

Sherwood Park PAC Minutes

Meeting date: November 22, 2016

In Attendance: Anne Lawson, Kamryn Turner, Carolyn McEachern, Samantha Ball, Meredith Briden, Fiona Rouillard, Kate Walker, Jana Ogdenova, Olga Laren, Gina Madeo, Jen Turner, Mairead Foley, Bronson Boglari, Sarah Stark

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Motion to approve the May 25th, 2016 and October 25th, 2016 minutes made by Fiona Rouillard and seconded by Gina Madeo.

Principal/Vice Principal Report:

Anne said that the students are enjoying the basketball program that is currently running.

The school had a student led Remembrance Day assembly for all grades both French and English that was very lovely.

Both Anne and Pam McLeod noted that the intermediate choir is sounding beautiful.

The school's Winter Concerts will be held on Monday November 28th for the English classes and on Tuesday November 29th for the French classes. Concerts will be held at Windsor Secondary.

Pam McLeod spoke about the upcoming Scholastic book fair running from November 28th to December 1st in the library. There is still opportunities for volunteers to sign up and help out with set up, take down and assisting with sales during the book fair. The signup sheet is located outside the library doors. The book fair provides funds to be able to purchase new resources for the library.

Anne spoke about Sherwood Park's newest student, Amber, a PADS puppy who will be in the school until the end of December when she will go to the States for the next phase of her training. Anne has been fostering her for PADS. Amber has already been working with students who have anxiety, who are hesitant readers or who have other needs. The response has been very positive and the students are excited to come to school and see Amber.

Teachers are still familiarizing themselves with the new reporting system and it has been challenging at times. If families have not yet received an e-mail or a voicemail in regards to the new system please call the office and advise them as this will be the main means of communication for the new system.

Anne noted that there are several students teachers in the school at the moment working their short practicum and she is hoping that some of them are able to return for their long practicum as well. They are a great resource to staff and bring news and exciting ideas and approaches to the school.

The BC Boys Choir will be coming to perform for the school on Wednesday November 23rd.

Upcoming Christmas Events:

The Christmas Tree Jamboree will be put on again this year by the Rasmussen Group. All proceeds raised will be generously donated to the Sherwood Park PAC. The Jamboree will be held on Saturday December 3rd from 4 to 8pm. Sherwood Park's choir will perform and there will be Santa pictures, face painting, glitter tattoos, gingerbread decorating and fresh fir wreaths for sale. Please come out and support this fun event!

Grade 7 volunteers welcomed to assist with selling the wreaths.

Karmyn said that the PAC has money in the budget set aside to be able to decorate a tree at either Parkgate or Dollarton Village. The decision was to decorate a tree at Dollarton and Samantha Ball has to decorate the tree.

Christmas Events cont.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast is back for another year but volunteers are still needed to help make this a successful event. Look for more information coming out soon and sign up to assist with this fun event!

A suggested donation of \$5 per breakfast will be collected at the door rather than selling tickets. All proceeds will go to the Sherwood Park care fund. Donations will also be collected for the Harvest Project or the food bank.

The firemen will have their large griddles set up outside and will be doing the cooking again and there will be more covered outside areas set up as well to ease some of the congestion in the gym. This year there will be selfies with Santa and a table set up to purchase Sherwood Park Spirit wear.

Health Education Program (Sarah Stark & guest Ashley McIntosh)

Sarah Stark who has recently completed her training with Saleema Noonan as a sexual health educator spoke about the program that will be presented to all students k-7 in January 2017. There will a parents night first followed by two full days for the students. This program is offered every two years and while the core information is the same the topics are expanded as the grade level increases. The program talks about the reproductive system and uses scientific names for body parts. It covers pregnancy, birth, condom and needle safety and the different stages of puberty and hygiene. There will also be a discussion about homophobic language and gender identities.

The parent's session will be held on January 23rd, 2017 with the student sessions to follow on January 26 & 27, 2017.

Ashley McIntosh (guest speaker) spoke about the possibility of bringing some Empowerment workshops to the school called iKid, iGuy and iGirl. They focus on personal and self-development, self-esteem, assertiveness, friendships and bullying.

iGuy & iGirl are focused on grades 4-7 and iKid is focussed on grades K-3.

Karmyn noted that \$2,000 was added to the budget last year to expand on the current body health program. We currently alternate the Saleema Noonan program with the Safe Teem program which is offered to grades 6/7.

The decision was made to offer the new programs to grades 2 (iKid) and grade 4 (iGirl, iGuy) starting this year and they will continue every second year. Anne Lawson will speak with Joe Campbell about working them into this year's school schedule.

Internet and Social Media Safety for students

Karmyn spoke about having being asked several times over the last few months by parents about social media and internet safety and if there was something that the PAC could do to help parents with resources.

Mediated Reality is a company that presents to elementary and high schools across the Province in addition to presentations for parents. The fee for a 90 minutes presentation for parents, tentatively booked on the evening of February 7, 2017, would be \$375. The presenter, Jesse Miller, is a former Sherwood Park parent and will give us a reduced price for the parents' information session, and Jesse would be willing to do two sessions with the Grade 4/5 and Grade 6/7's the same day at no cost.

Karmyn noted that this is currently an unbudgeted expense and would have to be voted on to proceed.

Decision to proceed was motioned by Gina Madeo and seconded by Sara Stark.

A vote was taken and none were opposed.

Treasurer's Report:

The January budget statement was provided for review. Karmyn noted that the current's year's income is approximately \$27,000. Current expenses are approximately \$15,000. However there is an estimated \$2000 of expenses anticipated to the end of the year for hot lunch. We anticipate meeting our budgeted annual income of \$42,000.

\$8,500 of the allotted computer funds have already been spent for the year (approx 1/2 of the budgeted amount). The balance will be spent in March 2017 based successfully reaching our budgeted income for. We are currently in the 2 year of the 3 year plan to upgrade the schools technology. The PAC will ask Joe Campbell to review the school's technology plan at the January PAC meeting to update parents on the strategy and where we are at so far.

PAC has been asked to administer the Grade 7 funds for the upcoming year.

As a side note, Nesters Market has been a huge supporter of our school over the last year. For example, Nesters generously donated the majority of the food for Carnival last spring and have donated food to our office to help feed children who have forgotten lunches and/or snacks. They will also be supporting our school at the December 3 Christmas Tree Jamboree and the Pancake Breakfast. Please take a minute if you are shopping there to thank them and support their store.

New business:

We are looking for a volunteer to be a representative for Sherwood Park School and attend the Windsor Family of School meetings held once a month. These meetings are a way to find out what our peer PACs are doing for their schools and to generate ideas of how to support our schools and students. If you have the ability to be a representative for the PAC at these meetings, please email sherwoodparkpac@gmail.com

Seycove Auction (Sarah Stark)

This year's theme will be Pyjama Party. The Seycove auction is one of our main source of funds each year and we usually receive about \$6,000 once the funds are allotted between Seycove, Cove Cliff, Dorothy Lynas and Sherwood Park.

An e-mail has been sent to all class reps asking them to send communication out to their classes about the auction and suggesting a theme for a basket for the silent auction that their class can contribute.

We are still in need of event sponsors and someone to assist with the acquisition of items for the silent auction. Please speak with Sara if you have some time to assist with this.

Traffic safety (Gina Madeo)

20-25 Grade 6/7 students have taken the training so far for the crossing guard program but to date we have only received 8 permissions forms back. This is not enough to proceed. Gina is looking at doing a sign up blitz on December 9th. To successfully run this much needed program we need at least 15 students (1 day per week) and 20 parents (one day per month) to volunteer to monitor the cross walk in the mornings from 8:20 to 8:50am. Please speak with Gina if you are interested in assisting.

Bingo Night:

The PAC is looking at holding a Bingo Night for families. Anne Lawson said that Ross Road Elementary did this type of event each year and it was a huge success and fun for the families. Anne has a binder full of prep info.

Meeting Adjourned at 8: 50pm