

EIDES PAC meeting – March 3, 2020 @ 7PM

In attendance: Carolyn Doyle, Nicole Heckendorf, Maureen Tuggle, Lenka Hawrys, Janet Kuijt, Frank Lento, Charlie Sawatzky, Christina Sweet, Tara Beck, Sheri Earl, Chris David, Amore Tolfree, Tanya Bossio, Krista Leite, Trena Drotar, Kevin Giffin, Kirsten Gillespie

1. Adopt Agenda: Lenka 1st, Trena 2nd

2. Adopt minutes from February meeting: Nicole H 1st, Tanya 2nd

3. Actions from previous meeting: n/a

4. Principal's Report (Nicole Neufeld): Janet Kuijt-A BIG thank you to PAC and families for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon!

Nicole N – is going on leave next year to teach overseas. We are welcoming Laura-lee Phillips effective Aug 1.

Intermediate ski days have occurred over the last 2 weeks.

Feb 21 – National Take Me Outside Day – Totem Teams or grades K-6. There was a draw component which is on the bulletin board.

Gr 4 have been completing Student learning surveys – Parents, we need your feedback. There is a link on our school webpage for your feedback on how EIDES is doing.

Coding club update – Chris David- going well. Many students have been attending- over 40. Focusing and learning about the robots. Teck matched our Pac donation for the Coding club!

Budget meetings tomorrow – Adding one more class and one portable

March 5-grade 6 basketball going to Frank J. Mitchell

Report cards going home next week, then Spring Break

Michael Bortolotto – Inclusion presentation on April 2, parents welcome

Art Starts: Raven – Theatre presentations or all K-6 on April 7.

PAC Spring Fling dance April 9th

April 24 – 9:30-11am – Early Learning Fair- information fair for parents of children 0-5 yrs children not in school yet. Childminding is available, community and school resources will be shared in booth formats...parents can walk around and ask questions.

March 10 – Wizard of Oz Performance – 6-7pm.

Looking for volunteers to help with our Breakfast Club. Please contact our office!

5. Treasurer's Report (Carolyn Doyle): Cheques came out for classroom supplies, running club and robotics. PAC will be issuing cheques for the teachers wish list after this meeting for around \$13,000. Funds available: \$30,075.53.

6. Trustee Report: (Frank Lento): Thank to Nicole Neufeld for her passion with this school and best of luck to her. Great teaching opportunity for her and she will be missed. \$10-12 million allowance for EIDES expansion. This addition to EIDES is now being designed and hopes to include one/two portables plus an expansion which might include classrooms, office space and common activity room (adding on to this school). Minister allowing before and after school care on the school property. In April the Minister

will announce a land purchase of 10-11 acres in Fernie for a new school. Hopefully a middle school (Grades 5-8) this is only a possibility!!! School fields still a concern. Frank had been receiving inquiry calls. Company tested and stated it was sewage, however this was not true. New test done and continuing to be done...no sewer detected as per the Environmental Officer for Interior Health. Nothing to be alarmed about at this point. Fencing was put up just to be on the safe side.

A question was brought up regarding the time it took parents to be notified?

Why are we only testing only one part of the school ground? And is there a parent night where we can pose questions to Joe Tank and Ms. Rock (Environmental Officer for Interior Health) regarding the unsafe issues? Janet Kuijt spoke on behalf of Nicole N. with the information she had at hand. Nicole was concerned as well and took action she felt necessary. It was decided that the tests were safe, and Ms. Rock was not concerned. Fences went back up just to be safe and will remain until after spring break. Allan Rice will field all further questions.

The Ministry did an audit of Student Services district wide reviewing 200 student files. It was declared that a few cases did not qualify for the funding according to ministry guidelines. Overall, the district did very well.

Students from FSS and Cranbrook are relating vaping information to peers and students through student committees.

7. Other Business

a. Request for funds from Ghost Rider Adventure Camp- Kat Robinson requesting \$1000 for outdoor children's program at Rock Lake. Sends 36 children to camp plus counsellors...Can we sponsor 2 children? Nicole Heckendorf put forward motion to support the Ghost rider camp for \$1000. All voted and all were in favour. The motion was passed.

b. Confirm school agenda contract for next year – N/A

c. Update on yearbook supplier for this year – going to Life Touch organized by Emma Polit.

d. Tara Beck – Fast and Female Conference – attended conference that focused on Youth and teens- vaping, drugs, bullying, cyber, and many other issues including parenting today. T.H.I.N.K. Program – Dwayne Peace- retired RCMP officer and liaison officer at high school in Calgary with a lot of experience. Grades 4-6 and a parent session and any coaches – asking for \$500 from PAC. Looking into other sources as well as total cost at a discount.

Frank Lento may have an avenue for funding or help funding if he sees the budget. Looking at late April/May. Nicole H put motion forward to cover up to \$500 to fund Dwayne Peace- T.H.I.N.K. Program. All present voted and were in favour. The motion was passed.

e. Spring Plant Fundraiser – Going with Growing Smiles with DeVry for the plants- May 21

8. Meeting adjourned at: 7:55 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday April 7, 2020 @7 PM