

**PCI Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, Sept. 20th, 2010**

Attendance: Sandi Knight, Wanda Kopytko, Tracey Taylor, Eldyne Parker-Beddome, Sandi Knight, Gregg Waldvogel, Mark Diboll, Colleen Pallister

Regrets: Joyce Giesbrecht, Donna Ott, Marilyn Gagnon

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 18th, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Sandi Knight moved the minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Mark Diboll. All in favour. Carried.

Correspondence:

Thank you from Jim Pehura. MB Association of Parent Councils registration form received – will get completed & sent away. Fundraising info. received – will not be participating.

Reports:

Administration: Gregg Waldvogel – Student enrolment projection was 1,050 & numbers are close to that; in process of tracking missing ones.

Adult Ed. funding was cut. A Mature Student Program is now in place with ~40 registered. Guidelines for the program have been revised.

New staff update:

Gr. 9 VP- Pam Garnham; Foods- Pam Moffat; L.A.- Jay Dewis; Math- Bert DeVries; S.S.- Jill Fast;

Resource- Lisa Shackleton; French- Heather Schindel; Guidance/Resource- Marie Bertholet;

Computer- David Nutbean returning after Ed. leave

Undergrad Awards to be presented next Tues. a.m., Sept. 28th. Letters have been mailed to inform parents of award winners.

New courses being offered include: Heavy Duty Mechanics (a hydraulic simulator is available as well as Red River College donated a tractor & large engine to aid in instruction); Gr. 10 Robotics ; & Computer Hardware course.

A new Attendance Policy which was in place for Gr. 9 students last year was found to be effective & will be implemented in Gr. 10 as well now.

Teen Clinic – same hours as last year; very busy & seeking more funding. Also using the services of a dietician & mental health worker. Summer hours saw lots of usage as well.

RCMP now have a staffed office on site. They will be doing neighbourhood patrols & holding educational events from time to time.

School Upgrades – Mark Diboll

Painting is ongoing; predicted to be a full year before completion.

New flooring has been installed & some new lockers.

An architect is being consulted to upgrade the Library to a “Multimedia Area”; Grad Legacy funds are being used towards some new furniture for the area. A proposal will be made to the School Board for additional funding for this project.

Both building areas are completely wireless now.

New roofing has been placed over West Office with changes made to drainage.

Lights have been replaced in Gym.

New murals have been added to the Plaza area. Kudos to Yvette Cuthbert who organized the drawings.

Student Services –

2 more staff have been added as councillors. Councillor coverage has been reviewed & re-organized. It is going extremely well with an excellent, dedicated staff.

Long Plain lunch program is in place again.

Trips –

El Salvador & England in Spring Break 2011; Boy's hockey team to Pittsburgh.

Potential ski trip to Banff, dance team to L.A. competition & Australia at Xmas 2012. These are awaiting approval.

Donation – Thank you to Mix 96 who graciously donated \$600 to the Music Program.

Student Election Week – nominations taking place this week; Election Dance to be held on Oct. 7th with Election Day on Oct. 8th.

Grad News – Grad Tea to be in April; date TBD

Prom, May 28th, location TBD, Canad Inns or PCU Centre, but to be decided by Grad Chairs

Grad 2011 will be June 28th in the evening at PCU Centre with Safe Grad to follow.

Teacher Liaison: No formal report.

Treasurer's Report: Tracey Taylor - No formal report – The school account's previous balance was \$594.67. The Division account was \$431.39 minus the Parent Council Award monies. A retirement gift was also purchased for Mr. Pehura. Both account balances will be updated at the next meeting. Final enrolment numbers will dictate the total monies to be received from the School Division for this school year. The MAPC membership fee will be taken from the Division Account.

Safety Coordinator: No formal report.

Volunteer Coordinators: No formal report. Eldyne will be stepping down from this position so a new coordinator will be needed. Thank you for filling the position last year.

A reminder that Student Council will be responsible for obtaining dance chaperones once again this year.

Note: Dance hours have been changed from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. (shifted ½ hr. earlier)

Old Business:

Teachers' Association – Education Finance reminder

We need to have School Trustee candidates who will structure the budget to bring more dollars into the Division to improve student programs. Also to look at current funding model in an effort to change it to 100% provincially funded. School Board should be encouraged to meet with Portage Teacher's Association to discuss issues.

Teachers addressed concerns re: lower salaries in our division & lack of proper remuneration for extra-curricular activities.

New Business:

Some concerns were raised re: website not being updated prior to commencement of students starting school. It had still been showing the "2009-2010" school year on the title, even though the other items have now been updated.

Gregg reported that the website is still under construction & will be remedied shortly.

Will work towards having it updated prior to school commencement next year.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A.G.M. will be held on Oct. 18th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library with regular Parent Council Meeting to follow. All P.C.I. parents welcome!

