Minutes of PAC meeting January 29th, 2018

Attendees: Curtis Schreiber (principal), Kyla Babcock (vice principal), Susan D, Lynne O, Wendy S, Chantelle D (recorder)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 pm

Minutes from November 27th meeting approved as amended.

Agenda: Accepted as circulated.

School Store:

- Current balance in store account of $5,500.
- Fridge seems to be failing. Wendy is going to investigate fridge options. $1,000 approved to be used from the account to buy a straight fridge of an equivalent size to the current one.
- Possibility of also emailing Lynn Bateman regarding the fridge situation and seeing if she can assist us with the issue.
- Some concern as to whether the freezer may also be having issues but will continue to observe it for the time being in case it was only a problem with the door not being secured properly.

Principals report:

- Jupiter Grades won’t be used next year. G Suite and Fresh Grades are in consideration for alternative systems.
- K-12 model from French immersion to be brought to the westside. Late entry into French immersion will be added in Grade 6. Changes to be made in the 2019/2020 school year.
- School board currently looking at other options for another secondary school.
- Open meeting for parents to be held on February 1st at MBSS regarding proposed changes to the grade structuring on the westside. Grade structure changes would include changing elementary schools to K-5, CNB to 6-8, GMS 6-9, and MBSS 9-12. Potential changes to take effect as early as the 2018/2019 school year.
- P.J. Day for Grade 7 student on January 30th.
- Parent Teacher interviews on February 1st.
- Japanese exchange students will be arriving on February 22nd.
- Norma Rose Point K-8 school on UBC campus is being used as an example of research using new groups of learning. Exploring learning through collaborative team members. Success is based on proficiency scale rather than grades. Looking at new methods of how feedback is provided.
- Traffic update. School district has had people out observing the traffic patterns around the school. There will be changes made over the summer to improve the situation. Sidewalks will be installed on both sides of the road and a large crosswalk in front of the school. There will also be pull out parking on both sides of the road and two entrances to the parking lots will be created.
Other reports:
- COPAC meeting of January 8th, 2018. Hosting presentation on educating kids for jobs that don’t exist. COPAC continues to need representative for some of their committees.
- Discussion of the video “Screenager”. There is a YouTube trailer online. Possibility of having it as a PAC presentation. Discussion around how parents can help their children by having ongoing conversations about technology. Idea that regulation of technology is important to a child’s development by inherently technology in not necessarily bad.
- Ted X event to be hosted by SD23. The event will take place on May 17th. Informational meeting will be held at Hollywood Road on February 13th for interested students, parents and teachers. Applications will be accepted until mid March for those wanting to apply to participate.

Treasurers report:
Current account balances are $7,131.33 (general) and $12,397.56 (gaming). Some of the bills for the approved school funding have started to come in. COBBS has been paid for this year.

Next meeting: Monday, February 26th, 2018, 6:30.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.