

Minutes EHS PAC Meeting October 9, 2013

- 1. Attendance:** Ted Weick, Paula Switzer, Dawn Christy, Claire Winterton, Gord Mitchell, Jeananne Brehon, Jennifer Chambers, Brena Robinson, Jim Rawling, Colin Roberts, Swati Scott, Erin Mitchell Beckwith

- 2.** Meeting was called to order by Ted Weick. Minutes of September 11 meeting moved to be accepted by Swati Scott, with the correction of Paula Switzer's name, seconded by Paula Switzer.

- 3.** Jennifer Chambers, Department Head of Counseling spoke re the Graduation Program by Grade. Jen is available by phone or email for parents with questions re graduation and parents may also access the grad website.
Grade 9 is a transition year. Some students may start acquiring credits toward grad ie Food Program.
The Graduation Program is officially Grade 10, 11, 12. The majority of courses are worth 4 credits. 80 credits are required plus DPA (daily physical activity) of 150 minutes per week for the 3 years. Students must have a passing grade in the course to receive the credit and must sit the required provincial exams which are: English 10, science 10, math 10, Social studies 11 or First Nations Studies 12 and English 12.
Goal of Grade 11 is to meet Grade 10 Grad requirements and grade 11 Grad requirements while meeting requirements of post secondary options
Grade 12 requirements are English 12 plus 3 additional Grade 12 level courses and Grade 12 transition plan. Depending on post secondary requirements many students will have a full course load.
Each grade 12 student is assigned a grad counselor which is one of the 4 school counselors or one of the 3 administrators.
The Grad Program may change in the next year or two to only include Grade 11 and 12 credits.

- 4. PAC Elections:**
Ted Weick accepted the position of President
Vice-president - vacant
Jeananne Brehon accepted the position of Secretary
Paula Switzer – Treasurer
Swati Scott accepted the position of VCPAC Rep
Dawn Christy – Director at Large
Erin Mitchell Beckwith – Director at Large

5. Treasurer's Report - Paula Switzer

Signing authority has been updated to Paula Switzer, Ted Weick and Erin Mitchell-Beckwith

PAC Funding requests have gone out to staff as well as reminders. Deadline for submission is October 10, 2013. Late requests will be accepted but will be subject to funding availability.

Funding Review Committee will meet Oct 16th at Ted's house.

Budget will be prepared for approval at the November meeting

6. VCPAC report – Jim Rawling, Swati Scott

PAC Congress 1 week ago. Thursday Oct 17th there will be a session for PAC Chairs and vice-chairs, Colquitz 6pm, light dinner and networking.

2 goals of VCPAC is to increase PAC members, therefore 2 congresses and 2 sessions for presidents and vice-presidents

Willows school dramatically increased the attendance at PAC meetings by making them parent education sessions, no business and a fundraising free-zone.

Vancouver Island Parent Conference: February 1st 2014; Gordon Neufeld and Mr. Law will be key note speakers. Organization will be slightly different to allow more parents to attend.

7. Principal's Report – Colin Roberts

- Review of document- Principal Attributes. Any feedback email Colin within one week

- Rugby Academy

 - 26 page proposal has been prepared.

 - First Academy would be in September 2014.

 - PAC was provided with the 4 page Esquimalt Rugby Academy Proposal Summary and the brochure.

 - Timeline for implementation:

 - October 8th final draft of proposal completed

 - October 23rd; District Leadership Committee review

 - November 1st; Secondary Principals review

 - November 13th Education Policy Board (school trustees) review

 - December; Presentation to School District 61 School Board

 - Pending Approval, registration will begin in January 2014

 - Cost would be \$1,000 per student per year (in comparison Curling Academy is \$400.)

Suggestion to market EHS: Challenge Program, Rugby, Curling etc at VI Parent Conference. Each district (61, 62) could have a table.

8. New Business

-VCPAC Snips; EHS PAC won't send them out to parents as parents can access themselves

-CRD stop smoking petition: discussion re sending out to parents, will not send this petition out

Communications that are not specifically PAC business will be brought to the PAC meeting before being disseminated

-Thrifty Smile cards were distributed to TA teachers for distribution to grade 9 students. Smile Cards are in effect now until the PAC raises \$2500. or until May 1st. The money will be put toward a new Esquimalt bus.

-Parent teacher interviews are Wednesday October 23rd. Parents need to sign-up on line

-discussion re speakers for future PAC meetings

- Trades (District Career Co-ordinator)

- Athletics

- Fine Arts

- Coast Salish

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting November 13th