

EHS PAC Minutes November 13, 2013

1. **Attendance:** Ted Weick, Swati Scott, Brena Robinson, Paula Switzer, Colin Roberts, Dawn Christy, D'Ann Owens, Jeananne Brehon, Wes Umphrey (guest-EHS Alumni), Diane McNally (guest-Trustee)
2. Meeting was called to order by Ted Weick. Minutes of October 9th meeting moved to be accepted by Dawn Christy, seconded by Brena Robinson, Passed.
3. **Budget:** An ad Hoc meeting was held on October 16th attended by Ted Weick, Gord Mitchell, Paula Switzer and Jeananne Brehon. Paula presented the budget. Discussion: re **wrestling**, PAC will support 2 flights to attend provincials; **Slam Poetry**, will support travel and registration to Provincial SLAM Festival; **Parent Education**, includes VI Parent Conference. PAC has 3 sources of revenue: gaming (has some restrictions), general and Thrifty Smile cards. The funds from the Smile Cards will go to the fund for a new school bus. Paula moved that we accept the budget, Dawn seconded. Passed. Budget will be posted on the web site and Colin will advise the staff. Are there opportunities to fund raise?_Anyone interested?
4. **EHS Centennial Celebrations – Wes Umphrey :** Wes presented a paper on Possible 2015 Centennial Celebrations. Fundraising from the event would go toward the school bus and scholarships. Possible events include a Homecoming Evening, Dinner Dance, Golf Tournament, EHS open house, picnic, Student afternoon with old fashioned games etc. A Centennial Committee needs to be formed. The first meeting is January 20th. Looking for approximately 10 people comprised of Alumni, PAC, staff and the municipality. Wes wants the municipality involved to facilitate use of some of their equipment (tables, displays and a grant to pay a portion of the curling rink) Suggestion to reach out to the chiefs and councils of the Songhees Nation.
5. **Diane McNally:** School trustee assigned to this school family, teacher for 20 years plus other education background. Diane writes a blog. 2nd year as trustee, one more year. What does a trustee do- Blog started in April. Learning on the job. Board meetings always recorded. Bylaws say 30 minutes to public speaking. Parents can ask questions at standing meetings: operational policies, education meeting. Diane can be contacted by email as can all school trustees by first initial, last name @sd61.bc.ca (Diane's email therefore is dMcNally@sd61.bc.ca)
6. **Principal report:**
 - New draft curriculum released on ministry web site. 4 areas math , English, social studies_and science. kindergarten to grade 9. No longer provincial learning outcomes. More freedom , but have core skill areas. Grade 10 more project based projects, teaching critical thinking. Asking for feedback on website, not all up and running. But what about kids that don't flourish in a 'creative environment'. How is it implemented? Pressure on teachers to individualize education plans. Probably mostly dependent on individual schools to help teachers prepare. Next Pro D, Esquimalt family of schools meeting to discuss new curriculum.

-Nov 27th at 12:20 aboriginal games. Hands on activities, classes can come down for 15-20 minutes.

-Teacher advisory: running for 2-3 years. Review: 20 minutes of the day once per week. Students often skip out. Staff split 50/50 on 5 minutes for 4 days, or 20 minutes a week. The purpose is for students to make a connection with a member of staff and also serves a 'clerical' purpose (dispersal of papers, report cards). Friday was chosen as it is already a different schedule.

-Report cards on Friday.

-SPC – meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 27th. Swati interested. Norm T. or Claire W.

New Business:

-Dec 11th Paula will chair meeting.

-Speaker for next meeting Program coordinator, Nicola Priestly

-Emergency preparedness: meeting topic for Jan/Feb. Columbia Fire and Safety fundraiser for Cedar Hill (sold emergency kits to families and funds went to schools emergency preparedness fund)

-BC PAC meeting if Swati is not able to attend another member should use Esquimalt Vote to help with quorum.

-Ted asked if there was any further feedback on the draft BCCPAC Universal Concern/Complaint Procedure which was emailed to PAC members.

Adjourned: 8:38

Next meeting December 11th