

PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, Apr. 18th, 2011

Attendance: Sandi Knight, Gregg Waldvogel, Mark Diboll, Donna Ott, Tracey Taylor, Marilyn Gagnon, Loreley Greenslade, Colleen Pallister

Regrets: Wanda Kopytko, Caroline Cannon, Nathan Utioh

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair, Sandi Knight.

The agenda was presented with no further additions from those present.

The minutes of the Mar. 21st, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Gregg Waldvogel moved the minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Sandi Knight. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

Dieleman Fundraising Sales (DFS) info; Image Signs info; Invitation to present the Grad Parent Council Award – Tracey or Sandi will do so; MAPC Annual Reports/Agenda – Caroline Cannon has expressed some interest in attending.

Reports:

Student Council: No formal report. Past Spirit Week was a success. Staff Appreciation was held last week. Some funds are being donated to repair the outdoor basketball courts. A “video dance” is scheduled for Thurs., May 5th. May 9 – 13th will be Multiculturalism Week with several events planned: swearing in of ~30 new Canadian citizens (1st ever to take place at a school) with Lori Judson coordinating and a performance by a Native rapper are currently planned.

Administration: Gregg Waldvogel/Mark Diboll – Reiss Wicklund won gold at the recent MB Automotive Skills Competition. He will now move on to compete in Quebec. Are looking into getting BCT course accredited & possibility of a Robotics competition in the future.

Parent-Teacher interviews were held last week with a somewhat lower attendance of 175. Grad Assist with Lifetouch was well attended.

Both the UK & El Salvador trips went well. Admin will be drawing up some guidelines for extracurricular student trips with regard to planning and fundraising.

Grad – A few parental complaints have been registered about the change to a 3:00 ceremony start time, but the majority are in agreement. Murray Pulver had a scheduling conflict. Jeff Keeling, a former AMHS grad & broadcaster at Global, has agreed to be our guest speaker. Operations Dep’t is very happy with not having to set up the chairs.

Course registration is being organized. Student Services have taken over this task. Registration sheets have been updated to make them more user-friendly.

Teen Clinic – Nurse practitioner has resigned; present staff have been reassigned to accommodate & looking for a replacement. Importance of the Teen Clinic was stressed & agreed upon, including the spin-off of improved accessibility to mental health & dietary counselling. Sandi will draft a letter on Council’s behalf to the RHA about this vital service.

Grant applications have been submitted for renovating the Cosmetology Lab & a simulator for heavy equipment in the Power Mechanics Lab. In the Public Schools Finance area the Life Skills plan is gradually progressing.

Staff is organizing a neighbourhood clean-up with students.

The June exam schedule is being worked on.

The Japanese garden courtyard plan is being finalized.

School Board is creating a new position to address Bill 13, (mandatory school attendance to 18), which will involve programs such as work placement & credit recovery.

Work is being done to improve security camera placements.

Teacher Liaison: Donna Ott – Huge thank you to Student Council for the recent Staff Appreciation gestures.

Treasurer's Report: Tracey Taylor – The account balances are \$222.63 and \$516.00.

Safety Coordinator: Marilyn Gagnon – No formal report. Mark reported that work on the water temperature in the students' washrooms is ongoing; is a complicated problem.

Old Business:

Nil.

New Business:

Nil.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on May 16th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All parents welcome!