

PAC Meeting – February 13, 2018 (7pm)

In attendance: Carolyn, Jess H, Coral, Kris, Sabine, Jen L, Carrie, Kerrie

Welcome.

PAC Manual:

- Carolyn has started this on the Google Drive
- Intended to guide future PAC members and provide information on what we've done in the past. Will be a living document.
- Jen L will provide information on the staff appreciation and Christmas hampers. Jess and Kris will provide craft fair information.

Convex mirrors for hazardous corners:

- One for pillar in front foyer and one other
- Carrie will look into getting these

Hydration stations:

- Ongoing – Kerrie will get update from Topher
- SD61 will cover the cost of installation and basic fountain, PAC to pay for the upgrade to hydration unit
- Other schools using these units report low repair costs and infrequent filter replacement

Treasurer's report:

- Christmas Hamper and Staff Appreciation receipts submitted, budget will be updated

Grade 5 Info Night:

- PAC table with brochures and treats
- Printed and handed out 20 brochures (print more next time!)
- 1 person has emailed to be on next year's list so far
- Had leftover fruit and cookies (1/2 of cookie dough)
- No coffee, wasn't needed
- Next year: sign-up sheet; tablecloth

Parent Volunteer Appreciation

- Sabine will finalize wording based on edits from PAC and administration
- Carrie will send out in Central Weekly when finished
- Carolyn will bring some thank-you cards to the next PAC meeting to send to specific volunteers (e.g., coaches, etc...)
- Question: how does the PAC provide the committed \$ to Topher for appreciation gifts?

Principal/Vice Principal's Update:

- Breakfast Program – VOLUNTEER NEEDED
 - o A second volunteer is needed to commit to picking up the donation of bread from Cobbs each Tuesday evening. This volunteer will be the back up for the primary volunteer (when second person needed or first volunteer is away).
 - o More details available if interested.
 - o Carrie will put a call out in Central Weekly for parent volunteers.
- Coming up:
 - o Science fair is Feb 14 & 15 (participation depends on division)

- Transfer registration starts on Feb15
- Feb 16 – ski trip and CC day (early dismissal)
- Career, Trades and Technology Info Night at Reynolds School on Feb 27
- February 28th is Pink Shirt Day – show support for Anti Bullying
- Report Cards: submitted to office on March 7, to students on March 16

Bookfair:

- Likely to be in April.
- Volunteer help will be needed in the evening.

Fairways Gift Cards:

- Yes, we still do these. Available at the office.
- How do they work: load with \$, for every dollar spent a percentage is donated to the school by Fairway Market.
- Action: we should make an effort to get these out there and in use – Central Weekly, handout at office (Carolyn to make a sign), handout at bookfair/PT meetings evening

Parent Education Night:

- March 13, 2018 from 6 to 7pm
- Topic: Moving from Anxiety to Wellness; Presenter: Cheryl Rolston
- Eventbrite Invitation sent in CMS Weekly and will be posted on Facebook
- Sent to feeder schools (saw increase in RSVPs immediately)

PAC Banner:

- Has been ordered and will be picked up this Friday.
- Jess will make a desktop sign for a document holder so that something can be seen when people are in front of the table.

Waste Reduction at CMS:

- Many schools have zero waste policies that require students to take any garbage they create during the day home with them
- Would encourage students to acknowledge and reduce waste
- Would require staff agreement (Carrie to discuss with staff)
- Recycling stations would still be available for students

PAC Meeting Time:

- How does the PAC feel about moving the meeting time to 6:30pm?
- Several members would prefer to keep 7pm
- Will revisit at end of school year with those who intend to continue PAC next year
- Could send out google form/or message in Central Weekly to ask greater number of parents about PAC meeting time, babysitting, etc...

Agenda Books:

- Concern from parents of students whose teachers do not encourage use despite agenda books being a required purchase in September
- Carrie asked the teachers whether they would like to continue to have student agendas, the consensus was yes
- Use depends on the teacher
- Will revisit with staff before next year's order is submitted

Vancouver Island Parent Conference 2018:

- "Parenting Now for the Future"
- March 3, 2018 at Royal Bay Secondary School
- Each PAC has been given a free ticket
- Angie Stewart will be attending for CMS, will hopefully attend PAC meeting to provide update on what was discussed

Meeting Adjourned – 8:15pm

Next PAC Meeting – March 13, 2018 – 7pm, following the PAC Parent Education Night