

Canalta Elementary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 2013

Present: Meagan Pickett (Secretary), Brandy Beyer, Chris Aylward (Vice Principle), Deb Lacarte (Teacher Rep), Wanda McIntyre (Principle), Richard Powell (SD59 Trustee), Tara Tom (Chair), Laurena Myers (Treasurer), Terri Spencer (Vice Chair & Hot Lunch), Nicola Brown

Regrets:

Meeting called to order @ 7:06pm

Minutes from October 2013 meeting reviewed.

- Motion by Terri second by Laurena: To accept minutes as read. Carried.

Reports

Treasurer:

- See attached financial report

Richard Powell (SD59 Trustee)

- The School Board is nearing the end of their term. Looks like 5 of 7 will be returning.
- Negotiations with all the unions have taken place. They have all signed and settled on contracts.
- The School Board is committed to visiting various schools. Schools they have visited so far include: 3 Chetwynd schools and Crescent Park.
- The Board was able to observe 3 presentations delivered from South Peace and Central. They were very pleased with how the students presented themselves.
- They are currently reviewing how the board performs and are in the process of finding a new Secretary/Treasurer. There is a possibility of going from 7 trustees to 5.
- Conversations with Tate Creek School have taken place. It will not be possible to continue to operate with the numbers they have enrolled.
- Transportation cuts have taken place which has saved approx \$200K. Additional cuts have been put on hold. If Tate Creek closed that will save additional dollars. Two new school buses were purchased. This is normal practice.
- Class sizes are looking good.
- Behaviour issues continue which is no different from any other year. All schools are working on these issues.
- Volleyball programs are in full swing and all schools seem to be involved in some way.
- A province wide initiative is student voice and they are looking at how to incorporate this. A possible opportunity is the round table.

Wanda McIntyre (Principle)

- Has been working on gathering information and feedback regarding individual's views of the school via the School Improvement Survey. She asks we all complete the survey to help with this process.
- Wanda asked PAC to complete a Bus Stop activity after reviewing the schools mission and vision statements.
- Discussions on how to get the students involved and take ownership in the mission statement. Possible school song suggested?

Chris Aylward (Vice Principle)

- Vancouver trip is currently being planned. To date the bus, hostile and a couple events have been booked.
- There will be a winter dance taking place tomorrow night. The students have been working on making their own decorations.
- The Canalta Leadership group has been meeting once a week. They have narrowed their focus to the playground and what they would like it to look like.
- They have looked at the gym and the possibility of centers for inside days.
- Book Fair is taking place Nov 25-28. This event supports the school library.

Tara Tom (Chair)

- Craft Fair is taking place on December 7th. They are almost full with 29 tables secured. M & M meats will not be coming this year. She suggested a food cart be put together to provide lunch for the vendors. This could be a possible fundraiser for the grade 7 students. This will be Tara's last year for the craft fair.

Terri Spencer (Vice Chair & Hot Lunch)

- Has volunteered to get more information on hoodies for the school. PAC did not like the quality of the sweaters last year. We would like zipper hoodies.
- Jackets were also suggested for the PAC and teachers.

Deb Lacarte (Teacher Rep)

- Teachers are currently working on the Christmas concert with the children. This is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17. There will be an afternoon and evening performance.

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Miscellaneous

- Brandy requested help with the creation of an event page on Face book. Terri has agreed to help do this.
- Terri has requested Chris suggest to the teachers we will provide people to hand out the food after lunch if children go outside to play first.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Next Meeting: December 12th, 2013 @ 7pm Location TBA