

# Citadel Middle School General PAC Meeting

Monday, September 15, 2010

**Attendees:** Anet Van Emmerik, Dianne Tricker, Cyndy Chernenko, Jocelyn Okuda, Marg Ablitt, Celina Wong, Laura Lowe, Marianne Wotherspoon, Laura Code, Andrew Corbould, Glenda Speight, Theresa Turner, Birgit Giesser

Chairperson: Anet van Emmerik

Minutes: Marg Ablitt

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm**

2. Anet welcomed everyone and introduced Cyndy Chernenko as her co-chairperson. Anet asked for volunteers to take on the positions of secretary and treasurer of the PAC.

**Motion:** That Marg Ablitt be accepted as the PAC Secretary for the 2010/11 year.

Moved by Laura Lowe, Seconded by Theresa Turner **Motion Carried**

**Motion:** That Laura Code be accepted as the PAC Treasurer for the 2010/11 year.

Moved by Laura Lowe, Seconded by Theresa Turner **Motion Carried**

**3. Motion: Acceptance of June's Minutes**

Moved by Cyndy Chernenko, Seconded by Anet Van Emmerik, **Motion Carried**

**4. Vice Principal Andrew Corbould's Report**

- a The School Intranet Site is accessible to the students and parents. On it parents can check for homework, announcements and calendar information.
- b Photo day is tomorrow. Each student will have 2 proofs to choose from. Retakes will be scheduled for later in October.
- c Terry Fox Run will be scheduled for either September 30 or October 1st. We are waiting for the confirmation of a speaker for the event. Parent assistance is required to provide around the block supervision of students as they participate in the run. Ms. Martins and Mr. Gagnes are coordinating this event.
- d Financially, Andrew confirmed with the group that it was still okay to use last year's Emergency Water Bottles for the Terry Fox Run and then purchase new bottles to replace the Bottles in the Emergency Bin. It was agreed that parents wished to follow through with this.

The repair bill is in for the Kiln and was passed to the treasurer.

The summer mailings saved approximately \$400 in postage for the school and E-Forms on the Intranet Site are being introduced and will be encouraged in the future.

**e Sports/Extra Curricular Activities.**

The Swim Team met today. The Swim Team will be restricted to Grade 6's who are already Club Members on a Local Swim Team; Grades 7 and 8 who can swim 50 metres continuously.

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball also met. Game days for Volleyball and Basketball will be Tuesdays for Grade 7 and Wednesdays for Grade 8. Grade 6 Sports will take the form of Intramurals.

A reminder to take a look on the Intranet Site for upcoming events.

- f Games Room is open in the Arts Room. When last looked in today, many students were using the room to play assorted games and "connect" with each other.
- g Club Days will take the form of a Club Day this year. It is scheduled for Friday, December 10. Skiing is being planned for Whistler and those that do not attend the ski activities will be able to participate in a variety of activities including but not limited to swimming, ice skating, bowling, manicures, rock climbing, etc.
- h Skiing at Grouse is being looked at for January 7, 14, 21 and February 4. Students will leave during block 7 for night skiing.
- i Band/Choir has begun to take shape. Mrs. Elie will take on the Junior and Senior Band while Mrs. Freeman will be working with the Choir. Senior band will meet on Mondays and Thursdays, while Junior band will meet Tuesdays and Friday. Choir will meet on Wednesdays.

It was asked whether special support services would be available for students who require the assistance to participate in sports, band or choir. Each child will be worked with on an individual basis in order to meet their needs.

## 5. **Principal Glenda Speight's Report**

The staff are encouraging students to become "connected" to their school. A successful assembly was held on Friday for students.

### a Explorations - 3 teams this year

Tech Ed - 1 period a day/4 days a week involving woodwork; this will alternate with Art/Kiln on Wednesdays for the Grade 8s and Music for the Grade 6 & 7s;

Home Ec - 1 period a day/3 days a week (Mon, Tues., Wed) and Drama two days (Thurs., Fri.)

Information Technology - 5 days/week with no alternate

### b Reach (18 minutes at the beginning of each day) equal numbers of Grade 6, 7 & 8 students in each group (17-19 students) to allow "connections" with other students for activities

At this point, a Power Point Presentation was shared with the group that had been presented to the Assembly on Friday to reflect what school was like during the first two days this year.

### c District Project "Engaging Middle School Learners" looked to define who the middle school learner is and how to meet their learning styles. Look for posters and pamphlets to see the work that was done by this group.

### d District Tower Program is a middle school aged cluster class that meets the needs of students who require assistance with social adjustment. There are a maximum of 10 participants in this program and a very selective screening process identifies who these learners are.

- e District's Pilot "MACC" Gifted Program - Citadel has two classes, 20 students in grade 6 and a grade 7 class. These students have all received a Ministry Designation and met criteria to be in the program. It is the very first time our district has embarked upon this type of program. Hillcrest Middle has two classes in this pilot as well.
- f Student Placements have been done. Grade 8 is absolutely full with classes at a maximum of 30 students and grade 6 and 7's have a little more room for students available.
- g Special Needs Students. Citadel has the highest number of students in middle schools in the District with IEPs and IBPs. The Bill 33 legislation is that no class should have more than 3 students with a Ministry Category in that class.
- h School Planning Council Parent Representative is Susan Lees, Laura Lowe and Cyndy Chernenko. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on September 22.

Brigit Giesser outlined a program where a Special Ed Parent Liaison Group was started at Hazel Trembath that advised the PAC. Glenda added that she had worked in another school where a similar group of Korean parents were active.

**6. Southside Family of Schools** - Laurie Lowe reported that the following speakers have been booked for the series:

October 6	Don Lasalle	Anxiety
November 23	Christopher Burke	Areas of Influence
February 3	Shelley Hymel	Bullying

**7. New Business**

- a Castle Park Science Fair on October 30 from 2 - 8 requires student support from Citadel students

**8. Next Meeting will be held Monday, October 7 at 7 pm.**

**9. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.**