

PHSS PAC Meeting Minutes for Oct 20, 2015

Notes by Heather Jones

Present: (spellings of names not confirmed):

Patti Burt –PHSS Principal

Leighton Wishart – School Board Trustee

Parents: Eddie Lagross, Heather Jones, Brenda Cadwallader, Nadine Gough, Dianna Brown, Michelle Jensen

New Business:

Correspondence/Funding Requests:

- 1) Letter received from Kevin McGee re: proposed Drafting Club. Requests funds for tools.
- 2) Letter received from Kevin McGee re: Robotics Club. Requests funds for supplies.

Discussion followed regarding the anticipated student interest in these clubs, the reason for having the club (ie. No Drafting course offered this year, so this club allows students with interest in learning drafting to do so), amount of money received in the past (Robotics received funds in 2014/2015), the anticipated participation by the Robotics club in an upcoming event.

Motion that the Drafting Club receive \$500 moved by BC, 2nd NG. Carried.

Motion that the Robotics Club receive \$800 moved by MJ 2nd NG. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

-signing authorities on the account are Nadine, Diana, Michelle. Same as last year. Consensus that they remain same for this year, so no changes needed at bank.

-Nadine presented draft budget listing the current balance and anticipated expenses (requests from clubs, support for awards night etc.)

Principal's Report: Patti Burt reported on:

PHSS Food programs: the need and what is currently on offer, currently including:

- breakfasts, Wed & Fri (grant provided by Breakfast for Learning)
- Tuesdays – soup in Brigitte's room
- Friday Pizza Bagels
- Overwaitea provides food donations

Clubs:

Boys Soccer were disappointed that they were not able to go to the Islands tournament due to the high costs of attending. It is a 2 day tournament so would have involved costs for travel, accommodation, plus 2 days of TOC. Bus costs escalated when NISS pulled-out of tournament

so cost would have had to be borne by PHSS. This is an annual event, at the same time each year, so team needs to anticipate fundraising early for next year's event.

Girls Volleyball also active.

Forestry Program: New this year; proving to be successful. Apx 10 Grade 11 students attend the 2 week intensive program that runs 7:00 am to as late as 7:00pm daily. In Spring will repeat with Gr. 12 students.

Enrolment for 2015: 245 students

Trustee's Report: Leighton Wishart reported that Board is still working towards the goal of having certain classes presented simultaneously to PHSS and NISS via internet linkage, possibly by next semester. Some hurdles have been overcome: school timetables are aligned, technical issues resolved. Staffing now the issue: will teacher rotate classrooms? Classroom supervision?

Trustees attended a conference that included address Mental Health issues: came away with the understanding that our District does get a lot of support from MCFD. Upcoming School Board meeting is Monday November 9, 2015 In Camera 4:00 pm, Public Meeting 6:00 pm at SBO; school visit to PHSS - 1:00 pm. Agenda to include children in need.

New Business: Parent Eddie Lagross addressed need for educating/informing students and staff about "invisible" disabilities such as autism, anxiety, learning disabilities etc. He offered to work with school to help with this. Discussion followed: Patti spoke to how the teachers are addressing this via staff meetings, how learning about these issues is incorporated into existing classroom activities such as science research projects/presentation. Need to respect student privacy around their disability. Pros/cons of doing all-student assembly presentation via guest speakers. PAC members recalled having motivational speakers in past: what is the process for accessing funding via DPAC funding? (Heather will ask at DPAC meeting)

Next Meetings: Nov 17th and Dec 15th (all meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in PHSS Library)