

PAC Meeting - November 12, 2013

Minutes:

Approved

Correspondence – none

Presentation on Outdoor Classroom

- Terra Pickwick presented the concept of an outdoor classroom at View Royal
- A staff committee has been working on ideas
- The PAC supported the concept and the staff committee will proceed with a proposal to the District including a cost estimate.
- Initial estimates \$30,000 - \$50,000

Administration Report:

School needs volunteers to do lice checks. Contact the school for this great opportunity!

Chris Skilling and Mr. Parker gave an update on the School Planning Council meeting and the annual process to provide feedback to the District on the school's budget.

District has concerns about unfunded CUPE salary increases and how to make up the shortfall. School Planning Council identified the key priorities for View Royal and sent the message to keep the cuts as far from the classroom as possible.

Mr. Parker presented information on the Province's renewed competency based curriculum for K-9. Information is available on the Ministry of Education website at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>. The Ministry is soliciting feedback from educators and hopes to implement next year. Lots of interesting discussion on this change and how many educators at View Royal are already teaching to competencies.

Treasurer Report:

Jackie provided updated on the budget. Hockey sales are still slow - reminder to keep selling tickets.

Old Business:

Coupon Book Update

- Orders and books are still trickling in;
- Some kinks in dealing with a new company based in the USA;
- Final numbers will be available in the coming weeks.

Halloween Dance:

Dance was a great success. Thanks to Mary for all her hard work. Final profit - \$930.

DJ has been booked for the upcoming Valentines Dance

Bottle Drive Recap

Anne provided a report on the Bottle Drive. It was an enormous success largely due to the flyers going out ahead of time and the great volunteer turnout. A private winery donated \$279 in wine bottles direct to Bottle Depot. A card circulated to say thanks to this donor for supporting our school. Total \$2171.00

Parents who donate direct to the Bottle Depot must bring their receipt to the school so it can be added to totals.

There was a discussion about the difficulty of managing the distribution of flyers by students. Suggestion was made to engage older kids in the community and hire for this purpose.

Next bottle drive – January 18th.

New Business:

Parent Education Night

Chris Skilling talked about a potential Parent Education night in January on Home Reading Support. Depending on the turnout, the PAC/school may organize another night later in the year.

Seniors Tea: Thursday Dec 12th from 1-2:30

Chris Synesael is organizing the tea – growing bigger each year

Grade 5 teachers and students needed to help

Volunteers are also needed for baking, set up (2 days ahead), set up (on the day), during the event, cleanup.

Christmas Concert:

Discussed the idea of holding a raffle for VIP seats at the evening Christmas concert. Tyann volunteered to get information from other schools and organize the raffle.

Tickets will be sold at the door on the night of the event. Notice to go out earlier.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm