

NRP PAC General Meeting: Feb. 6, 2019.

NRP PAC meeting started at 6:39 pm

Introduction of those present:

Rose Fabio, Karen Noel-Bentley

3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Train Clayton

Sharon, Beth, Fariba, Julie, Rachel, Ivy, Connie

Sharon presented Treasurer's report prepared by Hiram.

Rosa discussed the extra funds \$25,000 that gov't gave to NRP (all schools got something to relieve the pressure on PACs). Each class got about \$3000 to spend on resources for each classroom. So that was used before NRP started requesting from the Direct Appeal.

Gaming Grant of \$15,000 received. There was a wish list for using that gaming grant money. There was a motion to spend some on playground maintenance. PAC Exec. has researched and found that it is not practical this year. So tabling that motion and want to re-allocate that money towards other expenses. Rosa has an idea about how to spend that playground money.

**Motion to reallocate funds from playground maintenance to other eligible expenditures under the provisions of the gaming grant.** Connie moved and Rachel seconded. Passed unanimously.

Beth reported on Munch-a-Lunch. Will do an April survey - possible to go to the kids, and maybe have teachers help kids with the survey. Calhoun quality has gone down, and also the portion sizes seem to have gone down. Consensus that need to evaluate the vendors. May send around survey. Probably not Survey Monkey as it's in the US. There is a Canadian counterpart.

UBC catering wants to provide but they may not be able to handle nut-free requirements, etc.

U Hill Sec. is smaller than most high schools so they don't provide lunch.

VSB approve certain vendors that have the right licences, etc.

Julie / Jan. 26 - new parent reading group. About 6 parents who are very engaged. Book s dealing with multi-cultural identity. They identified several books about for diff. age groups, from younger to middle schools. Parents had read with their kids. Book are another means for opening communications between kids and adults.

Next parents reading group theme: bullying, social interactions, etc.

Parent conversation groups: Julie gave out hand-outs and included a reprint of Rosa's message at start of the year, about bullying . Most parents had not recalled seeing Rosa's message before.

Next parents' conversation group: Digital media and online safety. Would be good if parents can be told about any programming the school is doing with kids.

Clayton Gr.3 teachers and counsellor will be rolling out Diversity Club every Thursday - to create safe place but also to encourage leadership promoting diversity. They are aware that there has been some bullying in middle school area, and some feeling that they are not fully welcome.

Discussion how to encourage more interaction between elementary and middle school.

Sharon: Monica Ma has to step down from events planning committee.

Next big event:

All rides booked. Fariba has booked 3 food trucks: Japa Dog, Triple Os, Donuts - if they sell more than \$700, then they will give back 15% to school of excess.

Sharon would like to connect with U Hill Sec. to see if we can get student volunteers to help staff games booths, etc.

May 11, 3-6pm.

Sharon Yu will also invite U Hill Elementary.

Buddy system - only between Gr. 7 & K right now.

Rosa listed a bunch of choirs and clubs.

It would be nice to have more combination of K-8, but there is space issue and fire safety regulations in terms of numbers. Even how choirs and music classes are split up.

Parents conferences in March.

Celebration of Performing Arts (COPA) - showcase in April.

- U Hill Sec. will participate in COPA too.

Middle School anonymous survey. NRP had realized that some kids were feeling marginalized, and launched this survey to see what they are thinking. Middle schoolers wanted anonymity and

Perception of lots of swearing heard, esp. in Gr.5, and it was borne out by the survey.

Chart of different issues / topics, and what percentage of kids wanted to hear.

They want programming / speakers on high school life, career education, and anxiety & stress. Rosa and Karen will work with Gr. 8 students to review the data and discuss how the kids want the school to help.

All Gr. 8 teachers will be meeting U Hill Sec. teachers to discuss Core competencies.

Karen and Rosa will work with students on Q. 24.

So Rosa suggested that maybe extra programming or speakers might be things to sponsor from the gaming grant instead of the playground maintenance item.

Maybe work on “resiliency”. Rosa recalled that she has some good resources for that.

Games club run by middle schoolers during their lunch. Gr. 5 and some Gr. 4 students participate.

Next PAC Meeting: March 6, 2018.