

PHSS PAC Meeting Minutes for Nov 17, 2015

Present:

Adrian Pendergast – PHSS Vice- Principal

Parents: Dianna Brown (Chair), Nadine Gough (Treasurer), Heather Jones (Acting as the Secretary), Eddy Lagrosse, Lauren Martineau

No School Board Trustees present. Patti Burt was unable to attend.

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm

Treasurer Report from Nadine: bank balance is \$5,613 in gaming account plus \$1,800 in other account.

Correspondence: An e-mail has been received by several members from Colleen Martin requesting a particular form be signed by the executive: clarification will be requested.

New Business:

1. Request for funding the College/University trip on Dec 2nd . **Motion** that PAC provide \$500 for this trip. Motion DB, 2nd EL. Carried
2. PAC Scholarship: **Motion** that PAC provide two \$500 minimum scholarships for 2015 PHSS graduates. This amount *may* be increased to a maximum scholarship of two \$750 scholarships if additional funds available at the end of the year. Selection of the recipient will be left to the school administration/scholarship selection committee and NOT be done by the PAC this year. Motion HJ, 2nd LM. Carried.

DPAC: HJ has been attending meetings. Topic of funding for School Food Programs has been raised. HJ will contact Angie Clair and Brigitte Avoine to ask about the PHSS food program and take the information to DPAC.

Parent Input:

-Eddy Lagrosse noted that he has contacted Brigitte with a suggestion about obtaining a new fridge to aid in the school food program.

-shared a poster about the Special Olympics program that he is involved with
-he questioned why there had been an all-school assembly presentation from "Reach Out Psychosis" when his suggestions for similar assemblies on topics of hidden disabilities (autism, learning disabilities etc.) had been raised at the previous PAC meeting and the response had been that the Principal did not favour all-school presentations but rather felt more benefit was gained by training staff and integrating information about these disabilities into course curriculums. Response from Mr. Pendergast: this particular assembly had been pre-arranged prior to the last PAC meeting.

-EL informed PAC that he is working with Crisis Centre etc to develop information materials, presentation to present to PHSS students in some format. He intends to bring the ideas forward to future PAC meetings; it was suggested that he coordinate with administration as to how best the presentation happens. At this time he is not anticipating that funding is needed from PAC.

Teacher Appreciation Event: We missed doing anything for Teacher Appreciation Day in October. Ideas were discussed for instead doing an event in the Spring. Suggestion that tying it to the already scheduled Parent/Teacher interview night on April 28th would work best: perhaps a food event at 6:00 pm, other tokens of appreciation presented, with the interviews at 7:00 to follow. Coordinating committee to be struck next meeting.

Next Meetings: Dec 15th, then Jan 19th. (All meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in PHSS Library).