

**Canalta Elementary School
PAC meeting minutes
April 11, 2013**

Present:

Nicola Brown (Chair), Tanya Wilson, Kole Casey, Sharlene Homme, Terri Spencer (hot lunch), Wanda McIntyre (Principal), Chris Aylward (Vice-Principal), Diane McKeen (Teacher Representative)

Declined, with regrets:

Tara Tom (Treasurer), Laurena Myers (Secretary), Brandy Beyer

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Presentation

Presentation by Jackie Klein (accompanied by Donna Chmelyk) regarding Project Based Learning (21st Century Learning). A very engaging discussion about the focus of our district with this new learning style, the language of 21st century learning, presentation of examples from our district.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – given by Nicola Brown (see attached)

- PAC account distribution given.
- Discussions surrounding making a decision regarding playground equipment and possible technology purchases. These decisions are to be made when primarily all PAC members are present, including Brandy, Tara and Laurena.

Hot Lunch Report (Terri Spencer)

- Last hot lunch will be June 21st.
- Sports day on May 29th will have a hot lunch. We will require extra volunteers that day. All food will be ordered by Terri. Hot lunch will be chicken wraps from DQ.
- Beginning in May, two volunteers will be required from the leadership class rather than three.

DPAC Report (Nicola Brown)

BCCPAC AGM coming up.

- We were instructed to leave our votes open in case there are amendments that take place at the AGM.
- DPAC Rep goes to meeting and votes at the time of the meeting.
- General consensus was that this feels uncomfortable to us, but we have no other way to address amendments and we want to ensure that our votes are counted. We must rely our DPAC rep.

Transportation

- Clarification required – there will NOT be a \$500 fee per year for bus students beginning next year. However, there have been fees proposed. See district website to offer feedback on transportation issues.

Teacher Rep (Diane McKeen)

Aboriginal Day

- June 18, 2013 will be Aboriginal Day consisting of activities and centres.
- Jennifer Hiebert is in charge of this day and is requesting sponsorship for craft supplies. The PAC did not have a quorum therefore, no decision could be made, however Nicola indicated that she did not believe this would be a problem.
- Bev Lambert will be here for the day.

Welcome to Kindergarten

- May 28, 2013 will be Welcome to Kindergarten from 4:00 – 5:15.
- Terri has volunteer for set-up, welcoming kids, and giving a presentation on the PAC and hot lunch program.
- Diane has several activities for the new children! Fun!

Vice-Principal (Chris Aylward)

Career Fair

- June 12, 2013 will be the Career Fair

Sports Day

- May 29th will be Sports Day. At this time, no alternative date has been set.
- We will have students from the high school helping with Sports Day
- We will need extra volunteers to run concession and distribute lunch.
- Sharlene volunteered to help distribute lunches, but she will need a helper.

Presentation of Learning

- There will be a presentation of learning by Ms. Wright's class to the Board Office and parents on their 21st Century Learning project.

Trips

- Vancouver trip is scheduled for June 3 – 8, 2013
- Gwillam lake trip is scheduled for June 5 – 8, 2013

Principal (Wanda McIntyre)

- Wanda discussed the long and short term goals of the school in relation to technology purchases.
- The long term vision (next 3 years) includes 3 class sets of laptops along with storage carts
- The short term vision includes the purchase of 15 laptops and a storage cart.
- Estimated expenses were given for the laptops and ipads.
- Chris Aylward re-iterated that it is very difficult to get lab time and currently the use of technology in the school is not as functional as it could be. It's hard for students to crowd around a piece of technology in order to learn.

Miscellaneous

- Nicola would like to step down this year. We will need a Chair for next year.
- We are awaiting a quote for new jerseys from Tara Tom for the girls teams.

Volunteer Appreciation

- Discussions around a volunteer appreciation event. When? Where? What? No decision was made. Should we incorporate this into our hot lunch schedule?
- We discussed having a family barbeque or breakfast in the fall rather than the spring. People are very busy in spring with soccer, dance, etc. and find it difficult to attend. In the fall, parents may be more motivated to attend. We will consider/plan this at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

- May 2, 2013 @ 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12