

Ocean Grove P.A.C. Meeting Minutes March 18, 2013

Attendance: Samantha Helm, Tara Idiens, Aren Knudsen, Tami Riecker, Andrea Laviolette, Graeme Boyd

Minutes from February 25/13 meeting were accepted by Andrea and seconded by Samantha.

Treasurer's Report was not available this month. Aren verbally reported that there has been no significant change to our financial status.

Correspondence: Tara passed on that the BCC PAC AGM will be held on May 4/13.

-Tara also mentioned the email invitation that Kevin Patrick put out to PAC members to attend the "Budgeting Towards Student Success" meeting on April 10/13. Graeme elaborated on this and also offered a copy of the invitation, encouraging parents to attend. The School Planning Council oversees what is done within the school. It provides legal input into the school practices and how the school year is organized. The committee is trying to get parents more involved in the planning process. Aren, Tami and Andrea will think about whether they can attend this meeting.

Principal's Report was provided by Graeme Boyd

- This week, the last of three cross-country ski lessons occurred and this opportunity was well-enjoyed and affordable. Thanks very much to the PAC for supporting the classes so generously.

-The school staffing process is underway now. Our projected numbers are in the 135-140 range. This means we will keep six divisions for next year. Our learning Assistance time will go down to 0.5 but all other assignments will remain the same.

-School calendar times for next year will be decided very soon. A list of options has been presented to the DPAC committee for their input (Graeme provided a copy of the various options and they were discussed-option 4 is the most recommended for the 2013-2014 school year).

-Our school hosted the zone Battle of the Books. Our teams worked hard but are not advancing to the district finals this year.

-A discussion ensued about the Fraser Institute ratings of schools (School Report Cards) that came out recently. Ocean Grove was given a ranking of 833/853 based on the grade 4 Foundation Skills Assessment which includes online multiple choice math and reading comprehension questions as well as a physically written portion on math and reading responses.

Old Business

-Norcard Fundraiser: Tara was told by this company that they no longer offer the food catalog that the PAC agreed to use as a fundraiser next year. Tara has emailed the company to find out if there are other food options and she is waiting to hear back.

-Hot Lunch Program-2013/2014 Year: Aren conveyed that Brandi reports there is still no volunteer for the Hot Lunch Program Coordinator position for next year. It was decided that Tami will include this information in the next newsletter and inform parents and caregivers that there will not be a program next year unfortunately. Aren will not order the hot lunch computer program. If someone does step up to coordinate the program, then the computer program can be ordered part way through the year or at the beginning of the next school year.

-PAC Meeting Attendance and General Volunteerism: A discussion ensued about the volunteer sign-up pages, PAC attendance and overall volunteerism from parents and caregivers of Ocean Grove. The group discussed ideas to get parents more involved and also discussed frustrations about the low rate of volunteerism. Graeme said he will use the sandwich board to communicate PAC meetings on those days. Tami will continue to post regularly on Facebook and will continue to encourage parents to sign-up for a time slot for selling basket raffle tickets. We will

also continue to use newsletters, word of mouth the OG website and ask Ladona to send out emails to communicate to parents and recruit them to volunteer.

Potluck Lunch: Date is April 25th 13. Andrea will do up a volunteer sign-up spreadsheet for this event. Tami will include more information in April's newsletter and on Facebook after spring break.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:35 PM.

Next Meeting will be on April 29th at 6:30 PM