

Parent Advisory Council Meeting January 23, 2018

A.L. Fortune Library

- 1) Meeting was called to order @ 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Attendants: Gene Doray, Erna Jacobs, Brenda Walker.
- 3) Motion made by Elizabeth B.(per email February 2nd) to adopt the minutes of meeting dated November 16th, 2017 seconded by Mel H. (per email February 9th), all in favour.
- 4) Business arising from minutes: ALF PAC Gmail account has been set up by Erna J.
- 5) Administration report:
 - ✓ Staff notes:
 - Mrs. Nicole Cosh has returned from maternity leave to go back to her co-teacher position of the grade 8 core program, as well as to her counselling position.
 - Mr. Bryan Stearns continues his work with Math 8 students and accepted a new role in the English 10 and Art departments.
 - Mr. Rhys Waters will return to his former position as P.E./Leadership teacher and continuing grade 7 Math class.
 - We welcome Mr. Terry Lauze, our new grade 7 teacher, as well as Mr. Thabo Caves who will be teaching Socials 11, X-block and will be a fulltime remedy teacher, helping small groups of students within many different classrooms to ensure they have the support they need to achieve their potential.
 - Mr. Monpetit is the full time teacher of the Core grade 10 program for Science and Humanities and is the teacher-in-charge.
 - Mrs. Natalie Easthope will receive extra support for LRT time.
 - Mrs. Krista Thomas works well with aboriginal students.
 - Mrs. Colleen Bryant, who works at the front office, will be leaving and Mrs. Tracey Castle will be taking on the front desk position.
 - Mr. Ed Koochin, shop teacher, is on leave and the search is on for a qualified Red Seal/Journeyman trades person to fill this role.
 - Per semester Two, another teacher will be hired to support the Fine Arts programs and who can provide opportunities for students to access help as individuals and within small groups.
 - The TOC list has shortened and it is challenging to get one when needed, especially for Math and Science.
 - Mrs. Ashley Mazur will go on maternity leave.
 - Mr. Will Fazan will leave us as a PE/Leadership teacher to become Vice-Principal at Len Wood Middle.
 - ✓ Remedy: If a School District does not comply with the class size and composition language, the (classroom) teacher will be entitled to a remedy. Affected teachers will become eligible to receive a monthly remedy for non-compliance. What is a remedy teacher expected to do:
 - Teach a classroom when the affected teacher is taking additional prep time.
 - Work as a non-enrolling teacher with the affected teacher's class.
 - Co-teach with the affected teacher.
 - Prepare for the classes that they are providing remedy for.
 - ✓ "Choose to Lead" is a BC Student Leadership Seminar in Kelowna where A.L. Fortune students can register for a full day filled with motivation and inspiration. Grade 12 students, led by Mr. Fazan, will learn about district leadership with the emphasis on a School/Local Community perspective. These students will go by

bus which costs \$400.00. For grades 7-11, two students can go to this Seminar and will be chosen by their class. These students will be driven by car. Registration fee is \$45.00 per student.

- ✓ Instead of trophies, the school opts to have plaques engraved from year to year. A request can be put in to PAC to pay for the engraving.
- ✓ Physical Education department will need to be updated next year: Wrestling mats for combating games (\$10,000 per matt), Multi-purpose mats (\$2,000 per matt), stretching and rubber bands for grade 7, sound system upgrade in the gym and a screen with LCD projector.
- ✓ District has invested \$11,000 in grade 7 for example furnishing (chairs and tables) for classrooms.
- ✓ Ministry will put in \$50,000 for reconfiguration of the grade 8 LC. A wall is going to divide this big room, to create more separate spaces for diverse teaching needs.
- ✓ With the Student Learning Grant of \$9,000 the school was able to purchase i.e. Chromebooks for grade 7, sweatshirts for grade 7 and grade 8, three I-pads, and cover the cost of their welcome BBQ.
- ✓ Tech division of the school district will be updating many tech related items in the computer lab and the library.
- ✓ Teachers request for PAC funding:
 - Mrs. Harris and Mr. Stearns will lead a Larch Hills field trip for grade 8 which cost \$100.00 for the chalet and \$2.00 per student for a total of \$190.00. Ski rental, which costs \$7.00, comes on top of this.
 - Mrs. Reed: More drumline shirts (10 in total) for Sr. as well as Jr.; Transportation (school bus) to Drumline Provincials for 40 students; snare drum and cymbals for Jr. drumline; Auxiliary percussion for grade 8 and Sr. band; drumline sticks/mallets.
 - As outlined earlier, leadership grade 7-12.
 - As outlined earlier, awards engraving.
 - Grade 7 & 8 camp (cost this year \$8,000).
 - Referees for sports.
 - Breakfast-Lunch program (for later).
 - Scholarship for this years' grad \$500.00
- ✓ DPAC hosted a successful showing of the Documentary "Screenagers" at A.L. Fortune Secondary. The documentary presented a problem we know all too well: How do we help children learn how to use technology responsibly, without it becoming an all-consuming addiction? Mr. Doray is taking action in the form of a school policy that provides teachers with the opportunity to help students make better choices around cell phone use. In Set Classes, students will hand over their phones to the teacher (or not bring them at all); unless the teacher indicates that they will need them for the purposes of the lesson. There are great ways to incorporate phone technology into lessons, which then will be left to teacher autonomy. In Learning Centres students are allowed to bring cell phones and use them, but will be monitored and reminded about "appropriate use". LCs provide a great opportunity to engage in conversations about self-regulation. On January 31st during Y-block, students will be informed about the change and students will be given a chance to be heard. A parent meeting will be held February 8th to encourage their support.

- 6) New business:
- ALF PAC pamphlets and poster for progressive fundraiser have been made by students in Mrs. Mazur's art class. After examining them, one of the 5 pamphlets was chosen to be multiplied and laminated and then be hung near the tills at the IGA store in Enderby. The poster was also approved and will be hung in the front window of the store to draw people's attention. Before this is being done, we will need to stock up on more IGA gift cards, so people can start buying.
 - A cheque was received in the amount of \$173.00 for Parent Advisory Education. DPAC is requesting to send this money to them, as they can pool the money from every PAC in the District and put up workshops and screenings for every parent in the District. Brenda W. makes a motion to send \$173.00 to DPAC, second by Mel H. (per email February 9th), carried.
 - A.L. Fortune Secondary School has invited all Scholarship Donors to a "Thank you" tea Thursday, May 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Representatives of ALF PAC are therefore welcome to join the gathering.
- 7) DPAC hosts the following documentaries and workshops:
- ✓ "Screenagers" documentary January 30th, 2018 at Salmar Classic Theatre in Salmon Arm.
 - ✓ Carole Fullerton Math Workshop Thursday February 22nd, 2018 at the DESC in Salmon Arm.
 - ✓ "Over 18" documentary Wednesday February 28th, 2018 Salmar Classic Theatre in Salmon Arm.
- 8) Treasurer's report:
- General Account: \$2,308.54 per November 30th, 2017. Income: \$0.09 interest earned.
\$6,100.17 per December 31st, 2017. Income: \$3,791.40 rotary cheque and \$0.23 interest earned.
 - Gaming Account: \$6,260.73 per November 30th, 2017. Income: \$0.26 interest earned.
\$6,261.00 per December 31st, 2017. Income: \$0.27 interest earned.
- 9) Pie fundraiser: It was decided that Pie Order Forms will go out to parents April 18th, 2018 and will come back to the school April 27th, 2018. The forms will then be sent to Laura May 2nd, 2018. The pies will be ready for pick up at the school May 10th, 2018.
- 10) Meeting adjourned 8:09 p.m.
- 11) Next meeting: Thursday February 15th, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. at the library.

