

PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 28th, 2011

Attendance: Sandi Knight, Gregg Waldvogel, Mark Diboll, Donna Ott, Caroline Cannon, Tracey Taylor, Marilyn Gagnon, Rolande Williams, Sam Davidson, Colleen Pallister

Regrets: Nathan Utioh, Wanda Kopytko

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 Jan. 17th, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Tracey Taylor moved the minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Rolande Williams. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

DFS fundraising info. MAPC AGM & Conference to be held May 6th & 7th, 2011 in Wpg. invitation & info. Any one interested in attending please let Sandi know.

Reports:

Student Council: Sam Davidson/treasurer reported for Nathan. Student Council volunteered as tour guides at the Byte Conference held at PCI last Fri., Feb. 25th.

Council met recently to brainstorm ideas for this semester and future goals. The following items were discussed: Legacy projects such as name boards for various sports; revitalizing the plaza area; Saint mascot; possible food drive before spring break; last dance got positive remarks so hoping to get approval for an April 13th dance date with ticket sales prior to spring break; Teacher Appreciation Day with snacks on Apr. 14th; Mar. 2nd – outdoor games to be held with a Festival du Voyageur theme; Info out to incoming gr. 9 students about the facts on all the sports programs (has been a decline in interest); Spirit Week is planned for Mar. 21st – 25th with events tentatively arranged as follows: Mon. – Pyjama Day with milk & cookies; Tues. – Color Day with games; Wed. – Beach Day with hypnotist James Grant; Thurs. – Sports Day with RCMP vs. Student Council volleyball game; Fri. – Business Day with more formal attire, games “Minute to Win It” and Lit in the afternoon.

Administration: Gregg Waldvogel/Mark Diboll – Byte Conference held last Fri. at PCI was a great success and very well attended. Thank you to Cheryl Robinson who organized the various workshops. PCI had the contract to host the event for 3 years & now just have 1 more year left. The other half of the Byte Conference featured Lee Crockett who spoke about the “digital student” with relation to educational needs now & into the future.

The School Board has completed their budget process. PCI will have its’ own wireless internet system.

Funding has been set aside for an “Alternate Program Co-ordinator”. This position will involve offering options to maintain student attendance should the legislation pass Bill 13 (Student Success) making it mandatory for students to remain in school until the age of 18. The drop-out rate has been reviewed & on average the school loses 65 students per semester. Admin staff is

presently investigating program options offered in Wpg. schools such as outreach, distance ed., work experience, etc.

The remodelling of the Life Skills area is moving forward. Architects have been touring the space. Some of the items which had been thought of as roadblocks may not be requirements for the reno. Estimated to be about 2 years until move can occur.

Student teachers from U of M, BU and U of W have been doing practicum's; 7 in total. Will interview grad possibilities and keep on file for future openings.

Mrs. Murray is off on mat leave with Ms. Couchman as replacement.

Gr. 9 registration will be happening soon. Admin will continue to use the traditional registration forms instead of attempting online format as much less confusing. There will be a half-day tour for all gr. 8 feeder students & a parent info night as has been done in past.

To note the El Salvador trip group will be collecting over-the-counter drugs, used sports equipment and eyeglasses to take with them. 23 students are participating in this event.

Gregg reported that he recently had the opportunity to hear Adam Beach, actor & motivational speaker from Wpg. He hopes to bring him in to PCI for a talk next year.

Teacher Liaison: Donna Ott – Sincerest thanks to Parent Council for the wonderful goodies brought in during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Treasurer's Report: Tracey Taylor – 1 cheque issued for Teacher Appreciation expenses, \$88.33 making the account balances \$306.34 and \$516.00. Another cheque to be issued to Tracey for \$83.71 for Teacher Appreciation expenses.

Safety Coordinator: Marilyn Gagnon – No report.

Old Business:

Caroline succeeded in getting the city to clear the sidewalk on 3rd St.

New Business:

The Grad Ceremony & Safe Grad will now have to be held in the same arena as the ice is being maintained in the other one. Concerns were raised about the time frame between the ceremony & safe grad venue preparation. Parent Council members also raised questions & thoughts about the 7:00 start time of the grad ceremony.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Mar. 21st, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All parents welcome!