

**PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 20th, 2011**

Attendance: Sandi Knight, Caroline Cannon, Gregg Waldvogel, Mark Diboll, Donna Ott, Tracey Taylor, Marilyn Gagnon, Sian Taris, Jill Arndt, Colleen Pallister

Regrets: Wanda Kopytko, Michele Redmond, Jocelyn Durand

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 May 24th, 2011 meeting were reviewed. The next meeting date was listed in error as Sept. 20th instead of Mon., Sept. 19th. It was decided via e-mail to stay with this meeting date as it had been advertised prior to the error being noticed. Tracey Taylor moved the minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Sandi Knight. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

Sandi received a return letter from the RHA regarding the importance of maintaining operation of the Teen Clinic upon the resignation of the former nurse practitioner. The letter stated that they have been attempting to hire a replacement & are now hoping to have a practitioner hired by the end of the month.

Reports:

Administration: Gregg Waldvogel/Mark Diboll – Staff – 2 new staff members have been hired; Michael Hoekstra in Life Skills & Kayla Price 50% P.E. term. Also 8-10 EA's have been hired. Enrolment numbers are up presently at just over 1,100. Hoping to hire 1 more teacher if this is maintained.

Gov't Bill 13 which requires undergrads to remain in school till 18 yrs. of age has now come into effect. A Community Transition Program is now in place – 1 staff is co-ordinating work placement experience & another is working with Life Skills students to facilitate work experience. Questions remain as to how to enforce disciplinary action if a student isn't attending. P.C.I.'s 40's & 50's Reunion was held successfully last weekend with ~250 guests. Peer Connectors also participated. Some donations to the school were gratefully received.

1st newsletter has been mailed out. They will be sent out electronically for the remainder of the year. Lots of parent e-mails were submitted following the newsletter. Returned Parent Council surveys were handed over to Sandi.

Undergrad Awards will be held on the morning of Sept. 27th. Letters have been sent out to parents of students who are being recognized. This procedure worked well last year in place of phoning.

Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled for Nov. 16 & 17th are now going to conflict with hosting a major volleyball tournament. Staff are considering the possibility of altering the times/dated somewhat. Will keep parents posted.

Student Council – Nominations will close at end of Thursday. Election Week will be Oct. 3-7th with Oct. 6th being the Lit & Election Dance date.

2010-2011 yearbooks are in. They will be handed out on Fri., Sept. 30th. Grads' yearbooks will be mailed out, cost was included in their grad fee.

A prom survey will be mailed out to all potential upcoming grad parents. This was presented to the grade 12's. Proposed questions were read out by Gregg. A discussion was held regarding the various grad events and suggestions regarding questions given to Gregg. Importance of survey input will be emphasized to the parents.

A "Credit Recovery Sheet" is being implemented. Teachers will be asked to complete these if a student doesn't fulfill the requirements of a course. i.e. this would eliminate the need for a student to repeat the entire course if attendance wasn't the failing issue.

Mark – Renos during the summer included 3 classrooms having carpet removed & replaced with new flooring, more painting was done, gym floors were resealed, hedge by PCI building removed.

Life Skills Lab – amalgamation is proceeding.

Various sports teams have started: PCI won Girls' golf zones; Boys' were close; Trojans football has begun; cross country & hockey are upcoming. Approval has been received for announcer's booth for the football field. Requirements & resulting costs are huge so fundraising will be happening to go towards this project.

Teacher Liaison: Donna Ott – The Mature Student Program has 62 students enrolled. Intake will close by the end of September. To qualify you must be out of school for at least 6 months (summer months included) & be 18 ½ yrs.

Treasurer's Report: Tracey Taylor – The account balances are \$22.63 and \$516.00 minus expenditures for the staff luncheon.

Safety Coordinator: Marilyn Gagnon - No report. Mark reported that a new panel had been installed in the BCT area. PCI building is being rewired for a new alarm system; will take ~a year to complete.

Old Business:

Nil.

New Business:

Nil.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A.G.M. will be held on Oct. 17th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library with regular Parent Council Meeting to follow. All P.C.I. parents welcome!