

## Parent Advisory Council Meeting October 19, 2017

### A.L. Fortune Library

- 1) Meeting was called to order @ 5:48 p.m.
- 2) Attendances: Elizabeth Brown, Gene Doray, Mel Hamilton, Sean Hamilton, Erna Jacobs, Brenda Walker.
- 3) Motion made by Erna J. to adopt the minutes of meeting dated September 28, 2017 seconded by Brenda W.
- 4) Business arising from minutes: None.
- 5) Administration report:
  - ✓ Thanks to a grant from the Ministry, A.L. Fortune was able to purchase 30 Chromebooks which can be used by students to take to a classroom. They are being checked out as a regular book. Students are not able to download and store information on this device, but can save their information to the "Cloud". Costs were \$300 per Chromebook. Approval is being sought for 30 more Chromebooks for Grade 7 and 2 more I-pads for the Learning Resource Room. Cost for I-pads would be \$800 per I-pad. These items could be paid from the Student Learning Grant.
  - ✓ MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) produces every year a new school assembly program to educate students in grades 7-12 about the risks of impaired driving. Debriefings were held in the classroom with teachers present.
  - ✓ Some students went to the ME-to-WE Leadership Program in Vancouver. ME-to-WE Leadership Programs are customizable learning workshops for young people that empower participants to discover their potential, explore social issues, build transferable skills and create positive social change.
  - ✓ Breakfast program and lunch program will be in need of slightly more money per month (\$700-800) as we now have grade 7 added to our school. Presentations are being held by the school to bring in money for these programs. Rotary might bring in some money to support.
  - ✓ Needs in shop are met, as well as supplies there.
- 6) Election of 2017/2018 PAC Executive:

New executive of the 2017/2018 PAC as follows:

  - Co-chair Mel Hamilton
  - Co-chair Brenda Walker
  - Treasurer Elizabeth Brown
  - Secretary Erna Jacobs

Co-chair Margaret de Hoog has stepped down whose efforts are appreciated.  
Treasurer Tania Quigley has stepped down whose contribution and dedication are appreciated.
- 7) Fundraising:
  - Pies are going to be sold in the spring before mother's day.
  - Progressive fundraising in the form of IGA cards will continue. Manager of the IGA agreed to have it more advertised in the store with pamphlets at the till and a poster in the store's window. Attendants agreed that Erna J. approach the Arts teacher Mrs. Mazur to look into having the students make a poster for this.
  - Elizabeth B. will contact Jen Illman, who is the Tupperware consultant in Vernon to come to our next meeting in November to explain fundraising options.
  - Other fundraiser options will be looked at as well.

- 8) DPAC hosts the following documentaries and workshops:
- ✓ “Over 18” documentary on October 26<sup>th</sup> at A.L. Fortune and in Salmon Arm in February.
  - ✓ Carole Fullerton Math Workshop November 8<sup>th</sup> in Armstrong and February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Salmon Arm.
  - ✓ “Screenagers” documentary on November 30<sup>th</sup> at A.L. Fortune and January 30<sup>th</sup> in Salmon Arm.
- 9) DPAC report:
- ❖ Trustee variations and electoral area variations. Several options shall be considered and the public and several interest groups shall be consulted. The current Official Trustee will then ultimately decide which recommendations will be put forward and write a letter mid-December to the Minister of Education requesting that the Minister consider making a variation order. Election candidates could start their election campaigns early spring 2018.
  - ❖ A Strategic Plan draft is developed and will be finalized after all check-in sessions are held. An annual work plan is also developed following the direction of the Strategic Plan.
  - ❖ Policy committee had discussed the following:
    - Criminal record check/Police information check for staff and volunteers.
    - Policy on Smoking, Tobacco and Vapour products on School District property.
    - Whistle blower protection policy.
  - ❖ Outdoor learning: There is overwhelming interest for outdoor learning opportunities. The South Canoe School could be considered for re-opening but needs approval from the Board first. Transportation to the school should be provided by the parents (no bussing). An info evening will be held November 7<sup>th</sup> at Salmon Arm Secondary, Sullivan Campus to learn about the specific details.
- 10) ALF PAC is hosting DPAC November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. here at A.L. Fortune and we will be highlighting our school with a presentation of Drumline, the “Anything Goes” musical, and tour the school.
- 11) Next meeting: Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 5:15 p.m. with DPAC meeting following @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12) Adjournment of meeting @ 7:10 p.m.

Minutes by Erna Jacobs Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.