

**Dixon PAC Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting of January 10, 2017

**Attendance:**

PAC Members: Lisa Fisher, Meg Riter, Lyn Yang, Patti Bates, Diana White, Karen Fisher-Hagel, Amie Nowak, Pilar Ramos, Laura Gillanders, Kay Sy, Karin Schweitzer

Staff: Bill Juhasz, Tanya Major, Lee Hunter

1. Lisa Fisher opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and welcomed guests.

***2. MOVED*** *by Karen Fisher-Hagel* ***& SECONDED*** *by Amie Nowak**that the agenda be adopted.* ***CARRIED****.*

***3. MOVED*** *by Meg Riter* ***& SECONDED*** *by Diana White that minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting be adopted.* ***CARRIED****.*

4. **Administrator’s Report - Bill Juhasz**

New student learning template (report card) was distributed for Term 1. Adoption of this format is a continuous learning curve for both staff and parents. Staff is continually asessing, admin will put out survey for feedback.

A group of international students will join our community in February. A few students will join existing classes while the bulk will be hosted in the empty annex classroom with own teacher.

Big student turnout for basketball season, this year we will have 2 grade 7 teams as well as grade 5/6 teams. Thank you to our volunteer coaches!

Mme. Beck is expected to go on leave in March; Bill will advise on replacement when found. No other staffing changes currently known as district publishes job postings later in the year.

Lisa Fisher inquired as to district-wide water testing results for Dixon as some schools have not had access to water fountains due to presence of lead. Tanya Major responded that Dixon passed inspection.

5. **Treasurer Report**

Patti Bates presented the Profit/Loss Statement for October-December 2016. There were no food days (revenue) in December.

Per motions from prior meetings, donations were made to Feed-U-Cate and Dixon goodwill fund.

We still need to spend approx. $5k from the gaming fund. Bill nominated new projector screen in gym as area of need; current one is old, damaged & difficult to maneuver. Projector screen is frequently used for assemblies, presentations & movie nights.

Karen Fisher-Hagel/Diana White will follow-up & advise Patti on cost to renew movie license.

**MOTION: *MOVED*** *by Karen Fisher-Hagel* ***& SECONDED*** *by Amie Nowak**that the financials be approved.* ***CARRIED****.*

**6. Fundraising**

Pizza days for Jan-Jun have been moved to Thursdays; PAC calendar will be updated.

Maria Nokiani needs more help to run food days, particularly popcorn days as Bonnie Leslie has had to step down. Lee Hunter sent an email to his parents and will put volunteers in touch with Maria. Kay Sy and Karin Schweitzer also offered assistance.

Dixon PAC received $2500 from the City of Richmond’s Canada 150 grant to host a spring event celebrating Canada’s confederation. $16K was applied for, therefore the planned event will need to be revised. We are looking for help and input.

BC Athletics Membership is required to participate at track meets; fees collected provide insurance to school and athletes. Cost is $3/athlete or $125 for an organization. Last year students paid directly, suggestion to make this a standard expense covered by PAC.

**MOTION: *MOVED*** *by Karen Fisher-Hagel* ***& SECONDED*** *by Laura to pay for BC Athletics Membership.* ***CARRIED****.*

Tanya Major indicated Dragon-wear should be available next week.

**7. Richmond District Parents Association (RDPA)**

Karen Fisher-Hagel attended district fundraising workshop. Of note were ideas to (i) obtain a group movie license rate for all schools in the district and (ii) to encourage the City of Richmond to contribute towards playground expenses. Many schools have difficulty raising enough money to replace/update their playgrounds. Richmond has little park space that is NOT a school and the City maintains the grounds. Sherry Elwood (superintendent) was surprised that the City of Richmond does not contribute as this is common in other municipalities.

**8. Canadian Parents for French – Richmond Chapter**

No update

**9. Chair’s Report**

Lisa Fisher provided school board update: Debbie Tablotney re-elected as chair and Dixon’s representative Sandra Nixon elected as co-chair. No news yet on new representative for Dixon. Our district faces a $5M deficit this year, the board is actively seeking input from the community on where to make these cuts. This will be discussed over the next few board meetings, parents encouraged to attend & offer feedback.

There are a few opportunities for parents to provide feedback on student reporting: (i) <http://engage/gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/> (ii) online survey (iii) community meetings – Feb 8, 5-8pm @ Cambie Secondary.

Volunteers needed to update earthquake kits; replacing water, juice & granola bars if expired.

Volunteers needed to staff early warning line. This program cannot run without enough volunteers; time commitment is approx. 20min/week.

PAC meeting dates were set for the rest of the year: Feb 7, Apr 4 (AGM), May 16, Jun 13

***MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that meeting be adjourned, at 8:21 p.m.***

Next Meeting February 7, 2017 in the Dixon library.