

Kidston PAC Meeting – Jun 7

Attendance – Robert L, Dom, Jeff, Simone, Angie, Debbie, Elsa, Naki, Melanie, Lara, Lynn, Olivia, Erica & Gareth

Approve meeting minutes from May – Dom & Gareth

1. SD22 Update – Robert
 - Budget passed
 - other Districts having budget shortages
 - concerns for next year depending on inflation
 - review of capital upgrades – wait and see
 - Oct – trustee election along with municipal elections
 - Coldstream will still be under-represented (2nd largest region in the district)
 - Suggestions – fundraiser based on bedding plants as gardening is becoming more popular
 - Questions
 - Whitevale school being used for North Valley gymnastics (status unsure)
 - some building underutilized – decision in district hands
 - possibility to generate revenue – based on proposal to the district
 - board makes the decision
 - other revenue opportunities – International Program
 - Process to contact the Board
 - can email all trustee's or send messages individually
 - some members open to phone calls
 - OLC discussion with Robert
 - SD22 and CUPE contract
 - clause – CUPE members will install playground equipment (unique to this district)
 - some other districts have understanding where volunteer can be used
 - money for tables from PAC so there may be more options
 - work through DPAC to connect with other schools to create an agreement with CUPE
 - write a letter to the Superintendent
 - update from Lara – momentum within DPAC to support accessibility issues
 - frustration around some parameters to have parent volunteers
 - similar conversation to this one
 - update from Lynn – teachers want flat table surface with comfortable seating (not perforated tables) *Angie to follow up with the purchasing department
2. Principle's Update – Debbie
 - working on report cards, field trips and staffing for next year
 - temporary application closed with no applicants (now goes to recall)
 - currently 18 divisions for next year (less split classes as of right now)
 - still some room for new arrivals in some classes (K & Gr 2 tight)
 - Questions
 - Saleema video access for parents
 - was not offered this year (Lara did voice our concerns)
 - are there options to access moving forward (subscriptions available to parents for \$150)

- discussion around future options
 - survey parents?
 - Organize well in advance
 - What is District plan for next year – new Sexual Health Educator (focus will be more on High School)
 - discuss at first meeting in September – school calendar already set

Motion – PAC to fund the Saleema Noon sexual education for the 2022-23 school year. Dates to be determined (Dom & Simone) Passed

- Lara to follow up with Debbie on dates

3. Teacher's Update – Lynn

- teachers wish list
 - another pack of iPads (for e-portfolios in intermediate classes)
 - pottery materials/equipment
 - update from Jeff – field trips to Art Centre possible (approx \$25 per child for program)
- Questions
 - Options to promote cultural diversity?
 - Can it be more educational
 - AntiRacism & Diversity committee had discussions but nothing organized (hasn't met since the fall)
 - if committee re-established is there possibility of more positive framing
 - Multi-Cultural Committee (opportunity to show case this)
 - reassess in September

4. Treasurer Update – Dom

- fundraising profit approx \$18,000 for the year (compared to \$5000 for last year)
 - big boost from hot lunch and smoothies
 - concessions at track day - \$327 (50% of total \$655)
 - sold out very quickly
 - still have money set aside for diversity and media committees (\$300 each)
 - available cash \$20,000 (not including OLC funds of approx \$11,000)
- Motion** – PAC to set aside up to \$4000 to fund seating in the outdoor classroom. Any unused funds will be return to the general fund. (Gareth & Simone) Passed

5. DPAC – Lara

- DPAC to promote elections of trustees that are included in Municipal elections in fall
 - will provide info on trustee's – Lara will circulate when available

6. OLC Update – Simone

- Garden social June 16, from 2:30-4:30pm
 - build support for garden care over the summer – success last year having families take on duties for one week
- Simone to send info to Debbie by Friday to be included in Newsletter

7. Other Updates

- requests for more social and community building events next year

8. PAC Activities

- welcome back to school event – use to promote PAC and build community
 - 2 parents have agreed to perform (gifted to the school)
 - book dart based on when they are available – Jeff to follow-up
 - PAC to potential fund gifts for performers
 - food trucks are open to participate
 - need to work out how funds could come back to school or arrange affordable options for families
 - Erica to follow-up on donations from A&W for a potential BBQ
 - mentioned that Safeway may donate buns
- Elections
 - President – Jeff agreed to stay on
 - VP – Melanie acclaimed
 - Treasurer – Dom agreed to stay on
 - DPAC – Simone acclaimed
 - Secretary – Taryn & Lara

Next meeting in September...

Meeting adjourned @ 9:10