

North Saanich Middle School Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting



MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2012

7:00 P.M.

NSMS SCHOOL LIBRARY

ADMINISTRATION	Kal Russell , Principal	
PAC EXECUTIVE	Kelly Glover , President	Rebekah Hunter , Vice President
	Christine Bennett , Treasurer	Kerri Tuggle , Secretary
	Jen Langard , COPACS Rep	
PARENTS	Heather Bond	Robert Downey
	Sheri Love-Yasue	Nancy Noel

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS / PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION

Minutes from the October 9, 2012 meeting were adopted.

M/S/C – Christine Bennett / Rebekah Hunter

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHRISTINE BENNETT

DISCUSSION

Account Balances

- **General** **\$10,429.61**
- **Gaming** **\$14,370.65**

Credit Forthcoming

The PAC will be receiving a refund of \$60.45 from a credit balance on a past fundraiser from QSP in 2010.

Teacher Requests for PAC Funding

The PAC has received a few funding request forms from teachers which were discussed and voted on.

Teacher	Requested Item/Purpose	Amount	PAC Decision
Ms. Carruthers / Ms. Wheatley	Bus Transportation Costs – Funding requested to cover bus transportation costs for a field trip for these two grade 6/7 classes to view a performance of Peter Pan at Kaleidoscope theatre on November 30.	\$200.00	M/S/C via email C. Bennett / R. Hunter / K. Glover / K. Tuggle
Student Services - Mrs. Saddlemeyer / Ms. Jones	Exercise Bike – Request for funding to purchase an exercise bike. This bike would be used for students to access during breaks from academic tasks in the classroom.	\$500.00	M/S/C C. Bennett / R. Hunter * to be used by students with supervision.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

KAL RUSSELL

DISCUSSION

Reading Program

Mr. Russell provided an update on the reading program for students that are struggling. There have been approximately 25 students identified that are possibly in need and they are currently in the process of being assessed. They will find books and materials and plan to set up for a start after Christmas. The plan would be anyone that is reading at a grade four level or lower would have three 30 minute reading breaks a week where they would read out loud with an adult.

Upcoming Events

- **November 21** – Early dismissal at 2:08 / parent-teacher interviews
- **November 22** – ESL Potluck dinner / multicultural celebration
- **December 10** – Presentation by Mark Hancock (author of The Wave), parents welcome
- **December 21** – School Dance – they will incorporate social dance and dance skills learned in P.E. class

Parent Teacher Interviews

Teachers and administration have been discussing changing the format of parent teacher interviews next year. They are thinking that there will be a meeting set up at the beginning of the year with parents and teachers where they can discuss possible student concerns and/or issues such as class communication, etc. so that issues can be addressed before classes have been on for 2-3 months.

Parent Involvement Meeting

This meeting was held on October 24 and was a successful and informative meeting. The District will be approving the five year plan for the School District next week.

Newsletters / School Website

Doug Caley will be meeting with Brock Smith (SD#63 I.T.) to update the school website. They are looking at changing the website so that there will be weekly updates with three main bulletins on the main page in place of newsletters. They are hoping these new changes will be implemented in January.

School Planning Council

Mr. Russell acknowledged that he would like to move forward with the School Planning Council but he believes that it will be more beneficial to wait until the New Year to get started.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

REBEKAH HUNTER

DISCUSSION

Rebekah addressed that she would like the PAC to work on getting parents to come into the school more. She suggested trying to have some mornings where the PAC could serve coffee and baked goods to encourage parents to stop and chat at morning drop off.

COPACS REPORT

JEN LANGARD

DISCUSSION

Jen provided a briefing of issues that were discussed at the last COPACS meeting:

Parent Education Evening

The COPACS group will be sponsoring an education evening for SD#63 middle school parents at Royal Oak Middle School in February. The topic of this session will be cyber bullying and it is open to parents and students.

Language Concerns

One of the parents at the COPACS meeting addressed concerns regarding the frequent use of bad language by middle school students including labelling, profanity and discriminatory terms. A discussion ensued in which it was addressed that kids need to be educated and that it might be a good idea if the message were to come from a peer group – Youth in Action was suggested.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KELLY GLOVER

DISCUSSION

Literary Task Group

Kelly is a member of a Literary Task Group that is on the peninsula. January 27 is Literacy Day and the theme this year is 15 Minutes of Fun. They want to find activities to show and encourage kids that reading is fun. They are also looking for businesses and parents to get involved. They are also looking for feedback and expectations from parents regarding literacy issues.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

Parent Education Ideas

Rebekah was made aware of a program that we could possibly bring into the school called *How to Build Your Child's Self Esteem*. She will follow-up with this and update when she receives more information.

Parent Volunteer Forms

Christine has gone through the Parent Volunteer Forms and has distributed name lists to various areas. Now that we have some volunteer names, programs such as Earthquake Preparedness can get started.

Night Before Late Night Shopping Fundraiser

Jen has received tickets for this fundraiser and they will now be available for purchase at the office. Jen will send this information to Doug Caley who will forward via email to all parents.

Spring Fundraiser

A discussion ensued regarding ideas for a spring fundraiser. PAC members are still looking into various ideas such a concert or carnival.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m.