

Elphinstone Secondary PAC Meeting

Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, 7:30 pm

Attendance: 19

1.0 Introductions : Principal: Fred Thorsell

Vice Principal: Paul Bishop

As well as current PAC ; Kirsten Storvold, treasurer (she will be stepping down as she lives in Vancouver now), Tracey McLennan, secretary, Linda Riesco, Vice Chair (not present). Chair position is currently vacant so Mr. Thorsell is chairing the meeting tonight.

Fran Heppell and Greg Russell, trustees were present and Greg gave a little explanation of the PAC meetings and what the PAC has done in the past.

A suggestion was made that we advertise the school sports games on the sign so more people will attend.

2.0 Darren Smith – nominated for Chair position, no other nominations, so elected.

Vice Chair – Linda Riesco still stands, we will ask her if she wants to step down or stay next meeting

Treasurer – Stephine Boyd was nominated, no other nominations, so elected.

Members at Large – Heather Wilson and Brenda Petreny nominated, and elected.

Planning Council – Brenda Petreny, Kerri Isaac, Dirk Larsen all volunteered. So elected.

3.0 Treasurer

Gaming account- \$ 9920.60 Chequing- \$5009.27

Includes \$2189 profits from dance in May.

Our gaming account was used in May by someone and Kirsten doesn't know what it was for or who did it. We need to know this before we can get our gaming funds. Darren will check into this.

4.0 Principals report

Our numbers are down this year considerably. Lots of families are moving away. Projected were 620 and we actually have 593. That is a big hit to our budget.

We have small class sizes but less money to spend on other things. Fred took out all of the stable expenses and was left to 57% of what was spent last year.

Teachers are on job action right now and so far the effect has been minimal. Some of the sports teams are up and running. Girls volleyball etc. Field trips are starting with Bard on the beach tomorrow and an Outdoor ed trip to Keats is coming up. Cool school and homework club has started as well.

Basically the startup has been very smooth.

There was a trade delegation from Shanghai today as well checking out opportunities for international schooling.

Mr. Thorsell says that he has had lots of students come up to him and introduce themselves and welcome him to the school...very nice to see.

Most of the school district are shrinking right now with the exception of Surrey.

If the job action continues there will still be report cards for students involved in the grad program ie. 10 – 12 only.

Tom Harder is a new science and math teacher from New Westminster. Nancy Moot is teaching grade 8/9 French. Kate Kerr is the new life skills and HACE teacher from Langley. Bruce Mitchell is still off on medical leave. Brenda Masich is filling in for him for automotive, metal work and wood work.

One parent suggested that we have an agenda item each month of ways to make Elphinstone an excellent school instead of just having it a meeting to discuss fund raising.

Clubs are announced on the PA system each day. Some run over the lunch break and others after school.

5.0 Next PAC meeting :Monday Oct.17th , 7:30 pm.

Executive meeting Oct. 3, 7:00 pm.