

Spectrum Community School PAC

Minutes of 8 November, 2016

Attendees: Audrey Smith, Kerry Holland, Laura Buhr, Barbara Schultz, Raymond Moss, Rob House, Liz and Russ Forster, Jeananne Brehon

Meeting called to order: 7:03

Agenda: approved

Welcome and Introduction

Minutes: October 11th minutes adopted

Principal's Report:

- cops for cancer raised almost \$23,000
- September staffing just finalized. TOC's have been filling in until today.
- November, the students are still happy to be at school no winter doldrums yet
- sports teams are active
 - ~ Football 2 wins in a row, the students represent school well.
 - ~ Volleyball doing fine
- Band Concert, a successful night as always
- Parent teacher interviews were well attended
- Professional Development days whether school based or provincial; the superintendent states there may be changes in the Pro D calendar due to the resolution to a disagreement with district use of the first Pro D this school year. Next pro D day will go ahead as it is teacher directed.
- Parent Portals not open yet on MY ED Still working out the glitches. The system is not user friendly
- VCPAC - govt using our district for survey. On assessment engage.gov.bc.ca/your kids progress

Budget:

- gaming funds have been deposited in our account
 - ~ monies paid out: athletic team first aid supplies, LVSAA fees, BC sports membership

- **Audio Club** The PAC requested more information before providing funding. Alan Clark and Jeff Marchi are the staff behind the initiative.

- ~recording studio
- ~recording popular books for special ed.
- ~Students can request books to be done.
- ~Talent show would like to produce recordings of.
- ~Would these count as volunteer/work hours. Consider marketing themselves.
- ~field trips ie radio stations.
- ~Students build CV in radio. Students can access the clubs skill set.
- ~ Well prepared presentation, have run for 3 years but now launching in a larger way.

Audrey recommended we fund them for \$800 we had set aside waiting for clarification. Laura moved, Raymond 2nd approved.

Equity: Discussion: what should that look like, District committee input VCPAC asking all PAC to discuss

What is definition in a school: financial: equal access for a proposal, don't always pass the same budget.

Access to courses: how decided which students can access. Benefit the most, need the most.

not equitable public money funding private schools

students should not be blocked to a course due to financial reason. Not enough money to fund all students in need for things like an academy.

Equitable and segregated schools for special needs students Victor school K-12 for especially high needs students. and a program at Braefoot.

Students are excluded from community school.

IS the size of the school equitable : some students do better in small some do better in a large school.

Who are we expressing equity around. Best outcome for students , best for staffing. Itinerant teachers psychologist, speech paths etc.

Facilities: some schools are 'beautiful' some are older and need upgrading

technology available for schools

volunteer money. Volunteer hours. Some depends on neighbourhood , socioeconomic. Facilities rental fields, theatres. Other schools rent from facility. Spectrum with rock walls high expense to install WiFi. Each school receives allocation and then disperses as necessary. New schools would not need same amount of maintenance as older schools

Classes canceled due to low numbers can't run a class with 10 students. Need to start with 23/24 students.

Student registration and transfer and ad hoc committee

historically for committees VCPAC put forward parents; now lottery of interested parents.
System for parent input has changed to something that does not allow for the considered,
developed collective parent voice to be of any value. Raymond Moss will allow his name to
be entered for consideration

VCPAC process at board, VPAC being shutdown by the board showing disregard for what the
representatives have to say. Board meetings generally recorded.

Food in the schools Janelle Hatch nutritionist with Island Health wanting to give presentations
transfer policy

French Immersion advisory committee making a survey. For the first time school board said no
to a french immersion class due to capacity.

December meeting tentatively canceled

April PAC meeting on band concert day. PAC will change to April 4th the first Tuesday of the month

Emergency prep Ecan. Champion for emergency preparedness. Next VCPAC

BCCPAC membership VCPAC will pay Spectrum PAC membership fees

For discussion at next meeting - Can students attend PAC meetings?

Adjourned 8:44