



SOSS PAC Meeting – Sept/2017

Attendance - Tracy Harrington, Stacey Smith, Bibi Bailey, Lily Wilson, Rob Zandee, Melina Bontorin, Minh Thai, Mau Basso, Shay Mackey

Motion to adopt minutes from May/2017 –Shay Mackey, 2nd Mau Basso

Treasurer's Report

Susan is stepping down and the PAC is looking for a new Treasurer. Until we get one, Susan is willing to put the Treasure's report together at home and send it by email to Bibi so it can be read at the meeting.

Trustee Report – Rob Zandee

- Rob will give first official report in October as their first meeting is tomorrow.
- New government, so different priorities.
- Last November a 14-year court case was finally resolved regarding class size and composition. The government will need to generate new language to suit the needs of students today.
- SOSS could create 25 new positions due to this court case.

Administrator's Report – Tracy Harrington

- Big learning curve for Tracy and Stacey in their new roles. Lots of energy and fun.
- Enrollment up ~ 20 kids. Now at 485.
- Ran report for size and composition.
- IEP designations don't fit in every class (eg) shop class for a "reading" designation.
- Welcome lunch for new students was well received with ~ 30 in attendance.
- Terry Fox – raised \$ 1200 (goal was 950)
- Inquiry Day tomorrow. Department heads are now 7 inquiry leaders who teach other teachers.
- Assessment of overarching question: Are we preparing kids for life after high school? In June they interviewed kids and got mixed reviews.
- PSI colleges visit the school for grade 11/12. Students have the opportunity to discuss with presenters.
- Extra transportation funds:
 - Late bus Mondays to OK Falls. Purpose: for high anxiety students to do yoga program, and for extra tutoring time.
 - OIB bus run to the reserve. **New this year.** Students no longer must walk.

- Cross curricular classes:
 - 1) English First People 10 and Art class. All year. Students loving it. Lots of field trips.
 - 2) Bio 11 and English 11. Second semester in B/C blocks. Outside learning.
- EPIC: 3rd year. For grades 9/10. FNESC (First Nation educational group) invited Mr. Baptiste to be a speaker.
- Parent – teacher meetings Oct. 18

New Business -

Bandanas: students are asked to remove them as they may be affiliated with “gangs”.

Spending/ Money Requests

- 1) Social Studies – Maurizio Basso
 - Trip to Europe in the spring of 2019. For about 20 grades 8-12 students.
 - Mau would like the PAC to consider \$2000 over the next 2 years to cover 3 extra excursions that would be valuable experience to the students. Details on his handout.
 - To be discussed.
- 2) Skateboarding
 - A new initiative this year. The request is for \$500 for helmets for safety Currently students are sharing helmets.
 - \$500 approved.

Adjourned 7:30

Next meeting: April 21st (no meeting in March due to Spring Break)