

Donwood School PAC 2013-14

Minutes

October 8, 2013

Present: Connie Janzen-Winter, Tamara Roehr, Linda Hirt, Cyndi Sawatsky, Brandy Koebel, Noreen Koch, Cyndi Sawatzky, Jen Rogalsky

Administration: Christine Anderson, Ryan Francis

Opening – Welcome and intros Connie

Review of Minutes Tamara

Administration Report Christine

- Annual report to the community is available hard copy and on line through our school website.
- Thank you for your support with fundraising, Peak of the Market
- Open House BBQ was very well received.
- Combined classroom evening was well attended.
- Students will not partake in the trips to the book store. A school wide program with incentives from Boston Pizza. School is dovetailing on “That’s Amore” theme. More information will follow. We will be looking for financial support to culminate a school wide celebration end of the school year.
- P.D. October 11th; Health Care Plans 1st hour. Remainder of the day authentic writing process.
- Reconfiguration of Schools in RETSD. “Making the Move” on the divisional website. Q & A section as well as information and documents as they become available.

Discussion about School to Home Communication - Parents discussed with administration some opportunities to improve and make more effective communication coming home from the school and from teachers. Christine Anderson explained that parents who had concerns should direct them first to their child's teacher.

Reports

Treasurer Noreen Koch

- adjustment should be made monthly to roll money out of Hot Lunch and into General Account always leaving a working balance of \$800 in Hot Lunch
- Peak of the Market Fundraiser generated \$3270 in revenue - PAC gets to keep half of that (\$1635) to put toward learning technologies

Hot Lunch Leona DeFehr (by email)

- first Hot Lunch went well - everything is looking fine!

Fundraising None

Greening

Christine Anderson

- Fran Trafiuk is now able to apply for the next segment of the grant money
- Tamara asked again about repurposing the circular stone "outdoor classroom" into something more usable while retaining the First Nations teaching concepts

Other Business

Budget

- Book Fair Coupons - committed to this program for 2013-14
- Curling Trailer - \$350
- Staff Appreciation - \$600
- Reading Event (year end) - \$1200
- Patrols/Conflict Manager Incentives - \$350
- Greening - just need to maintain the \$2500 balance in the Maintenance account from year to year
- Peak of the Market Fundraiser put \$1200 toward technology in the classroom

Discussion about RETSD Transition to Elementary/Middle School format

- background - a memo went home in the days prior to the meeting explaining the RETSD decision to change school formats in our area so that Donwood would be a K-5 school and Chief Peguis a 6-8 school and River East a 9-12 school
- some concerns raised about how abrupt the change and the communication about the change was
- discussion about how the grade 5's will be treated in their final year at Donwood - will they get a formal Farewell, end of year field trips and leadership opportunities? But also how the grade 6's will be treated as they now have to share all of these special privileges with another grade.
- Christine confirmed that there is time/money being put toward the grade 5's so that neither the 5's or 6's will feel short changed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 PM

Minutes by Tamara Roehr