

Ecole Cascade Heights Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, May 8, 2017

Attendance:

Anthony Yam, principal

Ron Singh, Treasurer

Darlene Kikuchi, Secretary & CPF Rep

Michelle Mikacevich

Signy Marcyniuk

Adrianna Constantinescu (Inman FI grade 3)

Guest Presenter:

Lori Cornwall from Parks & Rec joined the meeting to discuss after school programs and plan for the upcoming sessions. Based on parent requests the following are some of courses to be offered in the next school year: basketball skills, Introduction to Sports (primary), cooking (intermediate), babysitting, a holiday

Principal's Report:

- Walkathon to take place on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised to go towards iPads and a laptop cart.
- It is confirmed that two portables will be installed over the summer. They will be the same size as a "standard classroom".
- New head teacher coming from Douglas Road Elementary.
- Volunteer Tea to take place on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Sports Day on May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> hosting "Welcome to Kindergarten"
- Grade 7s go to Camp Elphinstone from May 31-June 2.
- Grade 7 Quebec trip is June 12-17<sup>th</sup>.
- Grade 7 luncheon is on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and leaving ceremony is on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report:

Accounts are healthy. The last of Gaming funds from 3 years ago are being used up.

DPAC Representative:

No report

Upcoming:

Snack Bar moved to Thursday, May 11, due to provincial election.

Hot Lunch:

-Anthony reported that the frequency of hot lunch is disrupting class time. It was decided to only have hot lunch on Fridays, unless it is a short week, which would reschedule the lunch to Wednesday of that week.

Other Business:

-Signy reiterated her desire to hold an "introduction to intermediate" gathering as a way for the students in the English and French Immersion tracks to meet. Signy will provide a proposal for Anthony to present to the staff for discussion at next staff meeting. Once staff have been made aware Signy will contact.

-Signy inquired about future grade 7 trips to Quebec and suggested a less costly trip to include more students from the class, such as an exchange. It was a surprise to some that only 11 students will be participating in this year's trip. This will be brought up to Mme. McEwen after she returns from Quebec.

-Adrianna asked about class organization next year. Anthony replied that there will be four French Immersion classes and a new teacher has been hired. She also asked about split classes and Anthony stated that split classes are a logistic necessity. Anthony mentioned that class building begins in June, but classes are not finalized until that second week. This is due to late registrations and students leaving the school and prevents students from getting attached to a class make up, only to have it change.

-Michelle queried the status of the Advanced Learners' Class. Anthony acknowledged that plans have not been put in place.

Executive:

Ron mentioned that he has been questioned by parents about the Executive PAC positions. Adrianna mentioned that Inman has documents that could help answer those questions, which she will bring to the next meeting.

Elections will be held at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017