

Centennial PAC Meeting Minutes Monday May 13th, 2013

In attendance: Debbie Bruce (member at large), Coleen Bohlen (Grad Pens), Tamara Dean, Lorene Chung, Susy Anselmo, Maria Parrotta, Cathy U, Mitra Ulduze, Anna DeAngelis, Lorie Shantz (Treasurer), Susan Sorensen (member at large), Jacquie Hutchins (Chair), Amy Mah (Vice Chair), Mary Robertson (Secretary), Rob Zambrano (Principal), Diether Malakoff (Teacher), Shane Pope (Teacher)

Call to Order at 7:05pm

Welcome:

- Jaquie welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. Jaquie reflected on the fact that it seemed a long time since the last meeting as so much activity had happened, along with Spring Break. The group spoke of the loss of the Brian and the sadness around the school surrounding this. Kudos were given to the Centennial staff, as well as the district in how they handled things. Social media definitely played a role in how students found out about the tragedy. Jaquie also mentioned the school district deficit and the 140 positions to be cut across the district.

Minutes:

- Lorene Chung motioned to accept the minutes dated March 4th, 2013, Coleen Bohlen 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Lorie Shantz presented the treasurer's report for the period ending April 30th, 2013. Lorie reported that the grad pens have been paid for and that there is a cheque to BCCPAC that is still not cashed. There are still a few allocations not paid out, after all of the allocations are paid out there will be a balance of \$1,685.00
- There was discussion surrounding the Teacher appreciation luncheon, a budget of \$300 is allocated and Anna DeAngelis has volunteered to take care of organizing this.

DPAC:

- Sheri Ray sent her regrets and there was no DPAC report to present. One parent who was recently at a DPAC meeting reported that at this time they are mainly dealing with the budget cuts in the district.

Administrator's Report:

- Rob thanked everyone for coming, and he agreed that it had been a long time since the last meeting.
- It has been a very difficult time at the school with Brian's passing. The staff was fabulous and there was amazing support for the staff and kids. The Superintendent of Safe Schools was involved and there is significant need for services in mental health area. Rob is on a committee of Safe Schools.
- The kids have been great; however the grade 9's got spoken to about being disruptive and immature. The grade 9's had some 'outside days' which seems to be working, they are a nice group of kids but they just need some work.

- There are some extremely busy times coming up – the Rugby team is in the Provincial finals (Tier 2) and this game is on Thursday.
- Tomorrow May 14th there will be a grade 12 assembly regarding drinking and driving.
- Friday May 17th is a PRO D and the staff will be off site at a community centre in Vancouver and they will be focusing on the new school endeavour.
- Term 5 report cards will be going home on Tuesday May 21st.
- The Excellence in Education banquet will be on May 22nd at 6:30, the invitations should be out to the qualifying kids this week. Rob explained that this is for grade 12 students that have achieved at least 7 A's and 1 B. There are about 85 kids eligible and the school also invites past graduates to share their post-graduation experiences and there will also be a guest speaker.
- May 30th will be the Centennial Fun Fair. This is put on by the grade 12 Entrepreneur class as they decided they wanted to do this as part of their curriculum. Rob will be in the dunk tank!!
- On May 31st the business class is putting on the 4th annual Tri Cities Talent Show, and historically there has been some good talent involved.
- June 4th at 7pm is the Year End concert
- June 7th at 6pm is the Show and Shine car Rally and this is always very well attended.
- June 7th at 6:30 is the Big Band night which is district event, Rob apologizes that he will not be able to attend the entire show and shine event as he is speaking at the Big Band night.
- June 13th at 7pm in the Blue gym is the awards night, the school recognizes several top tier awards at this event and the next day June 14th they hand out the rest of the awards during assembly services, and there will be an alternate schedule on this day.
- June 18th will be the last day of classes and this is also when the students get their Year books. The school has not experienced any problems in the past on the last day of school, they will speak to the students to be sure this stays the same.
- June 19th is the beginning of the Provincial exams.
- Rob received the final staffing numbers for the 2013/14 school year and they will feel some impact. It will be a little tighter for the teachers; there will be 3 counsellors instead of 4 and this is due to lower enrollment not budget; there will be 1 receptionist lost for ½ time; there will now be 2 year round secretaries instead of 3; Teacher's assistant time has been reduced from 98 hours to 60 hours, this will have an impact on the kids but they are not sure what it will look like; they will be up 1 SEA to a total of 10; there are no losses of custodians; student services will look very similar next year; Library time will be reduced – it was 10 and will now be 8 or 9. Every high school was given a standard amount and it is up to the discretion of each school, so there will be some flexibility.
- Rob is just starting programming for next year and the numbers are in for generating staffing of teachers, there was a loss of 81 FTE in the district.
- Still waiting for the permits for the new school and then they can go to tender. Rob is hopeful for the first shovel to go into the ground in late summer but it may not be until September or October.
- Rob has a new Code of Conduct manual that will be available for parents to review. He feels that it is a good document however if you have any questions or suggestions please contact Rob.

Teacher's Report

- Mr. Malakoff and Mr. Pope reported that at this time they are just getting through classes as year-end is approaching quickly.
- The AP students wrote their exams.

- Sadly the Science TA's time will be cut and he is instrumental in providing for the AP kids. He has a unique position and is not clerical. He will be cut from 35 to 20 and this may not be enough for him to return. The school may be able to share time in the Library so that he can have enough hours to stay
- 13 teachers at Centennial will be lost, and they are concerned about the cuts to the Library.
- They are finding that the kids are getting a bit squirrely as the year-end approaches. The teachers are working hard to keep them focused. At this point Mr. Malakoff and Mr. Pope reported that budget issues will be dealt with the next year, the important thing right now is getting the kids through.
- The Centennial teachers had no specific issues to pass along.
- A parent mentioned that it was very nice to have them both attend the PAC meetings to give the teacher's perspective and they are glad that they will return again to next year's meetings.
- It was also shared that with the loss of Brian it had been a rough time but the kids are coping well and were well supported.
- There was a group discussion surrounding how we can recognize signs in kids and adults who may be attempting self-harm. It was noted that there are no 'real typical signs' as each person can present differently. It was also discussed that even as adults we have a hard time accepting this kind of news and it was hard for the students to process this loss. Rob and the PAC will work to see if they can have a speaker come in to talk to the parents about recognizing any signs in their children. This may have to be at some cost to parents as this type of speaker can be costly. Rob has someone in mind that does a great job in this kind of arena.
- A parent asked if there was a better way of recognizing signs and be able to assess better. The group was assured that Brian did not present with any symptoms but when something was noticed people did everything they could to intervene.
- A parent commented on the staff at Centennial working to build a 'community feel' and how they felt this has helped to give the students a chance to feel connected.
- Mr. Malakoff concluded by saying that if parents have any questions they are welcome to email him or Mr. Pope and they will get back to them or bring an answer to the PAC meetings.

New Business

After Grad Committee update

- Susan Sorensen reported that the fundraising for after grad is coming together and the next meeting will be June 6th 7pm in the Library.
- There are volunteer positions available if you are interested in helping out please come to the meeting.
- There are some fundraising activities – **May 21st 6-9pm at Chapters'** where a portion of your purchase will go to After Grad; June 1st 10am-2pm is the **FORD drive one** event and it is always well attended. There is a form you fill out and with a valid driver's license you are able to test drive a FORD vehicle, for every form completed the After Grad receives \$20!; they are also selling **BC Lion's seasons passes** and will receive 25% of net sales (this will be split 50/50 with the Centennial football team) this is **available until June 1st**; on **June 1st** there will be empty **plant pots for sale \$5.00** each; **Thrifty's smile cards** are also a fundraiser and 5% of what you load will go to the After Grad.

Cap and Gown Update

- Jacquie reported that the Cap and Gowns pick up dates will be June 17th, 18th and 19th so please be sure your graduating kids pick them up on one of those dates.

Grad Pens

- Coleen Bohlen reported that the pens are all done and ready to go. The group was able to see the pens and they look lovely. They say Centennial 2013 on them.
- If you are the parent of a graduating student and would like to volunteer to hand out grad pens to the graduates on grad night please contact Rob.

Show 'n Shine sponsors are on board and it is \$15.00 to show your car, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs and pulled pork available, the event will run from 6-9pm. Rob will write a letter for Jacquie to deliver to the police station to request police presence at the close of the event to dissuade any issues.

BC Gaming Lottery has been applied for and there will be a grand prize of a trip to Mexico and the proceeds will go to the Centennial football team.

PAC Elections:

- It was noted that both Lorene Chung and Mary Robertson will be leaving the PAC this year as their kids are graduating. Amy Mah motioned that the following people be nominated and Susy Anselmo 2nd. The following is the list of nominations and those acclaimed to the roles.
 - PAC Chair – Jacquie Hutchins
 - Vice Chair – Amy Mah
 - Secretary – left open until September
 - Treasurer – Lorie Shantz
 - DPAC rep – Mitra Ulduze
 - SPC – Susy Anselmo, Maria Parrotta and Amy Mah (it was agreed that there was no secret ballot for SPC this year, all three were acclaimed)
 - Member at large – Susan Sorensen, Debby Bruce, 1 position left open until September
 - Co-treasurer – left open until September

Door Prizes:

- Cathy U won a \$10 Safeway gift card
- Mitra Ulduze won a \$10 Sears gift card
- Tamara Dean won a \$10 Canadian Tire gift card

Next meeting is Monday September 23rd at 7pm

PAC Year End Social will be on Thursday June 20th 6pm at Original Joe's (Austin and Mariner) Coleen Bohlen will make reservations and Susan Sorensen will be contacting people for RSVP's

Adjourn: Coleen Bohlen made a motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:33pm
