

Centennial PAC meeting

March 2, 2015 Library, 7pm

Attendance: J Hutchins, chair. A Mah, Vice Chair, L Shantz, Treasurer, secretary; Temp S Sorensen, Principal R. Zambrano, Teacher Reps; D. Malakoff and S. Pope, Dalene Schulz, Deb Mueller, Cinzia deJesus, Tamara Dean.

Mtg opened at 705

Welcome to everyone from Jacquie.

Minutes from Last mtg; Jan 19/2015; changed Lunch supervisors; Due to loss of District subsidy all lunch supervisors were cut. (not "some" as in minutes).

Amy moved to accept Minutes with Change and Debbie 2nd. Mtn carried.

Chair report: nothing to report, all is good.

Treasurers report: Loriene Shantz:

Only 1 payment since last mtg. A few more allocations:

Not much outstanding; PE, Tech Ed. (½ spent) , (Rob notes, that the school just changed acctg systems, so some allocations have been finished) .

Email from Evelyn Chursinoff re; GRAD Pens. Quote 1825.00, due to Cdn dollar and perhaps the order is not above the next price break. 2yrs ago we spent 1800.00 , this year we allocated 1600.00

Approximately \$ 350.00 more needed for pens and labels.

Mtn to budget \$350.00 more for Grad Pens:

1st : L. Shantz, 2nd T Dean. All in favour, carried.

Leaves a balance of about \$2000.00

Principal Report: Rob Zambrano, only been 6-7 wks since last week.

Exams were done in classrooms this year. Kids seemed to stay longer. In past when in the gym, kids would get anxious and start to leave when others leave. The admin will check if the exam results bear any difference.

The GT interviews went well, everything fit in. The semester turn around went well.

Grade 8 walk about was good and the parent night was packed. More than ever before. But the numbers are still fewer than in past years. Most well attended with the smallest class.

Musical; was fabulous, extremely well done, Kids enjoyed it. Sold out more than half the nights. The rights for the play were \$5000.00. Teachers did a great job.

Semester turn over; kids have started 2nd semester really well. The gr 12's are focused now with grad coming soon.

Some kids out of school right now; both Eurotrip/ES snow trip @ Tunkwa, not sure about how they are doing with not much snow.

Academics , teachers doing a great job, good feedback, good plans moving forward; very collaborative, very professional. End of year should be in excellent shape.

On Friday is pancake breakfast; pancakes/sausages every kid. Mr. Malakoff and Mr. Munro designed the breakfast/ kids help, Ace It kids in cafeteria helping Mr. Jonas. Making enough for 1400. From 825 – 1030. About 5 – 10 min off every block. Every ½ hr – ¼ of the school comes down for breakfast. About 4 years ago since last one.

School is starting the new Food Waste/recycling program to be in compliance with new municipal rules/regulations. New posters to put around the school and bins for waste. The kids are great at this.

Kids have been really good this year.

There was no dance this year. VOX really wanted to have the dance, but there was no time....it didn't work out. They will look into a new date in the spring. Not even 100 tix sold and 100 was the minimum.

There have been 2 – 3 successful dances over the last few years, the dance is a privilege not a right.

93 % of the kids have no issues with this. Kids that have their names on a list, typically don't go.

The kids didn't want it to be 'formal'. They wanted to dress a little less formal.

Teachers Report: D. Malakoff: teachers waiting for springbreak, everyone ready for a break, teachers and kids.

Work stress/ some teachers collecting themselves for 5 minutes, some struggling.

Science dept ; missing the Lab tech assistant Cesar. Examples;

Lab scales bolted to the tables, teacher noticed cable cut. But was unable to notify anyone before the scale went missing. The scale is 800-1000\$. Now gone. Lost equipment.

AP Biology lessons; lab assistant would be prepping, while teacher teaching. Now the AP teacher cannot teach and prep as well. They have to do the lab prep as well. Teachers having to learn the solutions, the components of the lab. Result is : The science staff dept is having a real loss.

Kids , for example the grade 9 group; some challenging kids, kids are tired , teachers are tired; composition class issues.

Missing flexibility to move kids around to balance the classes better. Now there is no room to move the kids to a better room/composition for them and the teacher.

4 block common lunch day is now being run. Science 9 running in 3 blocks, now there is pressure on flexibility, structural, common lunch/ committee work; how can we change the current schedule to relieve some of these pressures.

4 block day is restrictive. Socials dept has cut; 3 class selections.

Ap calculus also cut.

To cut a class because there are fewer kids, ie; 20 kids in calculus ok. Now if only 13 kids the class is not run.

Losing kids to other schools that have the programs. Is it possible that in a few years Centennial won't have the AP programs?

Core area teachers/ Elective Teachers:

Science 9 v. wood shop. Less kids taking elective, Not only how the teacher runs the class. The funding also lessens if not enough kids taking the class. Before if a student failed a core class or elective there was an opportunity to retake that class. Now if the class is failed and they have to retake a core class, they lose another elective.

Better for 5 blk; the kids have more choices.

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Fewer kids; reality fewer blocks of choices. Each student takes 8 courses. Another factor is the enrollment piece.

As few as 30 kids = 1 more block = more funding.

Tech Ed; Shane Pope; at the last moment we have a new automotive teacher, just came over from Victoria. Auto program lives for another year.!!

Tech ed dept working very hard to facilitate the move to the new school. Not sure how that will happen , the inventory is huge and will have to be moved over. Justin Dean is the new teacher.

First visit from the new School Trustee to the Tech Dept. She commented the depts. have been left in the have not position not in the Haves position. (as they were a few years ago).

New Business:

The recent announcement by the BC Govt to the school districts and then to administration; there must be cuts over two years. Unclear how this is feasible, we are currently in the school year.

After much discussion it was decided that The Cent Pac will write a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting for a review and change to our sch dist. Funding to be more even.

Rob and Jacquie will look into what the district wrote last year and perhaps piggy back on that letter.

Also the PAC will ask for an increase in gaming funding, \$20/ student is no longer adequate, the amount has not changed in many years (except for the 50% cut a few years back), The PAC will ask the ministry to consider increasing the amount.

Also, a new math teacher has also been hired. All of January is uncertain with teachers. Seniority/ release of assignments, then these changes /teachers must be filled. Also Mat leaves and retirements.

Dry afterGrad; Loriene Shantz: The parent dance is on again; May 2. The first \$4000.00 earned after expenses goes to reduce cost of dinner/dance tix. Any extra will go to the aftergrad general fund.

And parent volunteers did the Frisbee toss at the Coq. Express Hockey game last Friday.

Election of Secretary?

None.

Cont...New Business: Susan S. reported that she wrote and applied to the Coquitlam Foundation for a grant of \$3500.00 , (maybe more?) for the Theatre Seats, curtains, lighting.

Rob Z. helped round out the application and school secretary Kara T, was helpful and submitted the application on Susan's (the PAC's) behalf.

After much discussion and planning Susan, Jacquie and Rob will get together and open a Fundraizer crowd sourcing acct with Fundraizer (in Vancouver) The concept will be to raise monies from Alumni and staff past/present and anyone else whom might be interested. The donations can be made to a specific part of the school: ie, Science/ Tech Ed/ Automotive/Theatre /Scholarship or general.

The funds will be administered and paid out by executive decision of the school principal and two PAC executives. Depending on the amounts raised and comments by the donators, the idea would be to make a legacy of spending and not spend it all in one or two years.

The Centennial Facebook page is the conduit. Fundraizer keeps 5% + approx. 2.9% for the PayPal acct.

Next; on behalf of the PAC, Susan will do the paperwork and apply to the City of Coquitlam for this years' Spirit Foundation (gaming money). The application is due March 31.

It is with sadness that we learned of Former VP and teacher; Dan Doyle recently passed away. There will be a more formal announcement in a few days. He was a wonderful personality and a force of positive energy for the Centennial School Community. Excellent individual.

Doyle Award; Senior Athlete of the Year. Named for him and he quite regularly continued to visit the school and hand out this award.

New school; still on track /push for May 2016. Concrete is the slow- down. 30 day cure.

Mtn to adjourn: Amy @ 8:15.

Passed.

AGM ; election of new executive; May 11, 2015 Library 7pm.