

EHS PAC Minutes Jan 8, 2014

1. **Introductions:** Ted Weick, Swati Scott, Dawn Christy, Paula Switzer, Colin Roberts, Jeananne Brehon, Guest: Nicola Priestley

2. **Acceptance of December Minutes** Accepted as presented

3. **Nicola Priestly : District Coordinator, Career Programs**

- Dual credit Opportunities for students; what is dual credit= double credit

Students receive credit at high school and post-secondary institution

-ACE IT accelerated credit enrollment to Industry Training (apprenticeships, Camosun)

-Camosun and UVIC have 250 courses that students can take during high school

-Tuition covered by district, student receive support from post 2nd plus high school plus paid people who provide support on Camosun campus.

-Some seats saved for SD students

-Many courses are offered on-line

-PSI credit =Post-secondary credit

-UVIC only accepts grade12 students must meet all pre-requisites.

-Autobody (VCC) through Vic High

-Others through Camosun: EHS culinary arts and Automotive

-TASK=Trade awareness, skills and knowledge. One term explore 5 trades with work experience each Friday and one month. Can make it very specific to each student

-Secondary School Apprentice (SSA) will find a red seal person and take the student on as student apprentice (paid work and accruing hours towards certification)

-Students mature and develop

-Challenges:

-rigor/work ethic

-new environment

transportation

-Apprentice salary and course fees at end of 4 years, student a head \$144,000 University tuition - \$20,000.

-How to apply: course application and program application, talk to counsellor at EHS

Website www.transitions.sd61.bc.ca has information re application dates, start dates and availability

4. **Treasurer Report** – Paula

- Bank Account Balances as of January 6, 2014
 - General \$2,231.81
 - Gaming \$17,164.35

5. **Principal's Report** - Colin:

-**School growth plan**- present enrollment 680

Goals

1. to increase percentage of students who achieve 1st time grad
2. to improve learning and achievement of students in grade9 year

-Swati parent on SPC with Ellen and Norman Next meeting Feb 15th

refer to school website.

6. **VCPAC report:**

- Rod Allen BC Ed plan and curriculum
- Vancouver Island Parent Conference coming up. 2 tickets for each PAC
- New BC school Food guidelines: more comprehensive and deals with food being sold to students

7. New Business:

-January parenting meeting PAC will not set up a table but Ted will speak.

-Alumni meeting Monday Jan 13th, Dawn will attend

-Fund raising do we want to do any this year? Survey from BCPAC how much PAC raise and what are they spending money on. On mainland some districts have eliminated fund raising. Ask in Docker for parents to participate in survey re do we or do we not. Ted and Swati will work on survey.

-Do we want to ask Rod Allen to speak and maybe speak to Grade 8s incoming. Eng language arts, social studies and science and mathematics.

-Darren Lauer: speaks on cyber bullying He will be talking to teachers at the may ProD day. Do we want him to talk to parents? Darren's company is Personal Protection System. Put the question out to parents in the Docker.

-speaker for next meeting?

Adjourned 8:42

Next meeting February 12th