

PORT MOODY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

February 1st 2011

Port Moody Secondary School Library

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with 7 parents, the Principal, and 2 Vice Principals.

2. Approvals

- a) Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with the following amendment –
Under Approvals change December to January.

Moved: Nadine Second: Colleen Accepted: yes

- b) Minutes of January 11th meeting: Motion to approve minutes with the following amendments –
Under Pac Reports (a) change Gaming Act balance from \$1400 to \$29,000.
Under Pac Reports (e) change the date of the next aftergrad meeting from February 7th to February 8th.

Moved: Nadine Second: Denise Accepted: yes

3. Principal's Report

The Principal, Mrs. Karen Jensen, welcomed our two new vice principals, Mr. Jesse Bradbury and Mrs. Lisa Rinke. Grade assemblies will be held on Wednesday February 2nd during block 2 for grades 9, 10 and 11 regarding course selection. Grades 10 and 11 will register online with a password.

Grade 9 students will receive help to register on Monday February 7th during Block 6. The Course Selection Booklet can be found on the PMSS website. Parent night is Thursday February 3rd from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. regarding course selection, programming and post-secondary requirements. Course verification forms come home on February 16th. Parents are to sign the form and return to the school on February 17th. Report cards will be handed out on Thursday February 3rd. There is a school dance to be held on February 10th from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help out during the dance. The school audit still has approximately 280 names outstanding to collect information on. The information will be collected until February 27th. The audit begins on February 28th with the hopes of having at least 1100 files completed by then.

Mr. Jesse Bradbury spoke of Bill 33. Currently we have 16 classes that have students with special needs. Class size should not exceed 30 students although some teachers are okay with additional students. All support systems must be looked at along with consultations with the teachers. The Satisfaction Survey applies to students and parents in grades 10 and 12 only.

4. PAC Reports

- a) Treasurer: Denise Moo reported some change since the last report. PAC balance at \$2000, Aftergrad balance at \$9500, Gaming Act balance at \$29,000.
- b) DPAC: there is no DPAC rep for this year but Donna attended the meeting. The new CTA (Coquitlam Teachers Association) President was announced. It was asked if schools provide activities that parents can attend on Pro-D days. Tom Grant spoke about 21st Century Learning. Other topics included IEP's, class size, modeling schools in Finland, traffic issues and crosswalks.

- c) SPC: SOAR survey results, Bill 33 re: classroom size, grad transition form, Budget survey re: what are the 3 most significant financial difficulties facing your school. The PAC will email parents questions regarding the Budget survey.

- d) Chair: Laura received a “Thank you” letter from the library for providing them with a new printer.

- e) Aftergrad: Nadine advised that 2 parents spoke to the Grade 12 classes and distributed a flyer for them to give to their parents. Pub night on January 23rd at the John B Pub was a success with 85 tickets sold. The next pub night will be on Friday April 15th at the Point Pub. There will also be a raffle fundraiser featuring a Holland America Cruise to be won, with only 300 tickets sold at \$20 each. Donation letters will be going out to all grade 12 students either in their report cards or a mail out. The next aftergrad meeting will be on February 8th.

5. New Business

Colleen advised that there will be a grad committee bottle drive tentatively booked for February 12th. Kim asked if the agenda for the Pac meetings could be sent out prior to the meeting. Kim also mentioned that the traffic congestion at the school parking lot is a concern as students do not stop to let cars out. Mrs. Jensen said that she will address this concern once again with the students.

6. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

7. Q & A with Principal/Vice Principals and Parent

None

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday March 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Donna Second by Denise Accepted: Yes

