

## Centennial PAC Meeting January 9, 2017

Attendance: Susan Sorensen, Secretary, Jon Bruneau, Principal, Tamara Dean PAC Chair, Cinzia deJesus, Treasurer. Veronika Farnell Vice Principal Teri Towner DPAC rep, Angela Killins.

Mtg called to order at 7:02 pm

Minutes of last meeting, motion to approve: Teri T, 2<sup>nd</sup>; C deJesus.

All in favour; none opposed, Carried.

Chair Report, Tamara; no report.

Treasurer Report, Cinzia; some chqs written, reimbursed school for Tech ED saw, Socials Field trip. Musical instruments, buzzers and microphone.

About \$3200 spent of the approved budget.

The accountant Kitty gives a list of invoices each month, then Cinzia will then write the chqs.

Consolidated to write less cheques and keep bank fees low.

DPAC report, Teri: nothing to report; next GM, Board Trustee Judith Shira talking about the budget.

Next Mtg; Jan 25, always the last Wed of every month.

Guest speakers dates still to be determined.

Principal report, Jon;

Enrollment at 1381 or so. High 1100 for local resident students. Will be less next year. 85-90 students less. The larger Gr 12's leaving and the incoming gr 9 much smaller#.

Building at capacity in the new building.

10 fewer classrooms, Supreme Court decision will effect # of students and classrooms.

: how is the district going to divvy up the \$50 million or so expected to our district.

We should know very soon, if more teachers for semester 2. Maybe 1 more teacher right away.

Currently 29.6/ teacher. Each class has to be filled to 30.

Composition of classes, ESL, Special needs / classes. There will be again limitations on exceptions for each class. Fewer rooms in the new building.

Semester two changes will balance in favour of kids. And will also change next Sept.

Everything will be back on the table for discussion for the new school and for Semester 2.

This process is starting right now. Job postings for semester 2 are tomorrow.

Admin continues their focus : on hallway behavior, attendance and work habits.

Pretty good set of kids right now. They continue to remind the gr 12's to get to class. They like to socialize. They have a longer lunch so that helps. But only 5 minutes between classes. The kids would like 10.

The other grades are doing well. But grad year tends to have an effect on gr 12's.

Grade 12 have a bit of disconnect from their future plans. And what they will do after gr 12. They are needing more guidance and influence.

Christmas assembly hosted by VOX.

Semester turn around over 4.5 days, from Sem 1 to 2.

Only 1 exam during that week, the morning of Jan 24; is gr 12 Provincial. So they have no classes.

Friday is the walkabout for incoming gr 9's, so no classes. And the Monday is the prod .Day.

Some concern about skipping that week, there will be in class exams to deter and the report card is delayed one week for teachers to have time to report.

New School: 99.9% done on the inside. The outside is nowhere near done. But there is gravel being poured so the weather is now also a consideration. (snow/ice).

The Company can go get a permit, then we have 3 – 9 weeks. And we need a lead time of 1 month to decide. So if we can know by Feb 14 then we can move over springbreak.

Won't be easy, will be very difficult for all the teachers and the Science Dept.

The other option is not until July.... That sounds easier, but then Phase II is delayed to remove the old building.

The library will also be very difficult to move.

Final date still unknown, weather is not helping, -10 later this week.

School district maybe does not have to accept the building even if the permit is issued. We may be able to wait a few extra days. There are also deficiencies that we need addressed. Small area of flooring needs to be fixed, it is in the area of the school we have already moved into.

The gr 12's were not happy with the news that the DAG event cannot be held in this old building or in the new building. The gr 12's are worried about what the DAG would look like.

DAG, not really dry. There are people kids and parents alike that are not respecting the notion of Dry After Grad. What would be ideal is a gr 12 and their parent's assembly to talk about expectations of grad.

Meet the parents that will be there that night. Nice to figure out how not to let the few kids from ruining it for an effective way for the majority.

The entry at the door, small minority that got through and are inebriated and have booze hidden and at the Winter Formal and the boat cruise. All about hiding it way ahead of time. They will drink just before they come in and then the alcohol takes effect 45 -60 minutes later.

A school event is supposed to be a school event. There is an educational piece that includes parents.

Major discussion about the DAG, the responsibility of parents/ and students. To remain and emphasize NO ALCOHOL, NO DRUGS. Emphasis on DRY, needs to be from Parents as well.

The administration and ensuring the kids have a great experience but that it is safe and responsible.

GRAD HOODIES; small issue, kids ordered, then there was a design issue. Kids cancelled their orders, hoodies were delayed, they are reordered.

SPIRIT WEAR; student cmttee designed. Cost \$10.00 and get them asap.

New School has a store built in.

GR 11 parent night; Feb 8. Parents come in at 7pm, then at 8pm gr 11 parents assemble to discuss about gr 12 , re picking courses for the upcoming semester for your post sec choices.

Teachers Report; Not present: no report

Committee Reports; none.

New Business: Teri Towner DPAC rep. HOME STAY: an email was sent:

There is a Korean female student needs somewhere to live, house and feed for one year. She will be in debate and traveling around. She speaks fluent English.

Adjournment:

8:10pm.

Next Mtg: March 6, 17 @ 7 pm library.