

SOOKE ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING: 13 December 2016

MINUTES (Approved)

Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Candice N (President), Danielle D. (VPres), Lisa S (Treasurer) Mrs. K. Arnot (Principal), Mrs. M. Becking (VP), Mr. R. Pugh (Teacher Rep), Lorna Egresits (parent)

Regrets: Lisa N. (Events/EP Coord.)

- Territorial acknowledgement: I'd like to acknowledge that we are meeting as visitors on the traditional and ancestral territory of the T'Souke nation.
- MOTION to adopt the agenda as presented (DD/LS) CARRIED
- MOTION to adjourn at 7:20 (DD/LS) CARRIED
- MOTION to approve the November 2016 minutes as amended (spelling error corrected) (DD/LS) CARRIED

Reports (6:35 – 6:55)

Teacher Rep—Mr. Pugh: The Sing-Along is this Friday. The Choral risers have been really useful. They were use for Remembrance Day and worked really well. Due to the size of the stage, they won't be used for the Christmas concert. Mr. Pugh is open to another concert along the lines of Norman Foote but every other year as it is a lot of work.

Admin reports—Mrs. Arnot: Book fair went really well. The school made \$3000 in sales, which translates into \$420 worth of books and \$1000 worth of in-store coupons which will help build the resources in the school. The Ballet performance in November was really well received. Admin attended the Google Apps 4 Education Summit in Victoria and though the use of the apps is in its infancy in S62, the opportunities look very cool. The programs are undergoing a privacy assessment at the moment to make sure they comply with privacy laws in Canada. We have a new teacher, Mrs. Duarte, who started on Nov. 28th in the Gr.1/2 split. Arts Reach worked with 2 classes on creating oversized paintings. We have the holiday concert coming up starting on the 14th (dress rehearsal) and a day and evening show on the 15th. The Sing-Along will have 4 musicians this year—Gord and 3 others.

Admin reports—Mrs. Becking: We've been very busy, in a good way. Lots of fieldtrips—the POL class and others; The AbEd Literacy Program will be starting up again in January for 11 weeks with the Gr.1s, including the 1/2 split.

Questions to Admin:

- Any updates on the anaphylaxis issue: There is a principal's meeting on Jan. 12th where it will be discussed. There is a toolkit currently, but it is cumbersome. Hoping for updates to that.
- How does the Supreme Court decision affect us?: We will be getting an LSIS teacher (Mr. Quint) from the existing Learning Improvement Fund. His time will be shared with the Milnes Landing Elem. Schools. Otherwise, there is no firm news yet. Hoping they will leave us be until next year. May be that they will add non-enrolling teachers rather than smaller class sizes.
- Any updates on the projectors we ordered? They've arrived but we are waiting on the carpenters to install them.

Business: Reflection on the Year so Far

- Arising out of discussion about the difficulties with facilities, the PAC suggested that our concerns be brought to the SPEAC.

- Parking Lot is still an issue. People are blocking the pedestrian opening in the fence to the townhouses. Still issues with courtesy in the lot. PAC suggested it be raised with SPEAC and with Trustee Margot Swinburnson, who is familiar with the issue.
- Discussion about the growth in the district raised the question of the status of the new report on growth that was mentioned last year by the Trustees when they met with us. The report is in the process of being finalized.
- The issue of the metal drive ban could impact future fundraising efforts. An email to Jim Cambridge seeking clarification on this issue was suggested.
- Discussion about technology prompted the observation that the school is in a transition year at the moment. With the new VDPs, we need to give the teachers time to get comfortable using it before we add more (document projectors).
- Looking ahead, the May time frame was suggested for the Spring Fling, as was the idea of a survey for the Gr. 4s and 5s on what would engage them at the fair so we can be more inclusive.
- Discussing sports teams and events led to a proposal to purchase more jerseys, which we will consider in the new year. Also, reflection on the Tour de Rock event prompted the suggestion of pinneys for the K's so they can be easily identified. Lisa S. offered to look into this through her work.

Meeting Adjourned (7:15 LS/DD)

Next meeting: Jan. 10, 2017