: funds being earmarked for years going forward. Question asked re: whether we need to earmark funds for facilities. The answer is no. Darrell mentioned that the VSB is currently working on a 14 year facility plan – details are available online.

- 3) School Report: Darrell Cavanagh (**8 mins**)
 - a) Story about Lord Selkirk won an award over the weekend
 - b) Teresa (teacher librarian) is taking LOA for medical reasons
 - c) Brewer's park renewal is looking for volunteers to discuss plans for renewal
 - d) School operation overview is available for review
 - e) Year-at-a-glance calendar is currently being created – will be available for PAC review soon
 - f) New curriculum workshop went well. Curriculum is teacher friendly & well received by teachers. The ministry still has not come forward with the assessment piece; that will be forthcoming.
 - g) Today was power hour (1 hour of planning time for the teachers)
 - h) Thursday is school photo, class photos & team photos
 - i) Talent show on May 4th (afternoon for students, evening for parents)
 - j) May 5th is the earthquake drill
 - k) Sports day will likely be a 2:00pm early dismissal (outdoor supervision will be provided for late pick-up)
 - l) Welcome to K sessions will be held on May 25 (English) and May 26 (French) @ 1:15pm

- 4) Old Business:
 - a) Selkirk Royale: (**1 mins**)
 - i) Best event ever – it brought in \$12,000

 - b) Active Transit: Max (**2 mins**)
 - i) The walk-about was really good. HASTE is going back to their stakeholders & will be putting together an action plan. All updates will be posted on website
 - ii) Max is coordinating bike to school week – to be coordinated with bike to work week (The week of May 30 – June 3)

- iii) Walking bus pilot may be conducted once a week (Wednesdays) from mid-May to June. And there is a course called “I want to walk” that helps kids to assess risk that could be run next September if there is interest in the pilot.
 - c) Multi-Cultural Dinner: Jen (**2 mins**)
 - i) Scheduled for May 11 @ 5:30pm – 8:00pm. Invitations are going out this week
 - ii) Bring a family favourite dish and plates, cups and cutlery & join in the fun
 - d) PAC Constitution Upgrade: Holly (**8 mins**)
 - i) Final product is in the works – Holly is looking for guidance in updating the constitution from 2009
 - ii) Biggest question is regarding whether or not we can register as a Non-Profit organization and what the pros and cons of this are. The PAC is currently investigating this
 - iii) We are also looking at whether or not we should change our definition of “parents”
 - iv) This upgrade is expected to be a 2 year project, there is more research to do
 - e) Big Bros: Soraya (**1 min**)
 - i) The next Big Brothers event is tentatively scheduled for the same week as the Multi-cultural dinner (May 11)
 - ii) Soraya is confirming that we can have access to the gym that week
 - f) Mural Project: Darrell, Jen (**5 mins**)
 - i) A mural is part of the teacher’s wish list for this year. The PAC supported this for a value up to \$2,500. The VSB will give a grant of \$500
 - ii) Three options have been put forward by a resident artist – the preferred option was estimated to cost \$7,000
 - iii) The artist can reduce scope/cost to \$4,000 which would require to \$3,500 from the PAC + the \$500 from VSB
 - iv) **Decision: The PAC approved the motion to commit an additional \$1,000 to the mural bringing the total to \$3,500**
- 5) New Business:
 - a) Buddy Bench (5 mins)
 - i) Scott, proposed the idea of implementing a buddy bench (or several). This idea had a lot of support amongst the members in attendance.
 - ii) **Decision: This will be added to the 2016/2017 investigation Calendar**
 - b) Sports Day Concession May 19th: (2 mins)
 - i) We have a coordinator for snacks at the school, but we are still looking for a coordinator for Brewer’s park.
 - ii) We will be soliciting volunteers to donate baked goods and healthy snacks
 - iii) Wendy volunteered to coordinate the Brewer’s park booth

- c) Whitecaps Fundraising: Beverly (3 mins)
 - i) There is an opportunity to sell White Caps tickets to the Selkirk community as a fundraiser
 - ii) We already have many fundraisers planned, but if anyone wants to spearhead this, talk to Beverly and she'll put you in contact with the right person
- d) Year End Picnic and Dance Party Fri, June 17th: (2 mins)
 - i) Save this date – it will be fun
- e) Moving the date of the last PAC Meeting: (1 Minute)
 - i) This will likely be moved so that it's not on the same date as the year end picnic
- f) PAC sponsored workshop for next year: Kate Saunders Positive Discipline: Erin (2 mins)
 - i) Tabled to next meeting (Erin was not present)
- g) Staff Appreciation Lunch Fri, June 3rd: Michelle Brassens coordinating (2 mins)
 - i) The parents bring in food & thank the teachers for all their hard work
 - ii) Volunteers needed to set –up, serve & clean up
- h) Discretionary Funding: Jen (3 mins) Gauss Math Contest, Guinea pigs
 - i) Michelle proposed \$500 for the 4 Guinea pigs in Madame Rebecca & Erica's classes
 - ii) **Decision: ADD guinea pigs to the Discretionary Fund Status table and forward with the addendum to the Teachers' Wish List.**
 - iii) **Decision: The PAC approved \$500 from discretionary funding to go toward new liners for the cages & guinea pig supplies**
- i) Mr. Cavanagh mentioned that the volunteer appreciation event is schedule for June 10

Adjourn @ 8:52 pm

Next PAC Exec Meeting: Wednesday May 25 6:30pm

Last PAC General Meeting: Friday June 17 5:00pm