

PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, Sept. 21st, 2009

In Attendance: Sandi Knight, Jim Pehura, Mark Diboll, Donna Ott, Tracey Taylor, Holly Brookes, Kinelm Brookes, Marilyn Gagnon, Joyce Giesbrecht, Eldyne Parker-Beddome, Betty Weir, Colleen Pallister

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair, Sandi Knight.

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

The minutes of the May 25th meeting were reviewed. Tracey Taylor moved the minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Sandi Knight. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

Letters from Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth advising of 2 new distance ed. courses which are now available.

A thank-you note from Mario Pao, recipient of the Parent Council Award last June.

Advertising card from 1st Class Photography.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Read by Tracey Taylor. The balances are \$218.20 and nil. Parent Council account depleted by Staff Appreciation Luncheon & Parent Council Award. Will be receiving funds once student numbers are finalized.

Program Report: No programs are being planned by Parent Council at this time. There will be a presentation on Anxiety to be held on Oct. 8th, contact person is Brenda Foster.

Volunteer Coordinators: Holly Brookes – Sandi Knight reported that there was a good response from the parent surveys issued at start of this year including a substantial list of new volunteers. The results had been condensed & compiled by Sandi & this info. will be passed on to Holly. First dance is planned for Oct. 7th. Will require 8 volunteers.

Safety Coordinator: Mark Diboll – Boilers have been replaced with 3 new ones.

All mould in P.C.S. library has been removed. All mould in building has now been dealt with. Some windows have been re-caulked. Floors in P.C.S. building are being replaced with continuous flooring. Plan is to paint the entire P.C.S. building with teal and offwhite that is a match to the colours in the PCI building. School colours (burgundy and gold) will be highlighted in different areas.. Gym floors & walls are done.

Staff offices will gradually be repainted with the need for teachers to be shuffled around to facilitate the process.

Fire alarm zones are redone. Fire drills are upcoming.

H1N1 virus – update info. letter being sent home to parents. Total of 24 hand sanitizers were issued to school from Public Health. These are gradually being placed around the school. A discussion was held on current placement areas and suggestions for others.

Teacher Liaison: Donna Ott – Really great start to the year. Everything is running smoothly as everyone knows the procedures & expectations.

Administration: Jim Pehura – Prom that was held at Canad Inns went extremely well. Will likely maintain that venue in near future although the final decision will rest with the grad class and their parents.. Lynn Marks who chaired the parent committee has offered to assist with the upcoming class if they also decide to hold it at this site. The past Grad. Tea was a huge success (largely due to a super raffle). The financial surplus will be discussed at upcoming grad. committee meeting with last year's grad group. Some projects being considered by the school include: the Hall of Fame, improving the ground walkway, tennis court revision, new bleachers, garden courtyard improvements and replacing P.C.I. gym curtains. The admin feels that last year's group will also have some new ideas to add to the current list.

The Teen Clinic was well used during the summer.

Student enrolment numbers should fall between 1020 and 1070. The Grad. class is 186 (small this year), gr. 9 is large at 300+.

New courses being offered this year are Gr. 12 Pottery & Film Study for French Immersion students. Grant money has been provided by School Division for an Aboriginal teacher to teach Ojibwe language to 2 gr. 9 classes. The school is hoping to add this course to 2nd Semester as well.

New staff includes Janelle Perkins (Home Ec), Adam Sevchenko (Computer) & J. Copenace-Bell (Ojibwe).

Undergrad Awards to be held on Sept. 28th; gr. 10 – 9:15 a.m., gr. 11 – 10:30 a.m. gr. 12 – 11:30 a.m. All attempts will be made to notify parents. Short discussion re: possibility of e-mailing parents in future. No plans to do so yet but Maplewood program used by the office has the capacity to do this.

Will not be possible to mail out report cards prior to Nov. parent-teacher conferences this year. Also just as a reminder there is no mail out of June report cards as this is the only recourse to obtain outstanding textbooks.

Sports – Golfers did well. Football is going; volleyball & cross country is starting. In need of coaches, so if anyone knows of someone interested please let Mr. Diboll know.

All clubs are starting up as well.

3 student trips are planned for spring break – Cuba, France & Eastern Europe. There will also be a hockey tournament in Bemidji. Staff is looking at forming a travel club to plan for 2011/2012 trips.

Spring Break is early this year as the campus will be housing athletes for the MB Games.

There will also be a technology conference entitled, “The Bite” which will be held at P.C.I. with all division teachers to attend.

Student Council: Jim Pehura – Student Council election week is one week later this year due to SAG being on Oct. 2nd. Student Council election date will be Oct. 8th.

Admin will be looking at joining with Student Council to fundraise to support the P.C.U. Centre. It could even be a potential site for future student events.

Student Council has been planning to install 2 T.V.'s for in-house communication.

Old Business:

Still issues surrounding transporting instruments/equipment on the bus. Mark Diboll reported that Tom Henry is looking into some solutions & will report back at next meeting.

New Business:

Some concerns raised re: amount of paper usage for self-directed gym assignment. Mr. Pehura is aware & is working on this. A lab has been ordered for grade 11 and 12 students and the school is hoping that a great deal of the work will be done electronically.

A discussion was held re: student pictures & the use of LifeTouch vs. 1st Class Photography. The contract with LifeTouch is up for renewal next year. The school does get some benefits from LifeTouch, but the private photography would be more economical for the students/parents. It was suggested to have 1st Class Photography for Prom Night as an initial step in trying the business out.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A.G.M. will be held on Oct. 19th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library with regular Parent Council Meeting to follow. Everyone welcome!