

Canalta Elementary School
PAC Meeting minutes
May 2, 2013

Present: Nicola Brown (Chair), Laurena Myers (Secretary), Terri Spencer (Hot Lunch), Wanda McIntyre (Principal), Diane McKeen (Teacher Rep), Tamara Zeimer (Trustee), Kathy Cole, Cole Casey, Sharlene Hommy

Declined, with Regrets: Tara Tom (Treasurer), Brandy Beyer, Chris Aylward (Vice Principal)

Meeting called to order @ 7 pm.

Reports:

Treasurer:

- No report

Trustee:

- A public meeting will be held May 8, 2013 at Central to discuss transportation issues
- \$750K was lost last year in transportation funding, 12 districts lost funding including us.
- Due to the formula used and funding protection, the district will have to repay \$2.7 million over the next few years plus deal with the loss of funding
- See website for Phase I and II
- Discussions around Phase III include a 4 day school week, or a 9 out of 10 day school period to save money in other areas
- See website for other information
- Any issues/comments should be forwarded to Gerry Slykhuis @ gslykhuis@sd59.bc.ca

DPAC:

- Last meeting saw:
 - John Abbot – PBL discussion
 - Al Van Tassel did a presentation on cleaning solutions being used in the schools. It was found that some of the products being used were ancient, toxic, harmful chemicals. The district will be changing to an ionized water cleaning solution with a WHIMS rating of 0-1 rather than 3-4 as in the past with use of the old solutions.

Miscellaneous:

- Student art exhibit is on at the art gallery until May 11, it's a must see!
- Kathy Cole (Reading Recovery)
 - Discussions around methods being used in reading recovery such as Readers Theatre. Funding is required for purchase of materials, can the PAC help?
- Aqua Van will be at the school on the same day as Aboriginal Day
- Purchase of new school team jerseys still in the works, Tara still working out the details.

- Need to discuss in greater detail the purchase of more technology for the school
- Laurena to call Kevin Henderson to discuss paving in front of the school...when can we expect this to happen

Next Meeting June 13 @ 6 pm in the staff room.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Trying to Move Mountains

Glenn G. Coats

Reading Recovery Teacher
Riegelsville, Pennsylvania

Glenn writes: "I continue to write about students who struggle with reading as well as poems centered around teaching. . . . My first children's book, "Waiting for a Frog," was published this year by Kaeden Books.

he walks down the hall
like a driver
out of control
pounding the walls
with his shoulder.
his smile has grown into a grimace;
he is not eager
to enter my office.

the letters he writes
are twice the size
they were
one month ago;
his fingers brush
quickly under them
as his eyes look away.
frustration has set in
like ice
on the sidewalk.

he shrugs off books
once treasured
oh not that one
not again.
the words he secured
are gone
left unattended,
friends
he no longer calls
by name.

he writes,
trying to see
through the pages
of his journal
to entries
he wrote before;
and he will not attend
to the sequences
of letters;
the order is gone,
he will show you
nothing new.

the gentle boy
so pale and quiet
will not
read to his parents
will not read
to the principal;
he is banging walls
with his body
trying to move
mountains;
the walls could be me,
the one
who made the books
turn hard.