

PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, February 23rd, 2009

In Attendance: Beth Connery, Sandi Knight, Sherri Morgan, Donna Ott, Bev Stanger, Mark Diboll, Jeff Utioh, Marilyn Gagnon, Diane Hamilton, Tracey Taylor, Colleen Pallister
Regrets: Jim Pehura, Rolande Williams, Holly & Kinelm Brookes

A presentation on the Maplewood computer program for student information database was given by teachers Jim Mueller & Dave Nutbean. The type of information which will be available to administration, parents and students was reviewed. Thank you to the teachers for giving their time to inform us of this new tool.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by chair, Beth Connery.

The agenda was presented with the addition of "teacher notification of student needs" under New Business by Beth Connery.

The minutes of the Jan. 19th meeting were reviewed. Under Old Business – Tracey Taylor attended the School Board Meet & Greet instead of Sandi Knight. There were no other errors or omissions. Bev Stanger moved the minutes be adopted as corrected. Seconded by Sandi Knight. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

Invitation to School Board Meeting re: budget to be held on Feb. 24th at 7:30 p.m.

MAPC Newsletter – AGM to be held on May 1st & 2nd.

Call for nominations for Judy Aiken Memorial Award, deadline Mar. 20th.

Call for nominations for MTS Young Humanitarian Award – It was suggested that Carol Fast should be notified of this upcoming award each year with potential candidates being submitted by her.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Read by Tracey Taylor. The balances are \$281.01 and \$539.00. One expenditure for \$66.78 for candy for Staff Appreciation Week was submitted.

Program Report: Maplewood demonstration was done prior to meeting. No other programs are being planned at this time.

Volunteer Coordinators: Diane Hamilton/Sherry Morgan- Volunteer recruitment for Staff Appreciation Week went well. The Feb. 11th dance was cancelled, but had managed to obtain volunteers for same.

Safety Coordinator: Mark Diboll – Renovations being done to all classrooms affected by mould is being carried out presently & should be completed by Spring Break week.

Teacher Liaison: Donna Ott – Huge thank you to Parent Council from staff for the goodies during Staff Appreciation Week. It was thoroughly enjoyed. Students faired well on the English/Math. Provincial Exams.

Administration: Mark Diboll – Upcoming dates – Gr. 9 Open House – Mar. 4th
Career Day – Mar. 5th for gr. 11's at P.C.I. Spirit Week – Mar. 23rd – 27th.
2nd Semester has 1,050 students registered.

Staff Meeting was held today. No major changes or problems cited.

E.A. will taking extended leave to end of school year. Tracey Vanstone will be commencing maternity leave.

Plans for the P.C.I. plasma sign have been passed on to the engineers. Plan for concrete has been shelved; it will be finished in stucco for now.

Fridge in west staff room has been upgraded.

New washer & dryer have been purchased for the Life Skills class.

Portable lap tops have been purchased & will be available for classroom use.

Discussions have been held regarding potential upgrades to the field in front of Prince Charles building. An aeration & watering system for the grass is on the wish list.

The carpet is to be removed from the hallways in the Prince Charles building & replaced with continuous flooring. In time the plan is to remove all remaining carpet to make for a cleaner environment.

Plans to re-finish the gym floors & upgrade the bleachers are still in place.

Student Council: Jeff Utioh – Boys' hockey team have been eliminated. Girls' team is presently in 1st place. Boys' Basketball team lost; Girls' team won.

Grade 12 Grad. Tea is getting organized. Prom was decided to be moved to Canad Inns. Mark Diboll reported that it will have to be presented to School Board for approval due to the fact there is access to a licensed bar on the premises. The parents will have to take on more supervisory responsibility as a result.

J. Zwiep from the City consulted with Student Council looking for feedback & ideas with regard to teen/youth programs which the City proposes & what has been done in the past.

Spirit Week to be held from Mar. 23rd to Mar. 27th. The dance will be rescheduled for Mar. 25th or 26th. Staff Appreciation Day will be Mar. 23rd or 24th. Dress-up days are being planned along with a Hypnotist show again.

The Facebook problem has been resolved. The offender withdrew the comments & no further activity has occurred.

Old Business:

Nil. Has been dealt with in the preceding reports.

New Business:

Teacher Notification of Student Needs – Teachers aren't being made aware of specific student needs if not in a "special program". Needs to be possibly an alert or icon put on student; some way of identifying a problem a student may have which doesn't qualify him/her for "special needs" status, but will have some bearing on their ability to handle the course requirements in the usual format.

Mark Diboll will look into a system to address this & report back.

Question was asked re: late distribution of report cards from past semester. Mark Diboll reported there were some computer issues & shouldn't recur in future.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be Mar. 16th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the PCI Library.