

Glacier View Parent Advisory Committee Meeting – September 22, 2015

Minutes

Members Present: as noted by ✓

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

Murray McRae welcomed everybody to the first PAC meeting of the 2015-16 school year.

Each one of the members introduced themselves to the committee.

Treasurer's report: Steve opened the PAC mail and reported that the bank statement showed a balance of \$80. Last year the PAC paid \$1500 for a water treatment project for the school (a cold, filtered water fountain). The greenhouse project was given \$500 and \$500 was dispensed for grad. limo rides and supplies for the earthquake kit. Steve says he expects to receive a \$2500 gaming grant soon.

New Business: Tamara asked Murray if the school might be interested in kitchen and garden equipment that was being sold off by Lush Valley on the weekend. Murray said that he would notify Paul about the sale.

Terri told Murray that she knew of someone that is interested in making a donation to the school. Murray said that he would be happy to have a meeting with Terri and the donor. Murray thought that a donation could go into a school fund and that the PAC could provide advice on the use of the funds.

Terri expressed concern about the safety of the intersection in front of the school. She thought that it should be a four way stop. The safety of the intersection has been brought up in PAC meetings in each of the last two years. Murray says he has talked to the city in the past but they have told him that it meets safety guidelines. Murray said that he would check PAC minutes and the correspondence with the city about the matter. He would talk to the PAC at the next meeting about if there could be a new approach in talking to city officials.

Principal's Report:

The new year has been challenging. One issue is that all the teachers are new except one. Student - teacher relationships are important, especially at a school like Glacier View.

The school is into its second week of classes and registration is continuing with students still streaming into the school. Vanier is full and has been directing some students to Glacier View. That is not ideal because it takes up spaces for students that could benefit more from Glacier View's services.

Murray reviewed the four programs at the school: Bridgeway, Key, Connections and Senior Alternate. There are about 200 students registered

Glacier View is looking to fill a position for the Senior Alternate program that is currently being filled by a substitute (Stephanie). The school is also looking for a firewood coordinator. The firewood program helps to fund the Connections Program and provides work experience for the students..

Last year there was a meeting about establishing a Wellness Centre in the school that would look after student health needs and concerns such as vaccinations, dental care, mental issues and reproductive issues. The process stalled but today Murray had a meeting with two managers that have connections to Island Health. John Barsby Community School in Nanaimo has a Wellness Centre and will send someone to make a presentation about how it is set up. Murray hopes to have the Wellness Centre in operation by January or February.

Murray is on the district implementation committee for the new BC school curriculum. The curriculum will allow teachers to be more flexible in how they teach their subjects.

On September 29 there will be an ICBC distracted driver simulator at the school.

September 30 will be orange shirt day. Orange shirt day is put on as a recognition of the injustices that aboriginal residential school students have suffered.

The school is mandated to put on six fire drills, four earthquake drills and two lock down drills this year.

The school sign will be in place by the next PAC meeting. Murray showed us a drawing of the new sign.

Adjournment- 20:00

Glacier View Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2015

Members Present: as noted by ✓

Chairperson: Dee Sugden ✓	Members At Large
Secretary: Annette Fielden ✓	Rob Fielden ✓
Treasurer: Steve Galbraith ✓	Michael Seemann ✓
	Linda Seemann ✓
Murray McRae (Principal) ✓	Tamara Smith ✓
	Terri Newton ✓
	Michelle Stagg ✓
	Ramona Ernst ✓
	Jen Calla ✓

Murray McRae welcomed everybody to the meeting. Self introductions took place.

Treasurer's report: Steve Galbraith

Steve noted he was in receipt of confirmation that this year's BC Gaming Commission grant is approved and we should be receiving \$2,500.00. All monies are to be spent by school year end. Bank Balance at end of September was \$84.00

Principal's Report: Murray McRae

New school sign

Sign has arrived and been installed thanks to SD #71 maintenance workers Ron Wilton and Larry. Principal McRae wished it noted that these workers took great care in installing the sign in a professional manner. In fact they personally purchased some supplies on their own time to add to the quality of the end product. Fees were paid to: Speed Pro Signs (letters and logos), Gord Corrigan Gravel Pit / Trucking (boulders) and Outback Nursery (Yew tree)

Grad Packages for 2015 grad student's

School secretary has been busy creating wonderful grad packages that will be sent out to all last year's graduating students. Sample was reviewed that included the diploma, pictures, copies of the speeches etc. Principal McRae noted he was delighted with the end product as he felt it certainly raised the profile of the school as it relates to the graduation of students.

Bridgeway Program Grant

BF to next meeting

Rob Prescott has applied for a \$400.00 grant to pursue recreational activities for the program. No confirmation of the grant being accepted has been received as yet. Will advise the PAC at a later date.

EDA's - Everyone Deserves a Smile

Last year the school participated in this worthwhile program whereby students produced and distributed gift bags to the homeless in Courtenay. This year the bags will be hand painted by the students and will include items such as socks, mitts, toques, toiletries etc.

Imaginal Learning Presentation - Tom Rudnick

The premise of this 3 day workshop is to do less lecturing to our kids and allow them to explore more learning about something they are interested in or passionate about. Principal McRae explained the new curriculum which start next year for grades K-9 with grades 10-11 the next year and one year later for the grade 12's. They have taken away the system of "learning outcomes" and simplified things so that teachers can pick the way they want to teach.

Halloween Celebration

Students will be carving pumpkins that will be delivered to the Glacier View Lodge seniors residence.

Provincial Exams

Some students will be taking exams as soon as November, others in January

School Photos

Photo session to take place at Glacier View Thursday, November 5th. Grad photos will be done later in the year

Wellness Centre

BF to next meeting

Committee to meet Thursday October 29th to discuss plans for the school wellness centre. VIHA representatives will also be in attendance.

Greenhouse

Paul is progressing nicely with the structure due to receipt of PAC funds from last year.

Aboriginal Update

Noted recent e-mail distributed by Principal McRae regarding the efforts support worker Bobbi Baylor is putting together for the students

PLC's - Professional Learning Community

Will take place every second Wednesday during year. Schools district wide will be shutting down at 1:30 to accommodate. Students will still have access to school and rooms for homework support.

4 Way Stop

BF to next meeting

Discussion ensued regarding the concern that a 4 way stop should be installed by the city across from the school as it is a serious safety issue for students and visitors to the school. Principal McRae offered to contact the Director of Operations and Maintenance for SD#71 Ian Heselgrave to see if he can assist with Dee Sugden and Terri Newton taking the issue to the city.

Wish List

BF to next meeting

Steve Galbraith asked Principal McRae if he had a wish list of things he wanted for the school for expenditures with gaming funds. He noted he only had two - the Wellness Centre and bolstering supplies for the earthquake container.

New Business:

Election of Officers to the Glacier View PAC

Secretary Annette Fielden noted that it is required of Principal McRae to send out a notice to all student parents/guardians seeking nominations and/or interest in candidates for election to the Glacier View PAC. Elections are to be held at the next meeting November 25th. Both Dee Sugden and Steve Galbraith noted their interest in staying on in their current positions of President and Treasurer. Annette Fielden noted that she did not wish to stand for re-election and therefore her position will need to be filled.

Adjournment: 8:15 pm

Next Meeting: November 25th at 7:00 pm