

PAC Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2023

Attendees:

Amanda Dredger	Isabel Craig
Lara Gawryluk	Rox Djonlich
Elizabeth Bailey	Kevin & Christina Fraser
Charlie Sawatsky	Laura Vaughan
Deb Trand	Jacqui Arling
Nic Heckendorf	Nicole Neufeld
Patty Villasenor	Jodie Parker
Sheri Earle	Anie Hepher
Kim McLean	Christine Sweet

Meeting commenced 7:00 pm

Agenda reviewed and accepted by Isabel and Nic.

Nicole Neufeld's Principal Report

Welcome to our new teachers:

Ms. Taylor

Ms. Tang

School Growth Plan - new for 2023/24

- New goals for this year
 - Improve students cross curricular numeracy skills
 - Improve data
 - Goal is for students to achieve a 3 or 4
 - Would like to increase the stats

Human and social development

- Jaslene Atwal facilitated a meeting to discuss:
 - Discipline policy
 - Restorative justice - take ownership and moving on from your mistake
 - Diverse learning
 - How this goal will be measured (see Nicole's sheet)
 - Middle years development
 - School climate should get more positive
 - 28% overall tone is low for how everyone is treated, based on Grade 8 student perceptions
- New for 2023/24 will be a pilot program with G11 students

Elizabeth - Question on if it is possible to narrow the group dynamics to a select group and follow their responses throughout the years. School report based on student opinions - provide a questionnaire to Grades 7-12?

Christina Fraser - what is the goal/purpose of the reports? Nicole Neufeld responded as this is a way of tracking what we need to work on and we receive funding towards these initiatives for Professional Development Days, workshops, conferences etc for Teachers.

Anie - Measurable outcomes? Rather than suspension, other methods of dealing with situations. Hoping for a decrease in bullying, inappropriate language, violence, etc. Hoping to educate staff and students regarding restorative justice. As educators, punishments don't work as they don't change the outcome - Nicole.

- An example would be if a student(s) graffiti the school walls - disciplinary action is to paint over the graffiti and apologize for this.

This will be a three (3) year pilot project - educating parents, teachers and students.

Currently, the following actions on school grounds result in automatic suspension:

- Vaping
- Alcohol
- Drugs

Jacqui - question on how some of the teachers can be quite abrasive in the hallways when students are out of their classrooms. Not usually asked in a friendly manner - "hey, what are you up to?" An example is when a teacher asks a student to get something from the office and they get questioned about their "walkabout". Perhaps teachers can be less accusatory when students are in the hallways.

Other School News from the Principal:

- \$6000 was raised for the Terry Fox Run
- Orange Shirt Day - amazing student artwork around the halls
- Universities have been visiting the school for Seniors

October 25 - Special assembly featuring former NHL hockey player, Brady Leavold. He discussed how he went from being in the NHL to issues with drug addiction, homelessness, etc. Big thank you to Teck and Thomas Skelton for organizing.

Grad Assessments - Grades 10 -12 next week

Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st. Dress up day! Possible prizes for Best Costume Individual, Group Costume & Most Original - Patty motioned that \$300 towards prizing - Isabel and Lara agreed.

President's Report

Patty welcomed Amanda Dreger as PAC's new Vice President.

Nicole Heckendof's Trustee Report

- Classroom Enhancement Funding - EIDES received an extra classroom due to teacher allocation
- Why has FSS not received anything? - NN has advocated and will continue doing so
- Laura Lee Philips working on the before/after child care program within SD5
- College of the Rockies - G12 can take courses for Early Childhood Educators (online course)
- SD5 looking at more ways to have students get into the ECE programs

- First Strategic Planning Meeting - Superintendent brought in 6 Cranbrook students to discuss their school experience - how they felt about their school, improvement areas, what does your ideal school look like?

Volunteer sign up - PAC requires new email addresses each year. Please sign up to help us out. Posters have a QR code and are located within FSS.

Next meeting on Wednesday, November 29th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.