

Members Present: 16

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of the minutes and agenda

MOTION: to accept the agenda for Jan 15, 2014 meeting and the minutes of Nov 20, 2013 – **PASSED**

3. Administrative Report - Karim Hachlaf

- Jan 16 - Carson hosting Gr 7/8 transition evening and enhanced programs (sports, academies etc)
- Jan 18 - Curriculum Implementation Day - annual school district event focusing on assessments and new BC curriculum; 7 elementary schools coming to Carson with 400 educators in the gym
- Jan 20 - Gr 7 programming meeting - course programming - what to expect for students and parents
- Gr 8-12 course programming meeting in upcoming weeks
- June 20 - last day of school
- June 16-20 - usually have exams in gym - moving away from that format - will have exams in 3 hr increments per class going through rotation
- Provincials - Gr 10 English, Math, Science - Gr 12 English
- June 23-25 - school still open for classes before report card distribution on Thurs
- IB Evaluation - done before winter break - will receive final results in Mar - will communicate details

4. Presentation - Free the Children Club

Students & sponsor teacher

- 30 members meet every Wed at lunch - mantra youth helping youth in other countries
- Events - We Day, Shoreline Clean-up, We Scare Hunger on Halloween (collecting tins of food), Dare to Care fundraiser (\$3000 raised for Philippines), Carson clothing sales for adoptive village in Haiti (online), Vow of Silence (cannot talk for 24 hrs), Earth Day, 24 Hour Fast (Fri Mar 7 students will sleepover at school)
- Need parents to make breakfast Sat morning for 24 Hour Fast - fruit platter, yogurt, muffins

5. Presentation - Languages Dept

Tara Gellatly (Languages) & Kat Thomson (English)

- Languages - Spanish starts in Gr 11
- French - new initiative at end of Oct to test Gr 8 students to see what level they are at - went to phase 1 or 2 – positive for students and learning outcomes
- Use iPads a lot - students record oral tests and then send to You Tube account for marking
- English - BC prescribed learning outcomes have changed - shifting towards inquiry
- Gr 10 provincial exam worth 20% of mark - Gr 12 worth 40%
- Thank you to the PAC for the Kobos

6. Red & Black Gala Update - Mar 1, 2014

- Major fundraiser for the PAC - cannot use gaming funds for a lot of wish list items from the teachers so the fundraising done at this event can support those items
- Still need auction item donations and sponsorships

7. Other Business

- Judy Clarke - went to NVPAC meeting in Nov/13 - results of parent survey done in spring - by areas of concern were teacher to parent communication, what's the protocol for communicating concerns, how to get more parents involved, how to get students more involved in extracurricular, more support

for students what need extra help - BCCPAC Annual Conference is usually in the fall, funding available for anyone that wants to attend, has meaningful workshops

- Susan Fitzgerald - had meeting with Pam Craven and Pam Oswald on feedback from parents from the email that was sent to all parents - issues were communication between parents and the school
- Cheryl Koehle - donation made to the Choices program at the beginning of Dec, could do whatever they wished with the donation and they decided to help with the Christmas lunch and they bought small gifts for each student - received a nice thank-you card
- Colin Metcalf - question/suggestion posed to Karim about a sports team website that would show how the teams are doing in relation to other schools, standings, schedule, tournaments, fees, registration - willing to help with this`

8. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming = \$44,246.65
- General = \$10,427.47

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next Meeting – Wed, Feb 19, 2014