

PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, October 19th, 2009

Attendance: Sandi Knight, Jim Pehura, Mark Diboll, Donna Ott, Tracey Taylor, Eldyne Parker-Beddome, Caroline Cannon, Kinelm Brookes, Holly Brookes, Joyce Giesbrecht, Joel Baker, Colleen Pallister

Regrets: Marilyn Gagnon

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by chair, Sandi Knight.

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

The minutes of the Sept. 21st meeting were reviewed. Kinelm Brookes moved the minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Joyce Giesbrecht. All in favour. Carried.

In response to parental interest in viewing the minutes (survey results) & in the interest of currency, it has been decided that the minutes will be e-mailed to Jim Pehura & Sandi Knight a.s.a.p. post meeting to be reviewed and posted on the website.

Correspondence:

Minister of Education – info. re: Celebrating Excellence in Teaching Awards. The future plan is for the Parent Council Chair to be involved in the decision making process for teacher awards. MB Association of Parent Councils registration form was received.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Read by Tracey Taylor. The balances are \$218.20 and nil. Student enrolment is at 1061.

Volunteer Coordinators: Holly Brookes – As the concerns for finding dance chaperones were voiced during the AGM there was nothing further to report. The Student Council will attempt to find parent volunteers for the next dance & report back to new volunteer coordinator, Eldyne Parker-Beddome.

Safety Coordinator: No formal report. Mark Diboll – H1N1 - Hand sanitizers have been placed in areas where felt needed. Attendance is being monitored and if a spike is noted in the student &/or teacher population then it will be posted on the website.

Teacher Liaison: Donna Ott – No report.

Administration: Jim Pehura – Grad class info. – The plan is to keep \$4500 on reserve in grad. account in case of a possible deficit.

Last year's grad committee met with admin. & have decided to spend their surplus funds on field trips for the life skills students & possibly a fridge or other item for their area. Also new, motorized, burgundy colored curtains will be purchased for the West Gym. Hopefully they will be installed by Xmas.

Each grad class committee in past has earmarked their excess funds for a certain project which may even be ongoing i.e. 2007 Class – the walkway, 2008 Class – the Hall of Fame.

All past grad info will be posted on the website including all award winners and a financial report, etc.

The student committee chairs for this year's grad will be decided in next month with meetings to start in January.

Admin is in process of finding teacher replacements for 2 upcoming maternity leaves.

Student Council: Joel Baker reported that the Council held their retreat and ideas were exchanged for the upcoming year. The emphasis for the year will be on these main areas: Big Brothers/Big Sisters as an alternative to Freshie Week, Sports promotions, Dances, Media, Lits and a new Mascot.

Old Business:

Sandi Knight was pleased to report that Parent Council received a total of 107 replies from the parent survey as compared to last year's total of 8. A newsletter will be coming out soon from admin. If Sandi would like to submit some info. in response to the survey, this would be welcome.

Mark Diboll reported that he has spoken with Mike from 1st Class Photography & given him the Prom date. He was pleased and will be making arrangements to cover that event.

Mark also spoke with Tom Henry, Operations Head, about transporting items on the bus. Tom stated that if there were no empty seats on the bus then students cannot transport equipment bags or musical instruments. Individual students must contact their own bus drivers to confirm if there will be empty seats available.

New Business:

Sandi brought forward the \$60 registration fee & form required for membership in Association of Parent Councils. Jim Pehura agreed to look after this.

Issue of contacting school re: student absence. It was stated that a parent could e-mail in lieu of phoning. This will be explained in the October newsletter.

Driver's Ed. concerns were raised. This is the responsibility of MPI and not the school.

Adjournment:

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

Next meeting will be held on Nov. 16th, 2009 in the Library.