

Carson Graham General PAC meeting

Minutes

January 21st, 2015 at 7pm

Attendance: Mark Heieis, Emma Tymm-Nash, Monica Saxer, Judy Edgar, Lucinda Pintin, Mohammadshi Yousefi, Mojgan Afshari, Myles Aikenhead, Christie Sacre, Cheryl Koehle, Susan Fitzgerald, Doug Mackay, Chena Binns, Mauricio Akiyama, Greg Tweed, Sandra Tweed, Judy Clarke

1. Approval of tonight's agenda:

Carried.

2. Student presentation: Aboriginal Week April 13-16--Kelly D'Aoust

- Students came to talk to us about Aboriginal week and why it was important to them and why they would like us to help fund it:
 - 1) Cade Baker—Aboriginal week is important because it shows our culture to everyone through language and games. Each year gets bigger and bigger which requires more money.
 - 2) Jade—gives students a way to have fun while learning about our culture and heritage.
 - 3) Joseph—Some teachers want to make it into a “Cultural” week, not just Aboriginal week. In order to expand, we need more money
 - 4) Elizabeth Nahanee—Not just for us but for everyone at the school. Our vision this year is to have a Big House made.
 - 5) Kioni—It is important because it gives the kids confidence to teach others. We heard lots of positive things about last year's event and kids were asking about this year.
 - 6) Brandon—it is unique and that makes it better for everyone
- The students also showed a video of last year's Aboriginal week.

ACTION: The Aboriginal leadership group has submitted a request through the PAC's wishlist for funding of \$3,000. For planning purposes, the group needs to be informed of our decision shortly after the February PAC meeting.

3. Approval of last meeting's minutes (November 19th, 2014)

MOTION: move to accept the minutes

Carried.

4. Administrative Report - Karim Hachlaf (please see attached Principal's report) (the following is extra information that came up during the meeting)

- Pam Craven attended a seminar--teenmentalhealth.org . Click toolbox to find 2 great resources “how do I parent my teen?” and “how do I teen my parent?”

- discussion about feedback on the new report card system---Administration has received very little feedback; what the parents see now is not the final product, it is a work in progress.
- a parent wanted to know if there was going to be another report card assessment info meeting about rubrics, etc..—There will be another info session prior to term 2 report card.
- is the Eagle’s nest used? It is primarily used for fundraisers and there are plans for it to be used by the Economics class selling things such as school T-shirts in the future
- are the culinary chefs doing the nighttime meals again this year? Yes, there will be dinner meals after spring break

5. Treasurer’s report--Judy Edgar (please see funds status report Jan.1 2015)

- nothing has happened over the last few months just a few cheques written
- something to find out about---If wishlist funds haven’t been spent by the teachers by January 31st, then are they cancelled?

ACTION: Treasurer will look into whether previous wishlist funds that haven’t been spent by teachers by January 31st will be cancelled. The principal will notify those with pending approved requests.

MOTION: to accept Judy Edgar’s resignation and propose Doug Mackay to fill her position

Motion made by Emma Tymn-Nash
Carried

MOTION: To have CGPAC's approval to update the signing authority for the following Vancity accounts - Carson Graham Parent Advisory Council - General Account and Carson Graham Parent Advisory Council - Gaming Account by removing Judy Edgar and by adding Doug Mackay.

Motion made by Emma Tymn-Nash
Seconded by Susan Fitzgerald
Carried

6. Fundraising Report--Emma Tymn-Nash

- theme of this year’s gala is “**Denim and Diamonds**” and will be held on April 11th; make sure you mark your calendars!
- next week we will ask PAC Communications to send out info about sponsorship
- same band as last year---it happens to be their final gig
- currently confirming catering, can’t use the school because they don’t have enough staff
- silent auction—so far we already have some signed hockey jerseys, Whitecaps signed jersey, Steve Nash signed jersey, ...
- volunteers? We will probably need volunteers on the day and we probably need students on the day of and at the event.

- teachers and their partners will be invited to attend for free
- **Karim:** how to increase staff attendance—can you provide a 2-minute presentation at a staff development meeting...yes, Emma will do that
- **Karim:** And can you come to tomorrow night's grade 7 meeting to say a little blurb? Yes, Laurie will be there.

ACTION: Emma will provide a 2-minute presentation at the next staff development meeting

ACTION: Laurie will give a brief presentation at the Carson Family Of Schools Gr. 7 Parent Programming Evening on Jan 22nd

7. Wishlist status--Mark Heieis

- received a wishlist, executive has discussed it
- we are looking for more clarity on budgets, how the items will be used, etc...
- items are the usual—uniforms, activities, support for services groups, technology items.
- we will hopefully present something more definitive at the next general PAC meeting

ACTION: if there are any items to be added to the wishlist, please email Mark—chair@carsongrahampac.ca .

8. Communications and Website Content--Susan Fitzgerald and Judy Clarke

- last November Susan was asked to meet with Pam Craven regarding communication issues at the school
- in January, Susan did a survey with parents to see what the concerns were
- in December 2014 Susan and Judy met with Pam Craven and Carol Oswald—
 - 1) there is no person on our staff that is dedicated to the website, so that is a challenge;
 - 2) one thing parents wanted was info on counsellors—this has been added to the first page of the website;
 - 3) assessment letter was looked at; Susan and Judy feel the language of the letter is not suitable for some of the parents at this school and they should change it so that everyone will understand it more clearly;
 - 4) the new PAC website is hoped to be launched by next PAC meeting; the Communications Committee will send out an invitation to ask parents to send in info to the website; Judy Clarke, Susan Fitzgerald, and Tamara Olson will be receiving emails (send to communications@carsongrahampac.ca) from anyone who has ideas about what should go on our website
 - 5) Susan would like to send out an invitation to teachers as well so they can send us information/events to put on the website
 - 6) Emma Tymm-Nash thinks having Twitter would be really useful, but it really depends on whether we have the manpower to maintain it

ACTION: The communications team will send out an invitation to parents and teachers asking for website content before next PAC meeting.

9. Constitution and Bylaws, Society Registration--Greg Tweed

- we are doing up a new set of bylaws and constitution and we have a small committee (Greg, Tamara, Lucinda, and Mark) and we are almost done
- timeline? Upon reserving a name, you have 45 days to use it, so we will wait until we are sure before we reserve the name
- this is our opportunity to make something new and different and updated
- it will be done by next meeting for sure

ACTION: The committee will finish rewriting the bylaws and constitution and will have it ready to present by next PAC meeting.

10. Other Business?

1. DPAC—there are DPAC grants available for speakers to come and talk at a PAC meeting; if anybody has any suggestions for speakers to come, please let us know
 - Karim suggested Jesse Miller (and it was noted that Carson has arranged for an anxiety specialist to come on April 23rd)
 - A reminder that everyone is welcome to DPAC meetings
2. SPC—no updates

Next Meeting: February 18th, 2015 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

If you have any questions or comments regarding the minutes, please feel free to contact the secretary at: secretary@carsongrahampac.ca