

Palliser Heights SCC Meeting

Minutes

Jan. 9, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Present: Andrew Gallagher, Tenielle McLeod, Tammy Hutchinson, Jonathan McLean, Corey Atkinson, Chelsea Kambeitz, Tim McLeod

Adoption of minutes:

Principal's report:

(McLean)

Definitely do follow up with kickstart activity: Family night recap. Majority of feedback came that evening from parents. Everyone happy, positive. Time spent with family appreciated and friends talking, versus sitting and watching a performance. Some people had preference for traditional Christmas concert, but overall was positive. Other younger grades, choirs had performances. Estimated 300 parents/grandparents.

Choir performed at carol festival. Other years, indoor vs outdoor concerts. Horseback rides at family nights well appreciated.

Activity with teachers: development of mission statement for Palliser Heights. Need for administrative rubric for strategic leadership. We aren't quite all on the same page when it comes to overall mission. Vision statement, short version for basis of mission statement Examples: School division (learning together), Lindale's (cultivating learning), Coronach's, Riverview's (Where everybody is somebody), Sunningdale, Peacock (Excelling together).

Old Corporate ones looked at (1960s Nike: Crush Adidas),

But what do YOU think? What's important as a mission of a vision in our school? Sticky notes. Bilingual statement? How does it sound in English/French?

(went to computers to add phrases on behalf of SCC)

Chair report:

Tenielle

Parking report? Parking on one side of the street only the home owners' side, (February before we can get to it – note from Josh Mickleborough) Parking still an issue. Crammed, bust in that -30 weather, still going through the front of the school.

(As more people drive, it's going to be an issue For seven years, within 30 seconds someone would sneak in and park near a cone to drop off a student – McLean)

Some parents think the staff parking lot is for parents also – Gallagher

First come first serve staff parking system, etc – McLean. Some special needs students need to be passed to an EA though this.

Jenny moved, position to be held vacant until April for elections

Survey monkey for online self monitoring surveys need kinks worked out. February 8, march 24?

Hot lunches: No one does Poutine. Dominoes? Taco Time?

(Papa John's donated lunch for staff lunch out of the blue, maybe do them? McLean)

French Christmas book purchased, staff bought levelled reading books.

Dishes needed for staff appreciation potluck on teacher appreciation week in February. Date, Friday Feb. 10. Careful for Peanut, gluten allergies. Email Tenielle to give a dish or suggest.

Items for purchase: Water bottle filling stations, igloos, heart garden add ons (2,500). Potential future: Benches (150) and planters (50), three recycle bins (125), Buddy Benches (Central teacher get students to build? 110 per bench approximately). Mme Pavier vision to do play for royalties like Rhubarb does. Shrek tickets: 115 tickets for \$829 plus tax.

Total: \$7,700. APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

McLean: Expand on amount of Macs for programs like movie making; replaced computers would move others into classrooms, Chrome books \$250 each, also help with web based programming; wi fi upgrades, potential to expand on the Maker Space in the library. Also, trying to implement outdoor ed activities. Ski trips overnight, 6-8 canoeing in the spring; middle of the year stuff is pretty important.

Teacher's report:

(Gallagher)

Bake sale over \$600, door and concession over \$600 also. We Day \$500 from the DJ fees. Can leave it open for \$500 loan.

Mrs Pavier wants to have evening theatre (We Day committee to sell coffee and cookies, also maybe book sale) Week before February break? Also in the spring, have a spring fair out in the bus lane, donations from Blue Whale financial, potential for Stadacona Soul to perform,

Jan. 27 launch for reading challenge, run through to end of April. Order Shrek and Fiona costumes. Tickets ordered for June 8.

Treasurer's report:

(Cory Kerr not present, report circulated, about \$26,000 in it)

Board report:

(Tim McLeod)

Dan Perrins' report asked to offer no recommendations for public schools

Currently 18 public school boards, already amalgamated (33,000 km squared). Perrins set out four different examples.

1 (one school board in public)

2 (four regional school boards)

3 (more amalgamations, potential for sub option which is: 4)

4 (As is)

School boards' provincial association say no more amalgamations, can't do appointed school boards. Two parents near Rockglen, kids are on bus for over an hour a half each way; Megaboards, trustee appointed wouldn't give 'two hoots' about kids. Local tax dollars should fund someone from our area to represent us; minister of Ed struck panel to meet with people, report back what they've heard. February, March they'll report back to the Ed minister; Contact MLAs to discuss.... A big part of what he's saying is the more centralized you become, eventually there will be a reduction in cost. Alta health may tell you otherwise. The more control and local voice is lost.

McLean: Why not catholic boards?

Minister said of all the battles to fight, the pope isn't one of them. Basis is constitutional. Provincial history behind the minority rights. Minister not prepared to go down that road. Staying hands off until the courts sort it out. Public board is currently lobbying government for joint use school on south hill, catholics don't want it.

McLean: New joint use facilities in Swift Current are top notch

McLeod: Right now, worried about staying alive. All school divisions in the province have opposed further amalgamations

Can the boards structure not be looked at?

McLeod: Shifts in governance, etc; regardless of what happens there are some shifts in the way we do business that can save money. Minister thinks PSSD is run very efficiently with respect to administration costs (33,000 square km, prairie spirit 15,000 square km; Admin costs \$3.1 million for Prairie South, \$3.6 million for Prairie Spirit)

McLeod: Seven boards formed PSSD, ten years ago. How are students' experiences equitable? There's a tipping point of finding efficiencies. Opportunities to be reduced, start working against yourself.

Next meeting: Tuesday February 7, 6:30