

General PAC Meeting
March 25, 2009
6:30-8:30pm

In Attendance: Claudette Angers Sawyer, Dena Domijan, Carole Chan, Bettina Charpentier, Sandy Lew, Frances Hastings, Ross Powell, Wanda Pierson, Micheline Kamber

Regrets: Tony Wong

Principal's Report: Report cards are going home next week. Teachers have put a lot of work into the reports and Claudette reads every report before they go out to parents.

There is a lot happening in April. The Millenium March will be happening in April. There will be an intermediate spring concert on April 8.

Kindergarten registration took place in February. More students registered in English Kindergarten than in previous years. Next year the SFU school will open so some students may transfer.

The School Plan District Meeting is April 3/09. JR Westgate will represent PAC. The topic to be addressed will be "How are we meeting the needs of all students?"

Tech Plan: This year and last year we were focused on purchasing hardware.

Purchases for September 2008 to June 2009

18 computers(Refresh Program) Purchased by the BSB

4 Printers(new/duplex units)BSB is paying for 2 printers and requesting and additional 2(\$700.00 each)

Upgrade of the electrical in Lab. Completed by BSB

Wireless connection for the resource portable. Completed BSB

6 Computers (Refresh Program) Purchased by school using the district grant(\$2286.00)

4 Computers Library (Refresh Program) Purchased by PAC(\$2243.00)

1 Computer for Librarian-Teacher (new/Admin bundle). Purchased by PAC(\$1230.00)

1 Smart Board and Projector Purchased by PAC (\$2400.00)

1 Laptop(new) and Cart Proposed purchased by school(\$1500.00)

1 Computer for HT(new/Admin bundle-this will free up a Refresh Program Computer to be placed in classroom). Proposed purchase by school(\$1230.00)

2 Alpha Boards(student use). Purchased by school(\$600.00)

Goals

1. All teaching sties will have a standardized computer(BB) connected to server.
2. 4 new printers (duplex units) will also be connected for each wing:
 - Computer Lab
 - Library
 - Primary Wing(Mme Godo's class)

- Office
3. Computer Lab consists of 26 computers(BB) connected to server.
 4. Library will be a learning center with updated technology such as a Smart Board/Projector as well as a Laptop could be used to enhance learning.
 5. Assess the student use of alpha board(for children with writing output difficulties).

Can installation money for Smart Board be allocated to a cart for the library for the Smart Board equipment. Ross explained how the Smart Board works from his experience. Claudette will consider this information before deciding if they want the cart or the ceiling installation.

The outdoor classroom tables have been ordered and the total was lower than was expected. There was a \$1000 difference in the table cost. Would Claudette be able to use this money for library items?

Wanda Pierson motioned to move \$1000.00 from the outdoor classroom project to the library upgrade.

Sandy Lew seconded.

Motion passed.

Claudette has been contacted by a vendor who wants the school to have a daily hot lunch program. It was decided that this would not work. Claudette will let the individual know we are not interested.

Claudette asked about the location of the emergency first aid photos. Ross explained that all critical information is in the kiosk now . The Kiosk key is in the office. This was done because sometimes students are not in their classrooms.

There will be no hot lunch for April.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

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Discussion

Tammy - Is the arena booked for next years' skating party?
Tammy has made the necessary arrangements. She wanted to do the skating party in early December as it gets very busy for everyone as Christmas approaches however she learned that the rink is not available at this time due to skating lessons. We are only able to have the party at Kensington the week of December 14th. She put in the following requests:

Choice 1-Tuesday December 15th
Choice 2-Thursday December 17th
Choice 3-Wednesday December 16th

It is not possible to book the rink yet. The rink staff will have a planning meeting this summer and then they will let Tammy know which day we were offered. They will draw up a contract this summer and Tammy will then arrange for payment.

Heather - Request for Volunteers – two forms came back for the Student Advisory Council – I'll pass the names onto Wanda as the PAC rep for SAC

Carole – How is the contest coming along to rename Millenium March?

Millenium March –I spoke to Lisa and she thought whoever did it last year was going to do it again this year and thought her name may be Vivian or Yvonne but was drawing a bit of a blank. She suggested I speak to Trish. So I called Trish and she said she did it with Josie Young last year. She said the Josie would be able to help but not take the lead. To date, no one has volunteered to take the lead.

Hip Hop – Pat gave info to Claudette and Mike Snow and it's up to the school now to see if it can fit into the schedule. Thanks Pat and Wanda for taking care of this!

Smart Packs – does anyone want to take the lead on this? Is it a lot of work?

Wear Pink for Anti-bullying - Trish Alsop advised that some parents had commented to her that our school did not do anything for Wear

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Pink for Anti-bullying day. My feelings are that parents are welcome to take up the reigns with something like that as it involves a lot of coordination etc. I also feel it is not enough to 'comment' on such things without being willing to do something about it. We all receive the same school calendar and if parents feel something is missing then they are welcome to volunteer their time.

Teacher Appreciation – Marla Eist – she needs volunteers