

Glacier View Parent Advisory Committee Meeting – February 17, 2016

Minutes

Members Present: as noted by ✓

Chairperson: Dee Sugden ✓	Members At Large
Secretary: Rob Fielden ✓	Annette Fielden ✓
Treasurer: Steve Galbraith	Michael Seemann
	Linda Seemann ✓
	Tamara Smith
	Terri Newton ✓
Principal Murray McRae ✓	

Old Business: Murray has ordered the picnic table. Annette and Dee signed a cheque made out to Sandwich School for \$1,150.

Treasurer's report: Steve was away. The January bank statement showed a balance of \$2,586 in the gaming account. A balance of \$1,436 would remain after the picnic table was paid for.

Principal's Report: Two days (February 25 and May 20) have been set aside this year for teachers to learn the new curriculum. Students will have a four day weekend from February 25 to 28.

The Outdoors club raised \$2,700 from the fund raiser at the Prime Chop House on Sunday January 24.

The firewood program is now running. There are lots of customers.

The Brian McLean car dealership very generously has increased the monthly donation to Glacier View Secondary Centre from \$200 a month to \$300 a month.

Joan has been volunteering at Glacier View three days a week to help kids with school work in the classroom. She has a very happy demeanor and her efforts are appreciated by students and staff. Annette suggested the PAC could give her a flower basket. It was suggested that the PAC could give her a gift at spring break.

The display cabinet is under construction.

The work order has been placed for the games room. Construction costs will be between \$2,400 and \$2,900. Murray would like to see some students, with an interest in art, paint a mural on the new wall. Murray would like an artist to come in once a week to work with students after school on art skills and help design the mural. Annette asked about the possibility of a volunteer artist taking work that the school system should provide and if that could cause a problem. Murray did not think that would be an issue. Murray envisions the games room being equipped with a ping pong table, foosball and air hockey table. The student lounge would be supervised. Paul is looking into having students construct a sectional couch made out of pallets.

A few students wrote provincial exams the last week of January.

The school held a hold and secure drill on February 2. This drill is to prepare students and staff in the advent of an external threat.

Term 2 reports went out on February 17.

The Green Thumb Theater is putting on a performance about anxiety and depression at Glacier View on February 23 at 13:15.

New Business:

The Glacier View PAC was pleased to have **Janice Caton**, a trustee for School District 71, brief the PAC on the funding shortfall that the district has to contend with.

The district has a 2.2 - 2.5 million dollar shortfall due to declining enrollment and rising costs. There have been several proposals to eliminate the shortfall. Since 82-85% of the budget goes to teacher salaries, cuts would have to be made in this area. Five full time primary positions and five full time secondary positions could be saved by reducing the week to 4.6 days and having a one week spring break. Savings would amount to 1.5 million dollars.

Other proposals include the closure of Puntledge Elementary and moving grade seven students to Lake Trail and grade eight and nine students to Vanier. Other suggestions are to move Glacier View and NIEDS to Lake Trail.

The school board is asking for feedback from parents. There is a web site set up for information and feedback and three public meetings are scheduled between now and April.

Kelsea Lochhead (KEY program teacher and school counselor) made a presentation to the PAC asking for help in funding and the collection of funds for an outdoor education program that Kelsea and Sabrina Lloyd (Connections teacher) are developing. They are asking the PAC for \$500 to buy outdoor equipment. So far they have held a fund raiser at the Prime Chop House and they have asked clubs like the Sunshine Club and Rotary Club for funds. They would like to raise \$16,000.

Thrifty Foods has a Smile Card program in which 6% of a prepaid card goes to a charity. Kelsea asked the PAC if it would make available an account into which Smile Card donations could go to.

Annette brought up the idea of moving the PAC account from the Royal Bank to the Credit Union to avoid the \$3.50 charge and at the same time creating another account for the Smile Card funds. Dee volunteered to talk to the Royal Bank about creating another account and about the account fees. Dee also would investigate setting up new accounts at the Credit Union. Dee said that she would report back by Email before the next meeting so that we could have a new account set up before the next meeting in March.

With regard to the \$500 funding request, Annette asked Murray about equipment storage and personnel continuity from one year to the next. Was it likely that the program would continue with staff changes? Murray said that it was likely that Kelsea would stay but could not say for sure what would happen next year.

Dee moved to close the meeting and Annette seconded the motion

Adjournment- 20:15