

Ecole Cascade Heights Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Attendance:

Fernando De Melo, Chairperson

Anthony Yam, principal

Ron Singh, Treasurer

Darlene Kikuchi, Secretary & CPF Rep

Makie Kustukake

Michelle Mikacevich

Signy Marcyniuk

Denise Ru

Adrianna Constantinescu (Inman FI grade 3)

Principal's Report:

-Music department has requested \$500 for 218 intermediate students, with the help of parent volunteers, to make their own pins/pendants for Canada's 150th birthday. Fernando motioned to accept the request, Signy seconded. All in favour.

-Walkathon is on Friday, May 19th. Funds will go towards purchasing two more laptop carts. The District will match the funds raised. Funds raised by the grade 7s will go towards the camp funds.

-There will be two more classes next year, to make it 20 divisions. There are 37 grade 4 French Immersion students coming in the fall. The District will install two portables over the summer. It is likely that intermediate students will be placed in these. As class sizes will be going down, the grade 7 band may have to be split into two.

-April 19th is the Intermediate choir festival

-May 2nd is the Canada's 150th choir and band concert in the evening.

-The UBC Climate Study is an anonymous survey of grade 4-7 students about friendships, bullying, etc. A letter will be going out to parents. This year's grade 7s are the first group who had also participated in grade 4.

-April 24th is a Professional Day. Teachers who participated in the BCTF inquiry project will report to the rest of the staff regarding the revised curriculum.

-April 26th is Student-Led Conferences. Students will be dismissed at 1:50. Parents are invited to come to the school from 2:00-6:00.

-Gauss (grades 6 and 7) and Abel (grades 4 and 5) math competitions are May 10th. Top students may participate in further municipal and national competitions.

-Track and field is going well. This year's team is smaller than in the past. Year-end meet is on May 4th.

Treasurer's Report:

PAC will be supporting the grade 7 camp with \$3000. Sports equipment has been purchased for the classrooms for under \$1000.

DPAC Representative:

No report

Upcoming:

Muffins with Mom will take place on May 12th. A notice will go out requesting male volunteers. There wasn't enough time to do the craft last year. Signy suggesting having students write on post-it notes and display them.

The Teacher Appreciation Lunch will take place on May 16th. Makie requested \$1000 (\$500 for food, \$500 for gift). Signy suggested that a theme be incorporated into the event. Adrianna mentioned that at Inman the parents bring in dishes. Anthony will ask the staff for a wish list. A notice will go out to request volunteers and a \$2 donation or a dessert. Fernando motioned to accept the funds request, seconded by Signy. All in favour.

Hot Lunch:

-OPA! has responded that they are unable to participate in our program as there is no local storefront restaurant.

-Anthony reported that some of the staff have mentioned that the delivery of the lunches can be disruptive when delivered early and asked that we reduce the number of days we do it. Improvements in delivery methods will be trialed, starting with the next lunch, and consideration will be given to reducing the number of hot lunches offered.

Other Business:

-Michelle requested clarification about the recent note sent home with grades 6 and 7 students regarding a program on Netflix. Anthony explained that it was meant to inform parents that some students are watching the program, which some may deem inappropriate for their age, and discussing it at school.

-Michelle pointed out that there is racist graffiti on the earthquake box and has been there for some time. Anthony commented that he didn't realize that it was still there and will request that the painters come expeditiously.

-Makie mentioned that there have been students making "slime" at home and selling it at school. Anthony responded that the students have been asked to stop selling at school.

-Signy suggested that a social in September be organized for the grade 4s, as approximately half of them will be coming from a new school. This could be labelled a "welcome to intermediate" activity. Michelle suggested that grade 4s could be buddied up with grade 7s. Anthony informed us that the Multi-purpose Room is open on inside days for grade 6 and 7 students.

-Michelle reported that there has been cell phone theft the classroom. Anthony commented that some teachers collect and lock up cell phones and the RCMP will not respond to calls of this nature.

-Michelle commented that the gym kitchen was not tidied up properly after the last movie night. Anthony will speak to the teacher responsible for the event.

-Fernando will follow up on the progress of Shuster's Buddy Bench. A concrete pad still needs to be installed.

Executive:

Fernando stressed that several executive positions will be vacated at the end of the year. Some of these important roles include Chair, Vice Chair or Co-chair, secretary and French Immersion Representative.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9th, 2017