

PAC MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 10, 2017
(recorded by Jessica Harvey)

1. Last month's minutes approved
2. Principal/Vice-principal's Report:
 - Parent volunteers needed for Grade 6 immunizations on Thursday
 - Book fair will occur during the PT interviews and volunteers are needed
 - A new teacher has been hired and therefore a new Grade 6 English division has been created
 - Benefits: Class sizes go down; additional release/prep time for teachers; opportunities for additional teachers in the room
 - The timeline for the portable is still January for the division in the art room
 - Cross-country and soccer are on now; basketball is starting soon
 - Error in the calendar – photo retakes will be next Wed (Oct 18)
 - Photo proofs were not provided for parents to see if retakes were necessary. Only preview was on student cards that many parents were unaware of.
 - Parent-teacher interviews (15 minutes each) on Oct 17th and 18th can be booked using the online appointment system
 - Halloween dance will take place during school time on October 31st
 - Costumes encouraged
 - A lockdown drill will occur on October 24th
 - Camp Pringle happens this week (Wed to Fri)
 - The trip to Bear Beach went really well
 - Careers info evenings coming up (in Central Weekly)
 - Questions for the PAC:
 - Kathy Cross (youth and family counsellor) is retiring on October 31st
 - She's been with Central for many years and is responsible for the fundraising for the front of the school as well as the breakfast program
 - She has secured funds for the breakfast program (~\$10,000/year) for the 2017/18 school year
 - Rotary, Kiwanis, C-Fax
 - Would the PAC be comfortable providing contingency funding in the future for this program?
 - **PAC discussion: yes, but would prefer if outside funding was pursued first. Consensus was that \$500-1000 in contingency funding would be acceptable.**
 - Math night was a big success and a follow up session will be planned

- Remind teacher of the \$100/class funding from the PAC at staff meeting tomorrow
3. Treasurer's report:
 - \$300 extra in gaming grant
 - Discussion of breakfast program decision
 4. Central Music PAC
 - Halloween concert on October 25th
 - Parent sign-up for volunteers
 - Poinsetta Sales for fundraising
 - Working on grant proposal for Music Counts
 5. Other Business
 - Craft Fair:
 - Photo booth – do it as a table
 - Props – Lauren Leblanc and/or Donna Larouche (art teacher)
 - Admission by donation - make a donation box
 - Where are the banners? PAC shelf, ask Nikki?
 - Put up one week before
 - Add craft Fair to big sign out front
 - Marketing – radio stations, get kids to call in (e.g. C-Fax)
 - Jen P – SD61 Grant proposal went in
 - Book Fair – volunteers can contact Emily
 - Christmas Hampers
 - Counsellors organize and provide info to PAC re: needs
 - PAC members coordinate item acquisition and then get together to assemble and wrap the hampers
 - Letter in central weekly to solicit donations from parents that are local business owners
 - School agendas: although they are a required buy, parents are seeing only sporadic use.
 - Principal: teacher dependent and many teachers are opting to use the online system
 - Perhaps in May the teachers can be polled so that the order in June could be tailored?
 - Phone-ban: it is going well and only a few conflicts have arisen. Storage is available to kids who need their phones before or after school. Will the policy include Apple watches?
 6. END