

Pender Harbour Elementary Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
6:30pm, January 20, 2010

Attendees:

Diana Rae	Pauulet Hohn	Airlee Hutt
Kim Foster	Lori Fielding	Annette Sheppard
Nancy Brindley	Laurie Prince	
Jen MacInnes	Kim Watt	

Motion: to approve minutes of Dec.9th meeting: Airlee Hutt moves. Kim Foster seconds. CARRIED.

Motion: to adopt agenda – amend agenda to place Jen MacInnis first. Kim Foster moves. Laurie Prince seconds. CARRIED.

Old Business:

1. FNL: Insurance will not cover kickboxing. Community School has approved budget for 4 FNL's between now and Spring Break
2. Parent Skills Swap: no funding at this time. On a donation-funded basis only.
3. Breakfast Club and other youth support activities continue.
4. Bursary/scholarship info. PAC will ask Lorraine Dimond to speak on this topic at a special parent/grad meeting.
5. Letters to SD46 are ongoing. Lori F. reports that they have received letters from MPES and PHSS parents about how pleased they are with this year's leadership in the two schools. Lori says it's really nice to receive good letters.

Correspondence:

- PAC Pro-D Day minutes
- Letter from BCTF on FSA testing. Only affects Gr.7's in our school
- SD46 brochures Guide to Appeal/Complaint Procedures. Will leave copies in the PAC box in the staff room at PHSS. Our School Trustee, Lori Fielding has been appointed to attend PHSS, MPES, and DPAC meeting.

Guest Speaker: Jen McInnes

Senior Band scheduled to go to April 25-29 Music Festival in Edmonton. Extremely beneficial in promoting bonding and continuing of band in future years. Will encourage students to choose band as an elective. 16 students paid currently – 18 potential. Looking for \$50-75 per student. \$1350 (18x\$75). This will match the \$75 raised so far. Total cost is \$675 per student and includes busing, accommodation, and food. PHSS will cover cost of replacing Jen's teaching

position while she's away. Motion: to approve \$1350 funding to Senior Band for their Edmonton trip. Diana Rae moves. Airlee Hutt seconds. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Principals Report: Nancy Brindley

- Exam schedule is posted in the office and on the website. No scheduled classes for Gr.11 and 12 next week. No classes on Jan. 29
- Course selection decisions the week of Feb.8. On Tuesday night around 6:30pm, there will be a parent meeting. Course selection with students going into Gr.9-12 will happen Thursday and Friday of that week. Course selection forms will be sent home to parents for verification.
- PHSS has a new web page. PAC needs to provide a blurb for their page, newsletters, etc. Keith Shaw has revamped it and he and Margaret will maintain and upload.
- Next steps for improving behaviour and tone in the school: Very serious concerns about punctuality, skipping, swearing, etc. The seniors are skipping a lot. BCSIS – starting next semester the telephone system will phone all the parents whose students were absent from school that day. Call times will be staggered.
- Letter to Gr.6-7's of MPES and HBES about which high school they are planning to go to next year. Ray Clayton (HBES) will talk to his students about choosing PHSS.
- Student enrollment will drop from 178 FTE this year to 157FTE next year, and we will probably have to drop 1 teacher. Budget is \$117K this year. With surplus and dropping 1 teacher, the budget will be approx \$120K.
- Publicity promoting the school in order to increase enrollment. Submissions to the paper (photos, events, etc.)
- Olympic Torch Relay, Feb.4, 8:57am. Students and staff will follow to Petrocan, return to school. Students will be bussed to Madeira Park for pancake breakfast. Buses will be running 10 minutes earlier that morning.

Lori Fielding - SD46 Trustee

Elections were Dec.15. Silas White was re-elected as Chair. Dave Mewhort is Vice Chair.

Lori Fielding: Provincial Councilor. Trustee contact for PHSS, MPES, and DPAC

- School consolidation in Sechelt and Davis Bay areas. Sechelt is down to 66 students, Davis bay is at 95 students, Kinnickinnick at 135 students. Alternative School and L'Ecole Pacifique are in the Sechelt Elementary.
- Amended budget presented at February meeting.

- Special meeting on Jan.26 for reading of the 3 new bylaws (each to close one of the schools). Have to go through 3 readings: first - notice of motions, then public meeting (Feb.2), second and third readings on Feb.9 and will include public discussion.
- Budget process is happening later this year because of the Olympics and the consolidation meetings and processes.
- West Sechelt and HBES will be overflowing with students within 2 years.

New Business:

- A. Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, Feb.13. John Smith is organizing it and would like to make it a fundraiser to benefit school sports programs.
- B. Youth Sports Project. Balance of funds are funds that have been donated by the PHSS PAC. Discussion on the continuation of the YSP through the Community School or through the PAC. Needs to be funneled through a non-profit entity.
- C. DPAC: Annette Sheppard
 - Next DPAC meeting is end of January
 - Pauulet Hohn has put up photos of our sports kids on the Sunshine CoastYouthSoccer.com website
 - Kim Foster may be writing a weekly submission in the Local. She can include PHSS events.
 - The idea of a student internet business may be viable through the PHSS website. Paypal is not permitted. Must be passed by SD46
- D. Open Forum – no discussion

Next PAC meeting: 6:30pm, Mar.17, 2010 (No February PAC meeting)

Motion for adjournment: Annette Sheppard moves.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm