

Kwayquitlum PAC Meeting
April 7, 2011

6:00pm start meeting

-Rebecca Compesato & Leslie Croze approved March minutes and April agenda

PAC President Karen Sandwith:

-Karen Sandwith & Leslie Croze went to the meeting at Terry Fox Community Forum involving students, parents, teachers & administrators. There was also a meeting held at Winslow Center the Tues. & Wed. before Spring break.

-Staff Appreciation Luncheon coming up May 10th – Tues. and the PAC is hiring All Thai-ed Up to cater for the Kway Staff – a family from Kway owns the business so we will support them by using them. They have catered several years now and it has always been very good and plenty of food. The food presentation could be a little nicer, maybe we could improve on that this year.

-A letter will be sent out about desserts to be brought for Staff appreciation day.

-April 27th – Secretary's Day – usually buy flowers or a plant for each of the 3 Kway secretaries.

Parent Education: Bonnie Woinoski

-We have Karen O'Brian coming to speak on Drug Education for parents tonight from 7:00 to 8:30pm. There was a very good turn out of parents tonight. I thought parents were a bit disappointed that there wasn't a more scare tactic type presentation for the students. What could happen to students who make bad choices with drugs and alcohol.

-The presenters had a more neutral and less judgemental type approach. They wanted the students to feel like they were accepted and they were not being judged for their choices. It was a more pro-active type approach. They come to see our Kway grade 8 students on Mon. May 2 & Tues. May 3rd.

-Perhaps the grade 8 teachers may want to show the movie made by Robb McGirr called "Choices" in addition to the presentations.

-Saleema came and did a session on Sex Education for the Grades 6, 7 & 8's in Feb. & March. The Kway PAC still needs to pay Saleema so Bonnie will send Saleema's invoice to our treasurer – Jose tonight so she can send her a cheque for \$1500 plus HST.

Principal's Report: Bryan Cass & Christine Potter-Smith

-May 4th the budget gets passed so we will know if the District of Coquitlam will have a 2 week Spring Break next year or not, plus an extra day in November with Remembrance Day

-Quebec Trip is coming up in Spring 2012 and the French students are excited about fundraising for their trip

-Report Cards came right before Spring Break. It is a very important time of the year for learning, lots of key skills taught at this time of the year.

-We want to be prepared if there is a Tsunami, so Kway is considering having a ladder for students to go up on the roof of the school in case the Coquitlam Dam which is old and made of earth ever broke and flooded down to us.

-there was a pornography site called SD43 by some guy in the UK so the Coquitlam school district had to hire a lawyer to get him to change his site name so that our students would not be exposed to inappropriate material everytime they goggled SD43.

-The Pow Wow went excellent there was a huge turn out, it was very organized and very successful

-Kway has a Rugby Team with 70 students

-Kway purchased Jerseys for Basketball teams this year so we have 6 sets of 25 Jerseys now.

-Next Kway PAC meeting on Thurs. May 5th at 7:00pm in the Library. All parents welcome. Hope to see you there!

-PAC secretary – Bonnie Woinoski