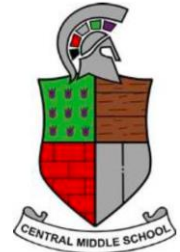


École Intermédiaire CENTRAL Middle School PA

January 12th, 2021 Meeting Minutes – 7pm



1. Welcome and attendance – Gillian Braun (Principal), Kristine Dos Santos, Laurel H
Monica, Carrie Peters, Allison Hyatt, Dr. Sherry, Angela Carmicheal, Jeanine, Aaron Maxwell (Vice-Principal)
Special Guest – Dr. Lisa Gunderson
2. Approval of December minutes- Kristine motions for approval, Allison 2nd - adopted
and January agenda- addition of special guest - adopted
3. Special Guest – Dr. Lisa Gunderson
 - Important for parents to be involved in our children’s lives.
 - Proposal for Parent Education night – focus how do we raise our children in an equitable fashion, looking at racism and more importantly anti-racism. Idea that this is not a check box – you do all of this you are good but deciding to be an anti-racist family. It is teaching family values like teaching your child to be kind. We want children to be actively anti-racist instead of passively non-racist. It is a journey, they will be mistakes but we get better at it as we practice it. Interwoven through their lives. It is a developmental process where you teach to the age. We teach how it works and the multiple ways you can do this as a family. “You can’t be Switzerland” – can’t be neutral or on the fence – engage in things that dismantle, erase or abolish racism. As an individual, family, community we need to decide which way we are going to go. Raising children to be colour equitable.
 - Clearly defining what we mean: racism, anti-racism. It’s a journey and what does this look like. 20-30 min talk and then 30 min for questions/discussions. How you can engage in being an activist – not an ally. Example: jokes – not going along with them. Mentimeter program- type in questions anonymously and they are answered. You get a PDF of what parents are interested in. It’s a non-judgmental space for everyone.
 - Gillian- looking at professional growth through professional development, bring families into conversation with context and a speaker.
 - Email Lisa and schedule a time that is convenient. Book in advance and she would like a PAC liaison.
 - Carrie stated that as a PAC we will discuss it and contact Dr. Lisa.
4. Reports
 - Chair – nothing at this time
 - Treasurer
 - Non-profit treasurer program is shutting down so Laurel is looking for a new system to do the bookkeeping – trying to keep it simple to be pass along
 - Carrie and Christy are now on the signatories for the bank account. For next year, 3 people will be available to sign cheques. Membership fees were not discussed and not charged for the two new signatories.
 - Learning support teacher- asking for funding for Rainbow Adventure Club. She will be writing a note with the information and dollar figures for the PAC to discuss.

- information sent out to PAC last night -does this work? Yes.
- Actual Balances of accounts as of January 11th, 2021. Gaming Account \$16641.24. General Account – \$4278.72 .

- Principal/Vice Principal

Gillian:

- 15 hampers were given at Christmas- gift cards (walmart and save on) chocolates and goodies. Rainbow Adventure Club shopped- Counsellors put them together and handed out. It was great to have the students involved.
- Gave a fun basket oranges, candy canes and cookies to each class in lieu of the pancake breakfast. Leadership Group put together video variety show which was watched by the entire school.
- Talked about how different cultures celebrate the holiday season – Japanese Wishing Trees, Lighting of the Hannukah candles as examples. So many ways different cultures celebrate the winter season.
- Covid – back at school, impressed with the students following the protocols and processes. Haven't started after school intermurals unable to do activities at the same level outside of regular school. Bringing in volunteers is problematic due to covid protocols.
- Music is running as before Christmas. Virtual Band Concert – sent to music families due to privacy issues.

Aaron:

- It is a time of reflection and goal setting. Having mini-assemblies with learning groups – getting voices heard, things they would like to see, get feedback and ideas. Finding it all very insightful. Looking at formalizing a process for student's voices to be heard at the decision making table.
- Reinforce safety procedures – earthquake and fire drills.
- Earthquake Kiosk purchase – working with the district – lengthy process. Hope to have more information in the coming months and what is needed.
- Events – Friday – Black Shirt Day – initiative out of Vancouver,
- High school transition times coming soon as well as grade 5s coming in. Going to Grade 8 classrooms and talking about different high schools, what each school offers and the transfer process – Feb. 11th, 2021. Late French Immersion registration is happening next week – on school district website.
- Curriculum Completion days – Feb. 19th- those who need extra help will be able to get it. See this as an opportunity for teachers to be able to discuss assisting students.
- Hybrid students- 3 students went back to school and one came into the program. The numbers have stayed even. 12 in 6-7 and 9 in grade 8.
- Assessments: FSA's for grade 7's have been pushed to the 2021 – information coming from the district about what these are and how they are used. Student Learning Survey's, Developmental Survey's – used for goals for the rest of the year.

5. Unfinished Business & Updates

- Holiday Hampers

- The process was great this year. The Rainbow Group were very proud of their efforts. It was a win all around. 800.00 was donated through the school cash line as well as staff members. PAC and parent money for Christmas hampers and teacher's donations for a spring hamper.
- Students who do not have lunch or breakfast during two weeks of March so spring hampers are a great idea. Our community needs assistance all year.
- Fundraising
 - Fundraising Committee: Christy is going to contact Gillian and Aaron regarding Monk's. Grant Writing Committee an offshoot of the Fundraising Committee.
 - Grant Writing Committee: Angela will take this on – City of Victoria – my great neighborhood grant, Canadian Tire for sports equipment. Send out an email to the central community asking for grant writers. Angela will be drafting an email to send out this week.
: Gillian will speak to the staff and see what their asks are. They have been asking for sitting areas and an active place for people to be together. Grant writing is very specific and we need to know what we are asking for and how it will be used.
 - Meeting Dates – to be determined
- PAC email management
 - General PAC email- Christy has volunteered to monitor
 - Craft Show PAC email – auto response – Carrie will draft an auto response in case people are emailing it.
- Society Application
 - Angela put forth a motion to pay 100.00 to Kristine for fees – Carrie 2nd - passed
 - Everything is in place and we are now a society. Kristine has emailed a copy of each of the documents to the executive.

6. New Business

- Spring Staff Appreciation: Coffee and donuts, gluten free people – tea taken care of by school, as a society we can ask for donations. Do two – coffee and donuts for march break and then a larger one at the end of the year. Budget is in place for this.
- Donation to the PAC in lieu of fundraising - etransfer. Laurel was looking at getting in touch with the bank for automatic etransfers without security questions. Person is away until Friday – it is happening at other schools so we should be able to do this.
If we couldn't do it, could we do it through online cash through school? Gillian will speak to Amita regarding the system.
- PAC files, sticks and succession transfer – Carrie went through the PAC box with binders – a few years of meeting minutes and agendas. Not a complete hardcopy list. Carrie is working with some of the lists to engage other people. Kristine is going to go through paperwork and old boxes in the PAC closet and ensure that paperwork is online and up to date. Confluence- program for this. Carrie will look into.
- VPAC Report – nothing to report. No meeting in December.

7. Date of next meeting: **February 9th , 2021**

8. Adjournment