

PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, April 20th, 2009

In Attendance: Beth Connery, Sandi Knight, Jim Pehura, Mark Diboll, Donna Ott, Tracey Taylor, Joyce Giesbrecht, Marilyn Gagnon, Bev Stanger, Sherri Morgan, Holly Brookes, Colleen Pallister

Regrets: Jeff Utioh

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair, Beth Connery.

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

The minutes of the Mar. 16th meeting were reviewed. Joyce Giesbrecht's name was missing from those in attendance so added. No other errors or omissions were noted. Sandi Knight moved the minutes be adopted as corrected. Seconded by Tracey Taylor. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

No new correspondence since last meeting.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Read by Tracey Taylor. The balances are \$281.01 and \$451.65.

Program Report: No programs are being planned at this time. There may be a TADD presentation in Sept. The recent vocational showcase was poorly attended.

Volunteer Coordinators: Sherri Morgan reported that the last dance was cancelled due to the storm week. The next dance is planned for April 30th. Parent volunteers will be needed. A volunteer will be needed to present the Parent Council Award at the Awards Ceremony. Beth & Bev will both be attending so one will present. A discussion followed re: attaching a bursary to the award. Sherri moved that a \$200 bursary be added to the Parent Council Award. Seconded by Joyce Giesbrecht. More than one student may be awarded at the discretion of the Parent Council.

Safety Coordinator: Mark Diboll – Workplace Health & Safety rep. was very impressed with the school. Admin. & Operations Head will meet with her again in 2-3 wks. for any recommendations. Small amount of mould in library will be looked at in the summer. The flooring in a few more classrooms will be done this summer. One staff office was moved from the West Office to Main Office. This has greatly improved phone communication. A new fire alarm system & a new boiler have been approved. Gym floor has been redone. Both gyms will be painted this summer. The bleachers have been removed & hopefully replaced with aluminum ones with a higher seating capacity. P.C.S. building classrooms are being repainted as well.

Teacher Liaison: No report.

Administration: Jim Pehura – Sales are reportedly quite low in the store/canteen drink machines where coke products are disallowed in an effort to improve nutrition in the school. A discussion was held regarding bringing the Coke products back as students are just purchasing them from businesses off school property & the potential revenue is being lost. Parent Council was in agreement to bring the products back with the addition of posters beside the machines to inform students of the nutritional value of their purchases. Teen Clinic is going well & is busy. The RHA is pleased with the School Board support. A dietician is coming to do teaching in Phys. Ed. Classes. There is better access to a mental health worker. All parent concerns regarding the Teen Clinic have been addressed as they have come in. The Clinic will remain open in the summer.

A wind-up/dinner is planned for the Greece/Rome trip participants & parents. Wind-ups for the girls' & boys' hockey teams are planned for the upcoming weekend as well.

Staff report – David Nutbean has been granted a sabbatical to take his Master's degree next term. Course selections for grade 10's/11's will be due the end of the week, Apr. 24th. Resource councillors will be available for consultation.

Course changes will be possible by phone-in this year instead of in person from Aug. 28th - Aug. 31st.

Staff will have 6 wks. off this year, a first for some time.

Grad. report – an info. letter will be sent to grad. parents following the tea on Apr. 26th.

Student Council: Jim Pehura – Spirit Days will be held from Apr. 29th – May 1st as they were postponed from March due to inclement weather & loss of school days. The weeks' activities will proceed as previously planned.

Old Business:

Nil.

New Business:

The future of the grade 9 sports teams is in question due to low student interest. Also if anyone is aware of someone in the community who may be interested in coaching a sports team please forward their name to Mark.

Adjournment:

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

Next meeting will be May 25th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the PCI Library.