Centennial PAC meeting

Feb 26, 2018 7pm Library

Attendance: Tamara Dean Chair, Cinzia DeJesus Treasurer, Susan S secretary, Dieter Malakoff science dept head, Kelly Zimmer VP, Anthony Ciolfitto, Principal, Veronika Farnell VP, Nicole Powell, Angela Killins, Dalene Schulz, Cathy U, Denise Eisner, Audrey Charney, regrets; Deb Mueller, Teri Towner DPAC.

Mtg opened 7:04;

**Chair Tamara**; Welcome everyone, its been a long time; I’d like to start by welcoming Anthony, really looking forward to working with you.

Went around the table, everyone introduced themselves.

**New principal** Anthony Ciolfitto, introduced himself and Liege, our PAD dog.

Agenda; approve minutes from Nov 6 /17 mtg.

Mtn to approve 1st; Angela, 2nd; Audrey.

All in favour, none opposed; carried.

**Chair report**; Tamara; nothing to report, except DPAC has a meeting this Wed Feb 28 at Winslow.

And there is an event on March 8, parent event; free but need to register. Check out the DPAC website and register as soon as possible.

**Treasurer report; Cinzia**,

Partial budget voted on last time, only $6000.00 paid out to DAG so they could pay the Houle deposit.

Kitty has $4866.29 in parent donations, only a few bank charges. Hope to finish the budget tonight and then be up to date.

Tamara; we did not have the teachers wish list last time so we only approved those items that we do yearly.

**Teachers Report;** Dieter Malakoff.

Feel free to ask me questions or email me.

Last meeting discussion about the Remedy situation.

Class sizes, never above 26 this year at Centennial, usually around 22.

Math can be up to 30.

Court decision has really benefitted students/teachers.

Challenges; no contract solution for learning centre blocks.

In past there was $ set aside for learning blocks, kids would get supported for help.

Kids are being integrated that in the past may not have been able to attend Centennial.

Less blocks of math/science etc, larger class sizes; Increased LEC blocks.

Now with smaller class sizes, there are more class blocks, at Centennial we have not hired significantly more teachers. The outcome is the average student experience has improved but the at risk student is challenged to get the support that they might need.

Teachers contract negotiations for next year. Bargaining can again be done. Court ruling language has room for improvement.

**Administrative report**; Veronika F, vp;

Wrapping up basketball and wrestling: 10 kids going on to wrestling Provincials.

Basketball all but one team went on

Jr boys went on to provincials.

Very positive results.

Starting Rugby, spring football and soccer for the girls and track and field will need volunteers to come out and help coach.

Senior girls soccer finished top 3 last year. Strong gr 9 this year and strong gr 10.

High expectations.

And boys Curling going to provincials as well.

Field lacrosse going into season now.

**Administrative report**; Anthony, new principal.

Music concert on March 6.

Quick construction update; basically they’ve been cutting pillars and removing the roof, the demolition with machines should start very soon, takes about 4 weeks.

Then they will start the neightbourhood learning ctr. A new gym and two levels of rooms.

6 class rooms upstairs and lower level,

The Swiss (?)team they work with refugees and possible that SFU /BCIT may be in there.

Bcit; tech programs Sfu; teacher programs

Nothing is firm, just the talk right now.

We need the space to have 6 classrooms and lockers in that building. That’s the plan.

Eta; 2 yrs, however, we know that timelines don’t work out so great.

Turf field planned will be all purpose; should be done in two years.

Building first, then turf and parking.

The City will do the turf.

Pot holes in the drive thru, constant, they will be fixed, Board office next door is great neighbour to help this situation.

Spring break March 17 to April 3.

There was a newsletter recently and will try to use the blog to express what is happening in the building. Freeing from a formal principals message in a newsletter.

I want to understand the building and programs. Part of my transitions is to try to understand that.

And working relations with Kelly, Veronika, Dieter etc. all the staff.

A lot of amazing people in this building. Very challenging for staff to come over to this new building.

And hard for long term staff that spent their time there and to come to this new smaller building.

A sense of where things are and honor this new building.

A proper opening for the new building. Kelly will take that on with a team of staff and students.

Beautiful new building but not much on the walls. Try to get a group together to showcase how special this building is.

Grad composites and where will they all go. The past 50 years and the next 30 or 40.

Some signage that identifies Centennial and student voice.

This will take time, but trying to focus on our culture; need to be patient.

Have a great history and we can launch off that. It’s been a tough couple of years with the move.

Theatre seats, plaques are getting done for purchased seats, Ben King vp working on this. Working with Mr Shane Pope to see if we can do this in house. Waiting on laser engraver. (500.$ part).

Door to the Main entrance; identity and welcoming people. The entrance is a

multi purpose space, entrance. Office, cafeteria, theatre and gathering place for special events.

Sent out a questionnaire to staff/ students and parents. To gather as much information as possible.

Trying to be effective for everyone who is invested in this place. And do great things for us.

Communications; trying to push out info in multiple ways. The problem is that each one of those tools is separate. An error on one looks like its conflicting. The intention is good, just sometimes the delivery is not quite right.

Picnic table on the Winslow/Poirier corner can’t be moved. And a picnic table needs to be in a special area for congregating around. Location is important.

**DAG**: Cinzia, the Houle entertainment deposit paid. And the venue is the Rec Ctr.

Similar set up. We’re missing a few committee people, need people for Donations / Decorations.

Grad Pens; they are usually ordered thru Kelvin. Needs the stickers put on them.

Cinzia will follow up with Kelvin for the order. Left over pens are likely in the office.

Need parents to volunteer to hand out pens at Commencement. Usually 2-4 (6).

**Unfinished business**; Budget:

Our total budget, we received $26,440.00 + a small previous balance. We’ve spend our usual items at the November meeting. Total $26, 850.00 to spend; We did not have the wish list for the November meeting.

We have 12,350.00 left to spend and now we have the wish list. And we have the parent donations money of $4,866.00.

Budget items (previously approved November)

Grad Pens $2000.00 Bursaries and Scholarships 4 x $500.00 = $2000.00 Staff Lunch $600.00

Dry After Grad $6000.00 Student Support $2000.00 Student Recognition $1500.00 Clubs/VOX $1000.00

New items (wish list)

Library $1500.00 Science $2000.00 Performing Arts $ $1500.00

Math $920.00 Tech Ed $500.00 Art $300.00

Socials S $ 1200.00 Home Ec /Marketing/ Busines $3500.00 Drama $350.00

English $500.00 Athletics $3500.00

Mtn to accept; 1st Dalene, 2nd; Nicole, all in favour, none opposed.

**New business**;

Experientials studies; Parents, students are sad that the program has ended. What can we do to have it run again? It was a very important and successful 10+ year programs for the kids. You could tell who was in ES later when they were in gr 11/12. They were leaders, made friends across the group.

Admin knows that parents and kids are really wanting to do this program. The success of the program was those teachers. Mr. Rose and Ms. O’Shaughnessy.

Good fit needed between teachers and the program and with students. Hiring for those programs-

Hopeful for next year. Right qualifications/right people.

It helped make Centennial unique. Trying to make it work right people/ right enrollment.

Challenge is also the cost to running it. Partially paid by students, but also paying staff and excursions.

Balance the ratio from excursions and classroom setting/ peter& paul issue.

To make ES work something else might have to give.

It would be awesome to make if fly and find teachers that can give those kind of hours.

Clarifying questions… how do the teachers find out that they are getting their requested funds. Thru Kitty in the office and likely an email from admin to teachers.

And school website updates, Veronika working on it. Need to get old info off the site.

Next meeting; April 30, 2018.

Mtg closed; 8:36 pm.