



Minutes for January 9th, 2019

Call to order 7:02 PM

Adoption of minutes seconded by Ian

Adoption of agenda seconded by Tuire

Attendance: Tiffanie Hanoski, Tuire Tammilehto, Teresa Bubela, Leann Trenchard, Cindy Harte, Ian Wish, Breena Blazkow, Jacob Buurma, Kimberly Douglas, Julena Lovegrove, Caren Morris

School Admin Report - Cindy

- Applied and received \$1500 Reading Rocks grant.
- Paul Pontaleyo (spelling?) from Oaklands, working with primary team for reading recovery strategies
- Kindergarten registration starts Jan 28th at 8am
- Projections for 40 K students for next year, may need to cap it at this. This year projection was 40 and ended at 60.
- Boundary review in progress. Don't know proposals yet.
- If we need another classroom computer lab will be turned into classroom as overall growth in school
- Pro-D: Monday Jan 21st. New ways to share resources, organization, learning about e-rack and determining gaps.
- Portable in progress but no updates. No projection for completion date.

School Admin Report - Tiffanie

- Gaming Grant needs to be used within two years
- Currently healthy financial situation

Treat Day Discussion - Jacob

- Discussion about concerns about treat day (loading on sugar, stampede/rush, where does the money go, history of event)
- Children love it but many parents don't
- Original intent – money earmarked for greater community benefit, eventually become more in-house (class pets, other projects). Brings in about \$100 per class (2 classes share 1 treat day) – a useful source of funds for in-class projects.
- Currently 7 treat days annually but could reduce number (e.g., one grade per treat day)
- With more volunteers, option to hand treats out in class instead of stampede outside

- General consensus to leave as is for now

Music Program Changes - Jacob

- Ms. Karpiak made music a big part of curriculum
- School district's revised curriculum is focused on applied technology
- Staff change created opportunity to align with district curriculum
- Previously 3 short music classes (102 minutes), now it's 2 music classes and 1 applied tech class - not a huge change
- Changes in curriculum was met with resistance from teachers at first
- Proposed survey on feedback from parents on these changes. Survey may bring questions or problems that can't be fixed. Transparency and trust in administration to make the right choices is more important. Communication is important from both sides (admin and concerned families).
- Consensus to request feedback/open dialogue instead of formal survey directed to principal. Any specific concerns can be addressed to Cindy directly.

Microscope Purchase Request - Jacob

- Mr. Masini requesting a microscope that works with smart boards that costs \$400
- Other teachers are also interested in using this
- Positive feedback, like that it's something different and very exciting
- Vote: all in favour, funding request approved

Emergency preparedness - Kimberly

- Inventory is okay currently, got more granola bars, toiletry kits, garbage bags
- A copy of emergency documents and instructions are in kiosk
- Still need 3 pop-up tents and sandbags, more garbage bags for the intent of turning them into rain ponchos, tarps with rings
- Suggestion for regular camping tents in case they had to stay overnight on the chance they can't go to Gordon Head Middle/Rec Centre
- Kimberly to inquire with Cindy about more specifics (e.g., how many hours are we set up for in case of an emergency?)
- Jacob will work with Kimberly to make a list of things to purchase and price things out
- Kimberly requested donation for Torquay's emergency supplies from her employer, Risk Management Services

Parent education nights - Caren

- Torquay is hosting Social Media and Video Gaming parent education session on April 2 from 7:00-8:30
- Other PACs are also hosting various Parent Ed events that are for family of schools
- Registration required, free event for parents
- Costs to be divided among schools (at least two are free)
- Caron will send detailed information on all events including the Sheepdog parent ed night and create Eventbrite registration page for parents to RSVP.

Vancouver Island Parent Conference - Jacob

- March 2nd
- Early bird tickets \$75
- Free ticket for PAC – claimed by Teresa Bubela

Roundtable

- Power outage on last day of school, not enough feedback to parents regarding delayed vs cancelled. Admin didn't receive notice that classes fully cancelled until noon.
- Principal is not allowed to make the call on school closure, must wait until response from school district.
- Another fundraising event proposed – come to school as your favourite character from a book. Possibly during literacy week.

New Business

- Suggestion from Learning Support Staff for good quality sets for home reading material. Cost would be thousands of dollars but could significantly help literacy learning.
- Funding request form passed along to Breena Blazkow.

Next meeting is on February 13th

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm