

**Dixon PAC Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting of April 4th, 2017

**Attendance:**

PAC Members: Meg Riter, Karen Fisher-Hagel, Lisa Fisher, Lyn Yang, Patti Bates, Volker Helmuth

Staff: Bill Juhasz, Tanya Major,

Guests: Sandra Townsend, various Dixon parents.

1. Meg Riter opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

***2. MOVED & CARRIED*** *that the agenda be adopted.*

***3. MOVED & CARRIED -*** *adoption of the minutes of the May, 2016, meeting.*

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

- Track & field now starting, and hoping to continue on the success of having been top public elementary school in the region for the past 5 years.

- Basketball teams also continuing their success.

- Dixon students’ rock band has started now that guitarist has been identified.

- Teacher news – Lauren Beck had a baby girl.

- District budget issues - $10.5 million deficit has been identified, with consultation to follow as to where cuts are to be made, along with how the required class size decreases can be implemented.

**5. Treasurer Report – Patti Bates**

PAC budget ledgers were distributed.

* The current loss of $8,220 is expected to be made up by revenue from remaining fund-raising events for the year and cash on hand ((approx. $20,00 bank balance).
* Gaming funds of approx. $7,800 need to be used by Oct. 2017.

**MOTION (Lisa)**: To contribute $3,000 from gaming funds, instead of operating funds, to the mural project. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MOTION (Meg)**: To contribute $1,200 from gaming funds – fine arts fund, to the mural project. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

**MOTION (Karen)**: To contribute $225 from gaming funds to pay for the district schools’ insurance costs necessary to allow participation in the spring track-meet.

**6. Fundraising – Karen Fisher-Hagel**

- No fundraising initiatives currently to report on.

- Food Days, Canada’s 150th Birthday Celebration and Dragon Day, all being organized by others.

**7. Canada’s 150th Birthday Celebration – Sandra Townsend**

- Outdoor fair and movie being planned.

- Costs of $2,500 from operating funds, and approx $2,000 additionally needed and being sought for supplies, crafts and flyers, from gaming funds.

**MOTION (Karen)**: To approve the expenditure of $2,000 from gaming in support of the Birthday Celebration. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

**8.** C**hair’s Report – Meg Riter**

- District Schools Code of Conduct – being reviewed and input invited up to April 18th on the District’s website.

- Staff appreciation luncheon is going ahead on May 2nd and parents are needed to help. – contact Meg.

- The school’s earthquake foodstuffs supplies will be assess by Meg to assess their expiry dates.

- Lord Byng School is hosting a workshop on dealing with children suffering from anxiety on May 24th.

**MOTION (Lisa)**: To add $75 to the Speaker’s Fund and contribute up to $225 to Lord Byng to co-fund the “Dealing with Anxiety” workshop. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

- Lisa reported that the School Board and the Richmond District Parents Association have initiated an Advocacy Committee to engage the provincial government around funding. As well, “Richmond Schools Stand United” (RSSU) intends to advertize in support of public education. Lisa reminded all that RSSU was instrumental in advocating against school closures in the fall of 2016.

 **MOTION (Lisa)**: To approve a donation of $1,000, from operating funds, to RSSU to support their advertizing and advocacy in support of public education. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

**9. Selection of New PAC Executive and other volunteer position holders**

Executive Positions:

Co-Chair 1. – Sandra Townsend

Co-Chair 2. – open

Treasurer – Laura Gillanders

Secretary – Volker Helmuth

Fundraising – Karen Fisher

Coordinator Positions

Early Warning program – Pilar Ramos

Food Days – Karin Schweitzer

Richmond District Parent Association Rep. – Lisa Fisher

Immediate Past President/Chair – Lisaa Fisher

Teacher/Staff Luncheon – Casandra Lee

Earthquake Supplies –

Workshop Coordinator –

Support Volunteers -

***MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that meeting be adjourned, at 8:50 p.m.***

Next Meeting May 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.