

## Parent Advisory Council Meeting October 20, 2016

A.L. Fortune Library

- 1) Meeting was called to order @ 5:36 p.m.
- 2) Attendances: Elizabeth Brown, Gene Doray, Yolanda Gort, Margaret de Hoog, Erna Jacobs, Tanja Quigley, Brenda Walker.
- 3) Minutes of meeting dated September 21, 2016 were not available at this time and will be up for approval at the PAC meeting of November 17, 2016.
- 4) New Executive for the 2016-2017 school year:  
President Margaret de Hoog  
Treasurer Tanja Quigley  
Secretary Erna Jacobs  
A.L. Fortune PAC designation of any two of the aforementioned three executive members as authorized signatories on the school's PAC account is pending as a motion should be made first.  
Brenda Walker stepped down as President and Amy Nadrozny stepped down as Secretary. Your contribution is much appreciated. Thank you both.
- 5) School District Business:  
Brenda and Erna have attended the regular board meeting of the Board of Education of School District No.83 in Salmon Arm on October 11, 2016 where they learned that A.L. Fortune has a significant amount (29%) of their allocated budget sitting in their account as per June 30, 2016.

Mr. Doray explained that the school tries to spend the money conservatively and that monies can be carried over to the next school year. The school plans its projects for the long term. A list of projects and staff development costs has been drawn up and has been sent to the school district for approval. Some projects include: Theatre back room security, wall painting, prep work for screen in gym (installation & electrical), projector and conference in Hamilton. Invoices for projects have to be in before the end of the school year. The school awaits approval.

Official Trustee, Mr. Mike McKay, will come to A.L. Fortune Secondary Saturday November 26, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a Community Consultation to discuss and gather input and listen to concerns and opinions to be able to put together and provide quality educational programming for our students. We need to realize that decisions made will have an impact on all communities. Ideas brought forward at the community hall meetings back in January, may have to be reconsidered. Automated message invitations for this event will be sent to parents, as well as bulletin board and community newspaper announcements.

### 6) Administration report:

- Mr. Dawkins started the "S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Academy" 2 weeks ago in grade 6/7 at M.V. Beattie and Grindrod elementary schools. Students learn about Rhinoceros (Rhino) 3D modelling and AutoCAD computer software to generate 3D mathematical models for 3D printing with a robotic arm.
- October 6-7, Grade 8 went to Gardom Lake camp where senior students assume a leadership role and help with grade 8 students' education curriculum.
- October 13, Grade 8/12 dance which is a returning tradition. Theme was "The Seventies" for which students could dress up. Opportunity was provided to choose "seventies" attire from the school wardrobe for those who didn't have any.
- The school has 224 students at this time. Some students have more than an average course load per semester which increases the student count to 265. Sixty students are in work experience.
- Report cards come out November 24<sup>th</sup> which coincides with Parent-Teacher interviews. Reporting periods are now simultaneously throughout the school district.

7) Treasurer's report:

A.L. Fortune PAC was granted \$4,720.00 as of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There may be an additional amount of money coming still. We have about \$6,000.00 in gaming funds and \$2,416.67 in general funds.

8) New Business:

-Fundraising: MS walk has sent a letter to A.L. Fortune PAC, providing us with the opportunity to participate to raise funds for our school. Our bi-annual pie sale will be continued starting with sending out order forms with the upcoming report cards. IGA cards are still available through "Progressive Fundraising" which gives a return of 4%. Other cards are being considered as well.

Fundraisers for specific causes were held e.g. Terry Fox Run, Toonie Tuesday and Me-to-We supporting a Free the Children building project in Ecuador.

-PAC has received 5 requests for funding of the following:

- Goalie gear for the hockey program \$377.97 by Mr. Shykora
- Grad Class of 2017 Prom celebration \$500.00 by Mrs. Castle and Mrs. Cosh
- Rainbow Social Justice Alliance club meets and mural project \$500.00 by Mr. Bennett
- Grade 8 projects: Grow lights, field trip to Larch Hills and ski trip to Silver Star Mountain \$1,068.76 by Mrs. Toop
- Skills Canada Provincial Competition in Abbotsford \$500.00 by Ms. Hall.

Furthermore, consideration may be given to the music department to fund transportation costs for the Grade 9-12 band going to Banff. Also, PE will send in a variety list of ideas which is being worked on at this time.

9) Adjournment of meeting @ 6:55 p.m.

10) Next meeting: Thursday November 17, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m. at A.L. Fortune Library.

Minutes by Erna Jacobs Thursday October 20, 2016.