

PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, May 17th, 2010

Attendance: Sandi Knight, Holly Brookes, Marilyn Gagnon, Donna Ott, Caroline Cannon, Colleen Pallister

Regrets: Jim Pehura, Mark Diboll, Tracey Taylor, Eldyne Parker-Beddome, Joyce Giesbrecht, Joel Baker

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by chair, Sandi Knight.

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

The minutes of the April 19th meeting were reviewed. Holly Brookes moved the minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Marilyn Gagnon. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

Fundraising info from Sysco was received.

Presentation:

Patrick Lacroix from the Portage la Prairie Teachers' Association gave a presentation on Education Funding. Hand-outs were given. It was highlighted that MB is the only remaining province where education isn't 100% funded by the provincial government. It was also noted that monies for programming in this school division is gradually dwindling. A representative from MB Teachers' Society was also present to address questions and provide input.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: No formal report – No expenditures since last meeting. The school account has \$594.67. The Division account \$431.39.

Safety Coordinator: No formal report.

Volunteer Coordinators: No formal report.

Teacher Liaison: No formal report.

Student Council: No formal report.

Administration: Donna Ott read written report by Jim Pehura – Grad – Tea raised over \$8,000. This will help cover Prom & Grad costs. Any left over funds will be spent on a specific purchase decided on by the Grad committee. Prom - Sat., May 29th at Canad Inns; Grad – June 26th, safe grad to follow at PCU Centre.

Staff – New staff for next year: Lisa Shackleton (Resource), Jill Fast (Social Studies & other courses TBD), Bert de Vries (Math). Interviews for vice-principal are underway. Looking to fill another resource position. Counsellors for next year: Kellee Clifford Bousquet (gr. 9), Jason Green (gr. 10 & 11) and Tracy Vanstone (gr. 12). Cheryl Nadeau is new library assistant.

Sports – PCI will be hosting Boys' Baseball Provincials June 3-5. Track team & Saints Fastpitch team are having strong seasons. Dance team earned Gold standing at Provincials this past weekend.

Admin. will begin working on new timetable soon. Vocational numbers are strong with marked increase in both Building Construction Trades & Marketing programs.

Tickets on sale (\$5.00) for Retirement Lit on June 3rd. Proceeds to PCU Centre.

Any report cards that are not picked up on June 29th will be mailed home provided there are no outstanding fees & all textbooks & library books have been returned. This info was in last newsletter & will be announced daily to students after this weekend.

Hall of Fame – 1st phase of Hall of Fame to honor AMHS is nearly complete – 41 years of grad classes will be on display. 2nd phase will involve displaying pictures of past presidents & governor-general medalists. Should be completed in next school year. Larry Smith & James Kostuchuk are in charge of project. It is being funded by grad class of 2008.

Personal thanks to Parent Council for past support from Jim.

Old Business:

Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Wed., June 23rd. Decided to have Panko's cater once again. Parents to provide salads & desserts. Eldyne will organize volunteers.

New Business:

Several applications have been received for the PAC Bursary. Caroline Cannon agreed to assist Sandi in selecting a recipient.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Sept. 20th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.