

Gibsons Elementary School PAC meeting Dec. 3, 2019 7 p.m.

Present: Christina Crosby, Deborah Luporini, Lorena Ruth, Angie Dixon, Sandra Squires, Debbie Small, Jane Seyd, Martial Guillaud, Barry Janyk

1. Adoption of agenda. Motion. First: Sandra Squires. Second: Jane Seyd. None opposed

2. Open mic.

Principal was asked about classes not being allowed to post students' art on walls because of a fire regulation limiting wall space covered with paper to 20 per cent. Principal Luporini confirmed this is true. It's a provincial rule and has been in place for years. Sometimes fire chiefs give schools some leeway but it is related to several school fires where damage was made worse by the amount of paper fuel that burned.

2. Skype call with Laurie Beesting regarding potential parent education session.

Laurie provided information about her background including being a teacher for 20 years in both the UK and Canada. She has been privately tutoring on Bowen Island for the past 8 years. She is a specialist in intermediate math. She has developed a program designed to help parents help their kids with the most problematic math concepts in intermediate grades. "It's doable and not overbearing."

Discussion included whether there are concerns about book promotion, cost of book, and if the PAC bought a copy who could use it.

Action item: Martial will talk to DPAC and other schools about jointly sponsoring a talk by Beesting for parents.

Motion: Up to \$200 from the Gibsons PAC be put towards bringing Beesting to speak to parents, in conjunction with other schools. First: Barry Janyk. Second: Angie Dixon. None opposed

3. Adoption of minutes from Nov.12 PAC meeting. Motion. First: Sandra Squires. Second: Debbie Small. None opposed.

4. Reports.

a.) Principal's Report: Deborah Luporini -see Principal's Report for Dec. 3

- Teacher interviews can be booked another time if the times provided don't work for parents.
- The Foundation Skills Assessment tests for grades 4 & 7 students have been marked.
- Santa's breakfast is happening the morning after the winter concert. Grade 7 students are helping to set up.
- A number of students are going to see Star Wars in Vancouver Dec. 20.

- Over 100 students will be supported through Family First program this year and 16 families were spoken to about support.

b.) Treasurers Report: Deb Small -see Gibsons Elementary PAC Account Banking as of Dec. 3, 2019

- We wrote a cheque to Family First for \$1,000 and have \$383 more to give to the program.
- Cheques also went to the community school programs and for Santa's breakfast.
- Our working balance is \$29,400.

c.) School Store

- We now have help in the school store every second week on Wednesdays.

d.) No trustee report this month.

e.) DPAC Report: Lorena Ruth

- Sandi Magnussen, a digital literacy teacher presented on Read and Write, a program she's used with students that can also be used by parents at home, as well as the Common Sense Media app.
- Parents can sign up for monthly newsletters on the school district website
- Parents are also welcome at the board's committee of the whole meeting, which meets in the morning.
- The next DPAC meeting is Jan. 23 at Elphi at 7 p.m.

5. Old Business

a.) Breakfast with Santa:

Martial is confirming with Scott about \$125 fee. Debbie will arrange tablecloths and milk.

b.) Teacher/staff grant applications:

Sandra has talked to Langdale & Cedar Grove and searched online. Most PACS do not have specific policies in place for giving out money to groups who ask. She may check with the BC PAC to see if they have guidelines. It was agreed we will put this on the agenda for the January meeting for discussion.

Next PAC meeting: Jan. 14 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 p.m.