

Centennial PAC

Sept 28, 2015 Library

Attendance: Chair; Jacquie Hutchins, Treasurer; Loriene Shantz; Temp Secretary; Susan s.

Principal Jon Bruneau, Vice Principal Kelly Zimmer, Stacey Copeland Kerr, Heewan Seo, Robin Benning, Tamara Dean, Cinzia Dejesus, Cathy Y, Martini Joeke Libin, Diether Malakoff, Shane Pope, Maria Parrotta, Carla Keller.

Prior to the mtg being opened we received a Presentation from Co-op students with the District;

New online payment system. Centennial is pilot project.

Please register; Receive emails re; fieldtrips/ books/registration.

Easier for accounting and administration. Pay student fees.

Questions; contact Jon, principal.

Question of whether there are Surcharge of 2%.

Principal will check into this ; was an agreement not to charge on student activity fee.

1st PAC mtg of 2015/2016 year;

Mtg opened at 7:15 pm

Everyone introduced themselves,

PAC Chair, Jacqui; Welcome to everyone, Hopefully everyone had a great summer.

There are Thank you cards from kids that received bursaries at the Excellence in education banquet at end of June 2015.

3 cards rec'd/ there are 4 bursaries of \$500.00 each.

Approval of the minutes;

Mtn to accept; 1st; Cinzia, 2nd; Tamara. All in favour. Opposed none.

Mtn passed;

Treasurers report; Loriene Shantz, see attached.

Year end report; all allocations paid and receipts received.

Gaming money on the way ~ 26-30K

Operating account; ~360.00

Parent donations 1030.00 + 200.

All account just over \$1900.00

Next mtg will be with gaming money in hand and the monies will be allocated according to the budget to be done at next mtg.

Fyi; note for grad pens to budget higher. They are more expensive.

Principal report; 1st report ; Jon Bruneau

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Enrollment 1332 kids. Slightly more than expected. Kids that could not get into Port Moody & Charles Best came here.

192 (?) international students. In the past, it's been easier for kids to get into the school. Because the staff levels were richer. Now it is not so easy. Classes and timetables topping out at 30.

63 teachers now at Cent. Difference in teaching blocks = 1 new teacher.

There will be another space in 2nd semester. There is typically flexibility in 2nd semester.

The new BC computer system; myed. In place throughout the province.

Used to organize students and teachers. Having problems cost equivalent of approx. \$10.00 per child/student. There are glitches: it was very slow.

Came online Aug. 24. There was no flexibility for students to change courses. Admin felt the pressure from kids/parents in the first week.

Long line ups down the halls, it was unavoidable, now it's a managerial issue. Attendance is now working and online. There are still elements where parents don't phone in for the kids' absence. Not good enough to tell the teacher, you need to tell the office.

The admin would prefer email notification. Not phone.

The admin is about to organize last years' certificate of excellence winners event. This will likely be changed this year so that the kids get their certificates in the same year as awarded. But it will have to be configured between the last few days/afternoons of school.

To be determined whether students only or students& parents. A larger venue is required if parents are included.

School goals; 2 official; Having a safe, caring and orderly school. 2nd; Improving our grad rate. At a minimum keeping it at its current 95% or higher.

Unofficial goal; connectedness; posted on website. Has to do with the new school. Work of the teachers, figuring strategies to have student body feel more connected with an improved culture as they move into the new building.

Pilot of KEV program. Locker program, was a gong show, very difficult system.

1st week the locker system became unsecure. 1 hack = compromised. Kids had to get their stuff and then it took another 5 days to reassign lockers. Hard work by Ms. Zimmer. Lockers are still available for kids that don't yet have one.

Next year ; Lockers will again be assigned in home room as per in the past.

New school: there will be at least 1000 lockers. They are quite expensive.

New school report:

was supposed to be finished already. Prevailing thought and hope is end of July 2016. It will take 3-4 weeks of careful moving just of tech ed dept. the move of the science dept also will have to be careful and also time consuming.

If roof is on by Halloween, July should be done. If roof is not on, then it will be hard to stick with July.

Contingency plan to move over Cmas break 2016-2017. Summer is best option!

Rest assured I am (the principal) putting pressure where he can to assign pressure further down the line.

The kindermorgan pipeline also cuts through the property and this has caused issues and timeline delays.

Roads, new roads will enter and exit to the school.

Parking off/drop off problems.

Parking wise for teachers parking should stay at the west end building by the Socials wing. Also the board off ice parking will be reopened.

Gr 12's that drive to school can't park at the ice recn centre. Kids can park at the Dogwood far lot or behind the oval.

Blue gym will remain. Cafeteria and D gym will be demolished. Red gym may or nor be demolished.

There may be 3 mos of issue with gym and pe dept. New Gym will be right where the cafeteria is.

The ramp going to tech ed, should be accessible, it has to be accessible for the kids to do their school work.

Ideally drop off students on Winslow passed the bus area. Passed the crosswalk on the Dogwood side. Or on Poirier between the library and the pool. There was also an issue to get a bus sign for the handi dart bus out front.

Gravel entrance alongside the gym is NOT a drop off. The crosswalk is not marked, but the marking is coming. ENVOY contractor did not get done the bus sign or mark the crosswalk.

QE theatre for GRAD 2016 and the Bayshore for the dinner / dance.

Teachers report; Diether Malakoff, & Shane Pope.

Welcome to everyone, questions / comments from teachers to parents and parents to teachers.

Good start up, good full year of instruction time and psychqs.

Good news increased enrollment. New Education fund; meant to address class size and composition.

Approx. 6 – 7 blocks of time. Lowest of all highschoools in sd 43. Rob (Zambrano) and Diether presented to the board and; good news we got 5 more blocks. District is really tight for money, in the past they would estimate enrollment ~ 28 and then they would cost it out. 30 empty chairs = 1 block of teaching time paid for.

Several programs were not running because of this; ie: AP Bio.

Instead of projecting high, now everything is at 30 kids and then there are no chairs to place these kids that need their core classes.

3 classes of 30, then 5 other kids want to take Chem 11. It's hard to rejuggle , there is nowhere for those kids to go.

Balance the class with kids ~ 27.... Not ideal.

Also challenges relating to budget this year, not just bells& whistles, projected down about 25 % in some depts.

Jon is advocating on their behalf to increase their budgets.

Library closures; already 2-3 times in the past few weeks. The CUPE person is not replaced. Library is still periodically closed.

Morale is good, nervousness of new people. Jon and Kelly are well spoken of and that is really good.

Overall teachers are happy and looking at the new schedule.

New schedule; common lunch, shorter lunch. Teachers getting used to shorter time period. A lot of teachers used the lunch for prep and helping students.

The later start is also okay for most.

The new common lunch is not likely up for review at the end of the year. Try it for a little while ~ a few years. Something they hoped for the new schedule to accommodate was Music program. Now those kids don't choose lunch over band. Concern over 4 blocks for the day.

Jon; about the report cards and the new computer system. Jon has tried it out and it works!

The teachers need to put the information in and parents can see their comments plus the grades and percentages.

Teachers need time to train and how to use the new system for reporting. Some colleagues are ok with it and computer intuitive. Some teachers have uncertainty but they will get to use it and get comfortable with it.

Jon and Kelly have gone class to class to speak with teachers who needs help with attendance and they can do that again for report cards.

The hard part was login and getting used to screen layout.

Mr. Pope: for tech ed dept:

the most amount of change coming back in sept from summer. New mybc, and new admin.

The overall budget was quite significant in drop from previous years.

Tech Ed summer school. 1st time ever; huge success! Depending on where the new school is at, depends when /where it can run next summer.

Kids were excited to be here and learn and building and creating. Kudos to the dept.!

3 weeks of ½ days of the summer.

Foods program went as well. Weekly food sales in the courtyard; Mr. Jonas culinary instructor, fully certified chef.

Eden west \$60.00 ; \$15 /day here. Grew herbs, planted, knife skills, baking, soups , how to buffet etc.

3d printing also done with Metal work.

Rocketry course as well, there will be a rocket launch one day soon. Due to fire ban this summer, no way, the rockets could be launched.

It was meant for kids going into gr 7,8,9. Not necessarily kids coming to our school, but there will be no repeat projects for students that do come into Cent.

Committee reports;

DRY After grad; First mtg will be Wed Oct 7 Library 7 pm. Welcome to parents gr 9, 10 & 11's, plus 12's of course to come out and get involved. Good for continuity and experience over the years.

Cap and Gown; online sign up.

Senior Sail; this Sat. Oct. 3 , A school event. Boat cruise, all school rules, dress code.

147 tickets sold. 320 grad class.

Hoping for 200 , no outside guests at this event.

Message to gr 12's; harmless play. Be good leaders.

Senior sail; busses?? Jon will look into it next year... the ticket price will be higher.

Unfinished business;

New business;

District changing the email server; Right now student uses a login to get to their email account.

Now disctrict 43 has bought in to a new system through Microsoft.

Office 365 newest online Versions of excel/ outlook.

Far more powerful for students and teachers to use. This will be a universal access account.

When students log in; the server is not in Canada. There is a law in Canada that you cannot use a server outside Canada without a consent form. To confirm with the law all schools students must sign the consent form. If they don't they will not be able to access email from outside the school.

Student use consent form, nothing identifiable.

Cloud type service.

Students will use it to log in within their classes and assignments depending on the teachers. Now they will use it inside classrooms. Teachers can access assignments and mark and work on assignments with their students.

Teachers will have additional functionality to work with students.

Election:

Chair; Jacqui's last year, happy to stay on, happy to co chair.

Jacque acclaimed.

Vice Chair; prep for next year, Amy is no longer in the school. So not a heavy work load, mainly to help Jacqui.

To be readdressed at next meeting.

Secretary; Tamara Dean acclaimed.

Treasurer; work load, budget, chqs'. Work with #'s. Lorie will help whomever does it, she has graduated out of Cent. The person from last year who offered to take it on, was no longer available.

To be readdressed at next meeting.

DPAC, any nominees?

3 SPCmembers; ~ 2 mtgs / year to sign off on school planning.

Deb Mueller will stay on this year.

Susan Sorensen

Suzy Anselmo will stay on this year.

Member at large (3); Susan Sorensen.

To be readdressed at next meeting.

Next Mtg will be announced.

Thank you everyone.

Mtn to adjourn: 830.

