

Sherwood Park PAC Minutes

Meeting date: February 28, 2017

In Attendance: Anne Lawson, Kamryn Turner, Meredith Briden, Kate Walker, Christy Mahoney, Mairhead Foley, Sharon Boglari, Beth Rossiter

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Motion to approve the January 2017 minutes made by Christy Mahoney and seconded by Sharon Boglari.

BFit Kids – Karl Budd (speaker)

Before and after school program for primary elementary age children. Based on games rather than sport and geared to keep kids motivated to move as physical literacy is declining in youth currently.

Program is currently running in 6 West Vancouver schools and a welcome class could be held at Sherwood Park.

Classes are \$12 each and run for 8-12 weeks. Before school sessions are 45 minutes and after school sessions are 60 minutes long. Classes are split into Primary (K-3) and Intermediate (Gr 4-6) and boot camp style classes are being created for the grade 7 level.

There is a 10 student minimum for classes to be run but in most schools the classes have 16-20 per age group in each session. The BFit program can run for the entire school year.

BFit coaches all hold a PE/Sports Science degree and they can also work with teachers during PE classes as well.

Research shows that 20 minutes of exercise before school can increase focus and engagement in class.

Sherwood would need to explore the current schedule for the gym as it is also used for soccer and basketball after school. Outdoor fields can be used as well but are weather dependant. Information will be sent out in the next newsletter and interest gaged from there.

Principal/Vice Principle report:

Anne Lawson spoke about the continuing change in the school with the online report cards and the new curriculum changes that have already occurred with more to come.

With the recent Supreme Court legislation reinstating the language from the 2002 contract we will see class size and composition start to change. Money has already been put back into the system and May/June will reveal what some of these changes may be.

French Immersion support is currently missing in the school and Joe Campbell will be looking into this for the coming year as there is now funding available.

January and February have been very busy months at the school. The Windsor band will be coming in to play for the students, Grade 7 students will be visiting high schools, I Girl/I Guy for the grade 4 classes, Jessie Miller has been in to talk about technology safety & Pink Shirt day

There is now a fund of 30 million dollars provincially from the government for school supplies. Joe Campbell would like to go back to schools buying all supplies for the students rather than having parents/students buy independently.

It has been a 6 year journey at Sherwood Park to improve and streamline the math program. There is now a K thru Grade 7 plan for math that is interconnected as well as a backbone or framework for all teachers. Materials will be available for teachers to sign out and return. All materials will be barcoded and tracked. Joe Campbell will be approaching the PAC in April/May for funds when the materials needed will be determined.

Principal/Vice Principle report cont.

Currently there is not enough money for both paper and textbooks. Funds have allocated to paper costs which means that not all classes have sufficient texts for all students. School currently has \$13,000 on photocopy expenses each year. This includes paper costs, repair & maintenance of the machines as well as the lease of the machine.

Over the next two years Sherwood will be purchasing resources and texts for English, Socials, Science and Math. The school does have some funds set aside for this but additional funds such as from the PAC will be required to proceed. Joe noted that text books are now softcover rather than hard cover so the cost per text book has dropped significantly (\$12 cost for softcover vs \$85 for hardcover). He also noted that the school is very cautious with their purchasing and make all resources last as long as possible.

Overview of Executive Functions: postponed until April meeting

Budget review:

Karmyn Turner said that not much has changed budget wise since last month. She noted that the funds set aside for technology upgrades will be spent by the end of the school year.

The funds set aside for a school wide sport program will be used this year in May on a tennis program for all students (K-Grade 7)

IGirl/ IGuy programs are still to come this spring for Grade 4 students.

At the May meeting, we will be recommending that within next year's budget (and budgets going forward) that Safe Teen be scheduled every year for Grade 6-7 and IGirl/IGuy every year for Grade 2 and 4.

Grade 7 funds showing in budget are just funds being held for the Grade 7 grad committee and are not PAC funds.

There were no questions from the floor on the budget.

New Business:

Joe noted that the Breakfast Club program that was being run by the Tsleil-Waututh Nation band for the past 18 months is no longer operating in the school as they were not able to get enough outside support and were having to pay out of pocket for the program, which was not feasible. The school does have other programs to assist with filling the gap such as the Food Access program with Save-On Foods, Fruit/Vegetable program, and Hot Lunch.

Karmyn Turner noted that ordering for the upcoming Hot Lunch session will start March 1, 2017

Joe Campbell mentioned that recruiting for teachers is heating up and he encouraged anyone who knows a teacher looking for a position to contact him at the school.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

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