

Simon Fraser PAC Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2017

1.0 Review Minutes and Agenda

Solicited feedback from the Nov 21st Meeting Minutes. No comments made. Motion to approve Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

2.0 Call for New Business

Kelli hoping to chat about the school's cell phone policy. Dawn said she would address it in her update.

3.0 Hot Lunch Update

Sarah MacKenzie was not present. Kelli updated the attendees and said that December's Hot Lunch was successful. They are looking into the possibility of having a hot lunch every Friday and working with Calhoun's Catering. More to come.

Rachel mentioned that Val Taylor (Co-Secretary, at Large) would help with looking into the purpose and process around the Hot Lunch program. For the Jan 26th ordering, the option to donate was suspended, but once the intent of the Hot Lunch program is clarified and promoted properly, it will be included back in. Kelli to help Val.

It was also discussed that the school's e-Newsletter could also mention the overall intent of the Hot Lunch program and explain how the (optional) donations work and where the money raised through the program gets allocated.

4.0 Spring Fling – Call out again for Spring Fling volunteers – flexible concept, can be much less complicated than in the past. Call out for organizers to continue on Facebook and at next meeting.

5.0 DPAC Update – Jen informed the attendees that the province and the BCTF reached an agreement to spend \$50million on "priority" hiring on new teachers and support staff. This hiring is the result of a landmark Supreme Court of Canada decision the BCTF won on the right to negotiate class size and composition in Nov. Dawn said that the SFE staff and had just met to determine their wish list that they would like to submit to the province.

6.0 Principal's Report – Update from Dawn

- Dawn clearly explained that SFE has a no cell phone policy. Devices can be carried in student backpacks for after school hours, but they are not permitted during the day, including recess and lunch. She will add a reminder into the Feb e-Newsletter.
- SFE (like many other schools) are discussing effective assessment – i.e. do we even need a letter grade. Some schools are using new technologies, such as [Freshgrade](#), but SFE is not there yet.
- VSB will be posting 2017/2018 calendar on Jan 23rd – Christmas break 2017 likely moving to a later start date.
- Community Link – school exploring different activities such as babysitting classes, drama classes, looming hats, clay at lunch for 30 kids (14 teachers nominated 2 student each).
- Chess still continues with strong interest and basketball just started an exciting season.

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- (Brent reminded the attendees that there were still 75 basketballs left to sell – ideas to promote: Flyer, Facebook, pick-up game on school court and student council going class to class with actual ball when they come in).
 - Kindergarten registration is sitting at 92 – likely only 60 spaces.

7.0 Treasure's Report

- Sherri took the group through a spreadsheet that reviewed current funds in the General Service accounts and the Raising the Bar (RTB) funds.
- General Service funds were showing at \$19,777.57 for Accounts 1, 2 and 3 combined.
- RTB commitments were almost fulfilled. Dawn to supply some actual costs to Sherri. The Phys Ed bucket still has \$4,784 to spend. Sherri to talk to Toni for more specific requests and to look into costs for Hip Hop and Yoga. Spending options to be detailed and voted for at the Feb 20th meeting.
- A motion was also put forward and carried for the cost of buses for field trips to come out of the gaming funds that sit at \$12,817.99. Cost of buses is \$4,900 (14 Divisions x \$350).
- Side discussion occurred to suggest that the school basketball net could be lowered from its current Men's setting to 10 feet – this would make playing much more enjoyable for the kids. Dawn made a note of it.

8.0 SNEAL Report

- Gillian updated the attendees about progress with cleaning out the Physio Room – SFE teachers and Dawn had done a great first sweep of it.
- Volunteers needed to continue the cleaning of it on Wed Jan 25th from 3pm – 6pm.
- A list of improvements and their costs (approx. \$1578) were shared with the group – motion put forward for the funding to come from the RTB funds and the motion was carried.

9.0 2017 Fundraiser

To be discussed at next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting will be from 6:30 – 7:30pm on Monday, February 20, 2017.