

EHS PAC Minutes Dec 11th 2013

1. **Attendance:** Paula Switzer, Norm Tandberg, Claire Winterton, Jeananne Brehon, Gord Mitchell
2. Meeting was called to order by Paula Switzer. Claire moved that the agenda be accepted, seconded by Norm. Corrections to minutes of November 13th: add contact info for trustee Diane McNally and in Principal report add to '4 areas of new curriculum' 'science'. Paula moved the minutes be accepted with these changes. Claire seconded. Passed

3. **Treasurer Report:** Paula

-Thrifty Smile cards use is slow. Suggestion that information in Docker include what the school bus would be used for. Gord explained that the bus is used by sports team and for field trips. Donor plus alumni plus PAC funds will be needed to purchase a new bus. Many staff and coaches have class 4 license which allows them to drive a 'small' bus; maximum 24 passengers.

-3 scholarships awarded.

-ATM has earned more money than expected at this point.

-revenue, expenditures and current balances presented

Norm moved the treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Claire. Passed.

4. **VCPAC Report:** Norm

-WIFI issue settled; each school will decide.

-John Abbot educator presented to VCPAC

-VI parent conference in February

-suggest adding to the Docker: ask parents who want to be added to the PAC email list, add VI Parent Conference information as registration is new. Maybe once a month add an email or contact information for a topic that would be of interest for parents. A new staff member (Val) is taking over the Docker so it would be a good time to make changes to the PAC component. Staff have a separate Docker.

-PAC congress in January with info for newer members and networking.

-How to sign up for VCPAC Snips. Email to VCPAC asking to be added to list to receive Snips with your email address and they will sign you up.

5. Principal's Report: Gord

-**information on the New Curriculum.** On the November Pro-D day presentation by Rod Allen Superintendent for Achievement for our family of Schools.

Transforming Curriculum and Assessment: rethink curriculum. Move away from Rote facts.

Core competencies: Thinking, communication and personal and Social 3 areas (personal and Social one area)

Draft on-line: google new BC curriculum. Both parents and teachers can provide feedback on line.

Focusing on Assessment: need to change to reflect understanding not just factoids

Science and Math more difficult ex. grade2 has 92 learning packets.

Do we need textbooks? Ex. if after 5 questions you understand the concept why do you need to do 100 questions.

What is happening with new teachers. Ministry working with post secondary institutions to prepare teachers but post 2nd slow to change. Admin group working with UVIC re student teacher placements.

Norm suggest we advertise discussion re new curriculum, might draw out more parents. ?meet with Rock Heights and discuss gr8 and gr9.

-Santa's breakfast Dec 20th

-Band concert last night

-Jazz at Herman's Saturday 4:15.

-Pro d D day dealt with a former student's suicide. Staff identified a core group of students and kept close watch.

-Exams start Jan 27th. Jan 31st finish and in the afternoon have semester 2 classes.

-Parent information meeting Jan 15th at 7 pm. Challenge Program information meeting Jan 9th
Target audience potential students. *Do we want an information table at these meetings?*

6. New Business:

Growing our PAC: should we be on facebook. Students and Geoff Orme are working on Facebook page for EHS

-Brena's comment from last meeting re welcome and acknowledgement of first nations, should that be on PAC facebook.

Ask FM toxic website. Completely anonymous. Comments can be posted and cannot find out who posted the message. Facebook will release names and work with police when threats, bullying.

SPC rep: not sure if still needed

Emergency preparedness Basic supplies in kiosk. May be due for replacement. Other schools sold emergency preparedness kits as a fund raiser. Will discuss further in the new year.

Topic for future meetings: School Growth plan

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20

Next Meeting January 8, 2014