

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION - JRES PAC Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: Tracy Meldrum (PAC President), Sarah Riley (PAC Treasurer), Theresa Nernberg (PAC Secretary), Don Poelzer (JRES Principal), Krista Halland (JRES Vice-Principal), Grant Naylor (Teacher Rep), Claire Tosoff, (DPAC Rep), Shelly Takahashi, David Takahashi, Deb Twemlow, Andrea Edwards, Kerrie Fraser

6:02 Tracy Meldrum motioned to start the meeting. David Takahashi seconded the motion. The meeting started.

1. ADMINSTRATIVE ITEMS

- Welcome and Introductions: Tracy Meldrum welcomed all attendees and introduced the PAC Executive members
- Thank You Cards, In and Out: Thank you cards from the PAC to Joy, Tammy and Deb, the yoga instructors who donated their time and proceeds from yoga nights held at the school, were passed around for members to sign. A card for Mrs. Armstrong, who is retiring after 15 years as a CEA at JRES, was passed around for PAC members to sign. Mrs. Armstrong will also receive a Poinsettia and a Chapters gift card from the PAC.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- November minutes adopted: Theresa Nernberg read out a summary of the November minutes. **Tracy Meldrum motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Claire Tosoff seconded. The motion carried.**

3. STANDING REPORTS

- Principal Report: Don Poelzer provided the following information to the attendees:
 - Christmas Concert – The stage is being set up for the concert in the gymnasium. Dress rehearsal is on Wednesday and there are two concert times: Thursday at 1:00PM and 6:00PM.
 - Hour of Code – Five classes are reporting participation so far.
 - Chrome Book Technology – The students are very engaged with the Chrome Books. Don used a demo Chrome Book to show attendees a “whiteboard” application where the teacher’s screen can be shared with students. Don is working on getting more of this technology into the primary classes where the technology is focused on creating. The technology really engages the students. The primary grades are off to a good start in Sherry Hoffer’s Grade 1 class. The students are already using chrome books for creative projects.
 - Social Media Concerns – Don has some ideas for information sessions and will discuss details with Tracy Meldrum with regard to how the PAC can help get information about social media to parents.
 - New Curriculum – There are information nights planned for sometime in February or March. The sessions will let parents know how they can be involved in a meaningful way. The new curriculum will get students to apply knowledge in a meaningful way to projects and will affect how teachers instruct.
 - Sports – Basketball will start the third week of January. There will be two tiers with intramurals every day.
 - Report Cards – Report Cards will go out on Friday. The report cards may seem “plain”, but this will evolve over time.
- DPAC Report: Claire Tosoff provided a summary of what was discussed at the November 24 DPAC meeting. A written summary of the meeting was provided to attendees and a copy is attached to these minutes. The main items discussed at the meeting were:
 - The consolidation of SKSS and Beattie.
 - The use of scooters and what policies schools have for their storage during class time as well as safe use.
 - JRES asked if there are any district parent education initiatives. The RCMP, the school board and DPAC want to work with the schools to partner on education initiatives such as those surrounding social media and bullying.
 - Upcoming Executive Vacancies – there will be two vacancies on the DPAC executive as well as several Member at Large positions. Any parents that are interested/qualified are encouraged to consider joining.
 - The superintendent is working with principals to create FAQs regarding split classes.

- The superintendent confirmed January 22 and April 4 as the two new pro-D days for the new curriculum training.
- Superintendent deBruijn announced his retirement as of July 2016.
- The school board trustee reported that the school board will now begin a country-wide search for a new superintendent. Also, the school board will use capital money from the province to refit lighting in Valleyview Secondary and Brock Middle Schools.
- o Teachers Report: Grant Naylor let the PAC know that teachers are asked more and more to deal with issues around social media that are not happening at school and often include interactions with other people from other locations, that is, not students of JRES. This reinforces the need for parent information on how to deal with their children's use of social media.
- o Treasurer's Report: Sarah Riley provided attendees with the financial statement spreadsheet; a copy of the financial statement is attached. Sarah highlighted expenditures for bank charges, babysitting during PAC meetings, and gifts for retirement. All items were within already approved spending budgets.

4. OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

1. December Events

- o Hot Lunch Committee Update: There will be a pizza lunch on Thursday. The January to March vendors have been finalized and the information will be sent out to parents shortly.
- o Entertainment Committee Update: The craft sale has sold out of tables. A seasonal treat from the PAC will be given to each student on the last day of school. Future movie nights are in discussion.
- o Playground Committee Update: The new equipment has been purchased and the school maintenance team is working on preparing the selected location.
- o Fundraisers Update and Summary: This year the school had Vesey's bulbs, cookie dough, and poinsettia fundraisers.
- o Hour of Code Activities: As discussed above in the Principal's Report.

5. PLANNING

1. January Draft Plan

- o Hot Lunch/Lunch Hour Clubs/Entertainment Events – There will be Lego Club on Thursdays, Jigsaw Puzzle Club on Fridays and the PAC hopes to find a volunteer to run a Board Game club. Volunteers for lunch hour clubs from January to March are needed. There is one movie night planned. An air band concert may be held in February. The Primary Concert will be held sometime during the last week of school before the spring break.
- o **Fundraisers** – Fundraisers are currently a blank slate. There are no fundraisers planned for the New Year. Tracy provided the attendees with an assortment of options to comment on, including coupon books from local businesses, a Chapters 10% of profit day, Fresh is Best Salsa and chips sales, steak sales and golf coupons. The PAC would love to hear any suggestions for fundraising initiatives. Keep the ideas coming!
- o **Safer Schools Travel Program** – A survey will be sent to parents after the break.
- o **New Initiatives** – Purchasing Level Readers for the primary grades is the next big PAC initiative. Don will provide the PAC with a quote for the first batch of readers.
- o **Social Media Speaker/Anxiety Speaker/Health and Wellness Committee** – The PAC will ask teachers if there are any speakers already booked to speak to students or parents.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- o None

7:30 Tracy Meldrum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Riley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

1. NEXT MEETING DATE

- o Tuesday January 12 at 6:00 pm JRES staff room or library

ATTACHMENTS: 2015-16 Approved Budgets, November 24 2015, DPAC meeting-@ Henry Grube