

AGM May 11, 2015

Centennial PAC

Library 7pm

Attendance: Chair Jacquie Hutchins, Principal Rob Zambrano, Temp Secretary Susan Sorensen

Teacher Rep Shane Pope and Dieter Malakoff, DAG rep Evelyn Chursinoff, Treasurer Lorie Shantz,

Cathy U., Cinzia deJesus, Deb Mueller, Tamara Dean

Mtg Opened 7:05 pm.

Welcome Everyone!

Minutes from March 2, 2015: motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Susan S., 2<sup>nd</sup>; Cinzia deJesus.

All in favour, none opposed.

School counsellors; thank the PAC for the 4 student bursaries that have been awarded. Names not yet announced; date June 3

Treasurer's Report: all allocations to date except for Grad Pens.

Pe and Tech Ed still to do .There is a balance of \$22.50

Tech ed waiting on final amounts to be determined. But it will be spent very soon.

No activity in operating account or donation acct.

Final balance at year end should be approx. 1950.00 or so. Report is attached.

DPAC: no rep; Last mtg was in April.

Principal Report: last mtg of the year:

April really good, kids are good, good turn-out for Parent Teacher interviews. Probably best in 3 years.

2<sup>nd</sup> report cards coming out soon.

EAL dept did a good job to get new parents into the school. Personal invites, needed more translators a very successful turn out.

Adjusted the time of the interviews earlier by 30 minutes; start at 230 was helpful to teachers and parents.

GTP interview day , April 29, went really well. Most gr 12's done during the tutorial time, helped with the scheduling as well. Maybe only 30-35 left to do.

Kids cannot buy grad ticket without the GTP being done.

320 grads, smallest class in many years. \*\*note for DAG\*\* 320 kids.

Tutorials still well attended

Library has been closed for the last 3 – 4 days. Cannot be open with just any teacher, must have certain qualifications.

Not ideal for the kids, still approx. 700 visits per day...kids are finding other things.

ICBC speaker presentation; Heather Charlton, excellent speaker and presenter. Kids quickly are engaged with her speaking; Thurs May 14.

Tricity talent show; huge event

Science skills competition; May 16. Kids have their own science competition, invites to other schools and districts.

Report cards next week; + newsletter.

EAL International Field Trips, 2 whole days, including Indian Arm cruise,

Alumni basketball tournament

Excellence in Education Banquet; 7 A;s + 1B, GOLD Scholars Students are invited.

District Big Band Night; jazz bands from all over the district; Band and Choir. Excellent Fundraiser

Dinner Cabaret; 130 people last week, dinner + Dance; \$2500.00 approx

Grad Parent Dance, \$4200.0 approx raised, more people attended.

June: Year End Concert, 9<sup>th</sup>

Recognition assembly June 11. Class time awards.

June 12 Show n Shine at Dogwood Parking lot. Food and Drinks available

Relay for Life, Cancer Run

Last Day of Class June 18; provincial exams start, study sessions etc.

Marks and reporting to students and parents, very quick turnaround, a lot of information to process and get to parents/ students'

Grad Ceremony June 24 evening: PAC Parents handing out the pens; Cinzia and Loriene, maybe two others

Grad Dinner Dance June 27; at the school , Door opens 12- midnight.

Funding; Education Funding; Learning Improvement fund

Applications year by year; Rob has worked with committee; have asked for more money for vulnerable learners. Kids who struggle and teachers are aware. Teachers are team teaching working in class as well as in LEC. The ask is for 2.5 teachers.

Hard to predict the neediest classes. This model tries to predict all of these variables

Common Lunch; 1 of 2 schedules to be implemented. Either a shorter common lunch or shortening the day but provide flexibility needed for all the electives.

Earlier start time possibly 745 for specific courses. Early start kids or late start kid. Either case to have more kids taking more courses. Either system will allow that.

Plans for new building, engaging kids more at lunch time, try out the new system before the move over.

Mr. Malakoff; teacher time; concern too much free time for the kids and open blocks during the day.

Compressed 4 blk day, pressure on kids to take academics only and not electives. Kids want lunch with their friends. Maintain 5 blk day, core classes + electives. More kids in the building during the day gives more choice and flexibility and still run the institution properly.

Ideally, and biggest concern, impact on electives. Easier with fewer students. 5 blk day with common lunch start at 800am. Feel the benefits of kids being together.

It will impact how course selection will be done. Start for Sept 2015. Even with a handful of courses.

Open discussion:

APBiology 12 only 14 kids signed up. So no AP Bio.

APChem 12; 20 kids.... Not sure if it will go, they may try to find a few kids.

3 less English programs. Eng Lit/ Journalism/ Writing.

AP Psych; 2 blocks, because no prerequisite required.

Calculus 12 ; 2 blks, but no AP Calc.

Website; took away parent absence report. The email did not match the one on file with the school. A lot of time for secretary to confirm the accuracy.

Absent reports; done between receptionist and teacher.

#### Teachers Report:

Dieter Malakoff; scheduling work a committee of teachers. Hard to keep kids focus, gr 11's are hard to keep focused at this time of year.

Average gr 9 kids are pretty good. Teachers are getting through,

Library Dept is closed and so teachers and students have to find a way to use other resources.

2.5 teachers = 18 blocks, not 2.5 people.

Physics unit; not all teachers have a physics background, students are struggling with subject, so teachers are working to develop a unit to use for students. Ongoing dept project for science 10.. EF helps pay for it.

15-20 yrs ago, teachers taught 6 classes + 1 tutorial. Now, Academic dept is given some blocks of time

Science 1, math 2 or 3 (remedial math class, numeracy) + a teacher running special projects.

English and socials have some as well.

Tech Ed; had LIF in the past, now have audio/video project to run in the class to keep kids safe in the shops. Directive from district that only academic classes warrant it.

To do the model, teacher collaboration is needed across all the teachers. Not specific only.

Some depts. Have two LIF, some depts. Have none.

Legacy of Bill 33, 3 or more kids identified, but non academic classes did not get included, or got excluded.

New people involved with LIF this year, from last year.

Shane Pope: added the electives really feeling the pinch of declining enrollment. Next year fewer kids again. 29.6 kids/class.

Demographics in the area very challenging.

Tech Ed still old school, changing legacy of the school if we have to offer fewer electives of the tech ed dept.

Challenging situation to keep all the many electives that this school is known for.

LEC kids take 1 block of time only in 1 semester.

Late start day, ½ period in blk 1. LEC for 45 minutes over the entire year. Still have 4 blks remaining to take another elective.

Court ruling; came down in favour of gov't. Union deciding if to appeal ...no report.

Jacque is still working on letter to the Ministry and will have it ready for after summer for the next school year.

Always a good idea to have parents at the school board mtgs...

Susan applied Coquitlam Foundation Grant and Spirit of Coquitlam Grants.

And now we have put it in Rob's hand; Fundraiser account. Tie it to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the new school.

Any monies will be administered by the Principal and PAC. People can choose their 'cause' within the school programs.

DAG: Cinzia and Loriene: Donations committee, not enough parents to go out and ask for donations.

The money is there for most things, plus a lot of items come in last few weeks.

School can be decorated the day before during the day.

Ford Drive One Event, not sure if it's a go... we haven't heard back from Metro Ford. Between us and another school.

DAG event still \$25.00 tix.

Instead of a dance next year, maybe a pub night instead.

Evelyn; Grad Pens: same as last year, pen and pencil set with Class of 2015 on the box.

AGM: table elections until 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Sept. to elect new people

Letter to incoming students in August.

And June to the middle schools.

The next Mtg MONDAY Sept 28, 2015.

Shane; positive news to share; 1<sup>st</sup> summer to offer Tech Ed and Culinary summer school. Kids going into gr 7 or 8.

Noncredit course. 8-12. Two wood work, metal work, animation modeling, rocketry.

3 wks.

Culinary 8-12, 3 hrs of culinary; herbs, buffet, knife skills.

Only school in the district offering this, may be even increase students coming in to take more electives in these depts.

Registration; May 24...? Starts July 7 3 wks of ½ days. \$5.00 /course = 10 \$. They get a project to take home. No teacher costs. Funded by the Ministry.

PAC SOCIAL Evening: Original Joes, John B backup...

June Tues 16<sup>th</sup>; 6pm.. Susan will send out invite and book table.

New School....May 2016....still the date.

Mtn to adjourn: 822 pm.

DAG next mtg; May 21. @ 7pm...