

May 7, 2019 PAC Meeting
7:10 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Patrick Kinghorn, Kari Kuznecov, Myra Rudakewich, Lesley Chisholm, Heidi McNair, Krista Podwin, Shelly Bezanson, Gord Smith, Tammy O'Handley, Steven Goosney, Laura Jackman

Minutes–Lesley moved to accept minutes, Heidi 2nd

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE–Laura Jackman

Laura came today to share information about Environmental Education in School Districts in the Columbia Basin. CBT offers a lot of money for organizations and has specific programs for schools.

- CBEEN environmental education network
 - \$25 annual membership gives \$250 fieldtrip with community expert, bussing, etc.
 - Offers resources to teachers
 - Leadership clinic in spring, EE gathering in the fall
 - Workshops, webinars
 - ProD bursaries
 - education resource hub
 - Wild Voices for Kids
 - Curriculum-linked, place-based environmental education program engaging local experts in K-12 students on land, history and culture of CB
- EEPSA provincial specialist associations in BCTU; environmental educators K-12
 - Local chapter KCEE; support for conferences
 - Many RSS teachers are members (\$30 membership)
 - Yearly bursary of \$400 for workshops
- Classrooms 2 Communities- connects community experts with teachers
- KBEE – Take me Outside
 - Resources for teachers
 - Youth Safe Outdoors-risk management
 - Support for EEPSA local chapter

Received a \$2000 USD garden grant, garden beds at new community garden? Megan Zeni suggested to place beds where kids can access them and let function happen naturally

Risky play increases communication, improves community, increases creativity and critical thinking

BioBlitz-needs \$900 for honorariums and \$400 for plants (received \$500 from Fish and Wildlife)

DPAC REPORT–Lesley

- Just attended conference for BCCPAC
- Excellent presentation by Dr. Shimi Kang (“The Dolphin Way: A Parent's Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy and Motivated Kids, Without Turning Into a Tiger”)
- Technology crisis: causes anxiety, depression, internet addiction, body image issues, decreased social connections
- Will post TED Talk on Facebook page
- Education Minister Rob Fleming was present, discussed new funding model for School Districts
- Was also AGM, resolution to increase fees for DPACs
- Advocate for PACs to be able to use Gaming Grant for BCCPAC memberships

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT–Patrick

1. Staffing and School Organization

- Posting is out for 2 primary positions; will close on Friday, then interviews
- 52 K's are registered
- Grade 8 LFI posting has been closed—great applicants
- Teachers have requested transfers to RSS–Marnie Kavanagh and Christy Metzler from Glenmerry
- May 30 is deadline for retirements
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 - We have 2 new registrations for after May long weekend in grades 3,5
 - Danielle Lucier returning from maternity leave; Jess Foster will be taking mat leave
 - Chloe Mackenzie shifting to primary position
 - May 28–support staff will be sorted by District (EAs, child care workers)
2. Midterms last week–All went out in some form
 3. School Wide Write starting
 - Year-end reading assessments by District
 - For kids not meeting expectations
 4. Devon Palmer
 - Great turnout, over 40 parents
 - Will be back May 14 6-8 pm for Part II
 5. Track Meet tryouts May 15/16, track meet May 30
 6. Kindergarten orientation May 28
 7. iRide May 28, 29, 30 for grades 2 or 3 to 6
 8. Grade 8s in Yukon having a great time, the community is enjoying having them
 9. Colour of sail shade?
 10. Two staff meetings in June
 - Staffing–building classes and matching students/teachers
 - Watch registrations, finalized on the Thursday of the first week

TREASURER’S REPORT–Heidi

Playground Greening	\$1346.73	
Plus the profit from Seeds sales		
PAC Gaming Account	\$4376.00	
Cafeteria Renovation	\$3225.45	
Food store	\$12968.49	
Community Basic	4863.01	
Bioblitz	–600.00	
Holy Trinity Church (school supplies)		<u>–500.00</u>
	\$3763.01	

Another clothing order will be placed this week, due Friday

NEW BUSINESS

- 2.1.9. School supplies–Working on lists
- 2.1.12. School Apparel
 - Friday deadline
 - Ball caps also? Sun safety awareness
- 2.1.5. Grade 8/9 at RSS
 - District has denied ALL transfer requests to Crowe at this time
 - Letter from Bill Ford suggests that some grade 8s may be able to transfer in September
 - 22 students in English grade 7 at RSS currently
 - Who are the teachers?
 - Activities/Exploratives
 - Class trip?
 - 20 grade 9 students at RSS next year; 25 LFI grade 8s next year

Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 11 at 7 pm