

## Parent Advisory Council Meeting March 16, 2017

### A.L. Fortune Library

- 1) Meeting was called to order @ 5:36 p.m.
- 2) Attendances: Gene Doray, Mel & Sean Hamilton, Margaret de Hoog, Erna Jacobs, Tania Quigley, Brenda Walker.
- 3) Minutes of meeting dated February 9, 2017, have been approved by Brenda; second by Tania.
- 4) Business arising from minutes: None.
- 5) Administration report:
  - Twelve students of A.L. Fortune went to the BC Tech Summit in Vancouver where 300 BC companies, organizations and post-secondary institutions showcased their unique innovations and research such as virtual and augmented reality, exoskeletons and robots. This to explore some exciting career paths related to technology. FlyOverCanada was also visited. Students were chaperoned by Ms. Hall and Mrs. Castle.
  - SAS provides Automotive Service Technician Program. Professional Cook Program will be provided by A.L. Fortune. There are 6 students minimum required to start this course and gives the student dual credits.
  - The Alternate Program runs on Mon-Wed-Fri mornings and Tue-Thur afternoons which have been bumped up from 0.35 to 0.5 a day. Fourteen kids in Grade 8 & 9 are in this program.
  - The Storefront Program enables people to graduate through this program and come in after school hours.
  - TOC (Teacher-On-Call) jobs are temporary and the attrition rate is high: 40%. They are not able to build seniority, that's why so many are leaving. Human Resources are looking into this. At the moment, there are 2 student teachers (Math/Science and English) at ALF.
  - The Province and the BCTF have reached an agreement to address the outcome of the Supreme Court ruling. This has an impact on class size and composition going forward. It means that M.V. Beattie Elementary is faced with a significant space challenge. Official Trustee of SD83 gives us 4 options to consider. See newsletter "Staying Connected."  
Head count at ALF at this time is 220, but with grade 10-12 course count it is 240.5.  
Would Grade 6 & 7 with 88 students be included, the head count will be bumped up to 328.5.  
A.L. Fortune has room for 350 comfortably, with 380 maximum. That means that several rooms can get a different designation e.g. Humanities LC becomes Grade 8 class room, Humanities LC could move to computer lab, Grade 11 & 12 could study in the foyer. Grade 6 & 7 would need 4 classrooms.  
Also, time tables of 7-12 and 6-12 need to be looked at.  
Will Elementary Prep for grade 7 change when it becomes a middle school/high school grade 7?  
Will the grade 7 teacher's job be posted or will the current grade 7 teacher transfer automatically?  
Will Hockey Academy change? Senior students could mentor grade 7 & 8.  
Where will X-blocks go? These are some of the questions that need to be answered.  
There will be a consultation period of 60 days to give the public the chance to address any arising concerns involved in the upcoming change. A public consultation meeting will be held April 4<sup>th</sup> in the Theatre at A.L. Fortune after the Public Board meeting.

- 6) Treasurer' s report:  
Gaming account: \$4,043.64 unchanged from previous month.  
General account: \$2,757.52 unchanged from previous month.  
Legion cheque for dish washing for Dry Grad students of \$200.00 goes through the PAC and is immediately paid per cheque to Dry Grad.  
Invoice came in for Hokki Stools \$309.32. Cheques for this and Skills Canada, Band, Goalie Gear, Breakfast club (if needed), Grad class (PAC scholarship June) will be prepared asap.  
New cheques need to be ordered.
- 7) New business: Mel Hamilton agrees to become co-chair for A.L. Fortune PAC. All in favor.
- 8) Adjournment of meeting @ 7:17 p.m.
- 9) Next meeting: Thursday April 6, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. at A.L. Fortune Library, postponed to April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

Minutes by Erna Jacobs March 16, 2017.

Amended April 10, 2017