

**PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Monday, Jan. 17th, 2011**

Attendance: Caroline Cannon, Wanda Kopytko, Tracey Taylor, Gregg Waldvogel, Mark Diboll, Donna Ott, Colleen Pallister

Regrets: Sandi Knight, Nathan Utioh, Marilyn Gagnon

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by chair, Caroline Cannon.

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

The minutes of the Nov. 15, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Tracey Taylor moved the minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Wanda Kopytko. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

A cheque for \$485.00 was received from Mental Health Association as part of a Healthy Living Grant. The monies had been used to purchase muffins and juice for students prior to writing exams.

Reports:

Student Council: No formal report. Gregg reported that the Council had held a retreat to make plans for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

Administration: Gregg Waldvogel/Mark Diboll – Grad student meeting was held Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. Information package was presented and reviewed. A grad parent meeting is scheduled for Tues., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Important dates finalized:

Grad pictures – Feb. 15 -17 Retakes – Mar. 23-24

Grad Tea – May 1<sup>st</sup> Grad Prom – May 28<sup>th</sup> at Canad Inns

Grad Awards – June 27 at 2 p.m. at PCI

Grad Ceremony & Safe Grad – June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at PCU Centre

A couple of items to note - All students must get their picture taken by Lifetouch in order to be in the class composite picture for posterity. The sitting fee will be waived if they are not purchasing pictures.

The Grad Prom will only be held at Canad Inns if parental support is in place.

A dinner theatre by the drama class to be held on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> is sold out.

Life Skills Proposal – to reorganize the classrooms so that Life Skills area in basement of PCS building will be moved to “old Home Ec. Room” in PCI building with the addition of a grooming room. This would facilitate having all the Life Skills area together in one building and all Home Ec. area together.

The costs are being looked at presently. It is a no. 1 priority of the School Division.

The provincial gov't mandate is to have mandatory student attendance till the age of 18. Will have to look at providing alternate programs if this comes into effect. Parental concerns about this proposal were discussed.

Xmas dance was held with 220 in attendance.

A strategic planning meeting with the School Board is being held on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. Division goals, etc. will be discussed.

An exam pilot program is being done with English and Math.

“Club sports teams” for both volleyball & basketball boys & girls are in process of being separated from the school as too many responsibility issues. Once all of their monies are paid out they will be a completely separate entity.

Portage Revitalization Grant of \$1000 is being used towards a Mentorship Program organized by Kellie Clifford-Bousquet.

“Bodies” exhibit was attended and enjoyed by 2 bus loads of Biology students.

Grade 9 Drama production was performed for feeder schools.

Courtyard upgrade – Mark looking for ideas from staff on how to proceed – still leaning towards “Japanese garden” concept.

Idea of a designated smoking area on school grounds was discussed (Steinbach is implementing one). Pros and cons were discussed. Certainly a concern that this would be facilitating a habit which we are trying to eradicate.

A newsletter will be coming out end of Jan. Will be e-mailed for 1<sup>st</sup> time.

To note “absent staff” will be taken off the school website.

Teacher Liaison: No formal report.

Treasurer’s Report: Tracey Taylor - The account balances are \$394.67 and \$516.00.

Safety Coordinator: No formal report –Mark reported that an electrician has been hired to replace the fire alarm system in the PCI building.

Old Business:

Nil.

New Business:

Caroline brought up the issue that the sidewalk on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. has not had the snow cleared yet this winter. She will contact City Operations on behalf of Parent Council to enquire about this.

Staff Appreciation Week is Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Was discussed re: buying the baking as parents are participating in numerous bake sales for other causes at the school. Will consult with Sandi Knight to decide how to proceed.

Adjournment:

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

**Next meeting will be held on Feb. 28th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All parents welcome!**