

Glacier View Parent Advisory Committee Meeting – January 20, 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 *	

The meeting started off with a discussion about cell phones and the effect that it had on students.

The meetings in November and December were poorly attended and no minutes were taken.

New Business: According to the PAC constitution a new executive needs to be elected each school year. A couple of months ago Murray had sent out an Email to notify parents and guardians that an election to fill the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer positions for the 2015-2016 Glacier View PAC was to be held and that people who were interested should put their names forward. Dee Sugden and Steve Galbraith had said that they would stand for re-election. Rob Fielden put his name forward for Secretary. No other people came forward. By acclamation Dee Sugden was appointed Chairperson, Steve Galbraith was appointed Treasurer and Rob Fielden was appointed Secretary. Steve put forward a motion to accept these nominations and the motion was carried by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's report: Steve reported that there was \$2586.48 in the RBC chequing account. The funds came from the gaming grant and had to be spent by June. The only money going out so far is a \$3 per month bank fee.

Principal's Report: The Ministry of Education is developing a new school curriculum that will be implemented over the next three years starting in the fall of 2016 for some K-9 students. Three days (February 25, 26 and May 20) have been set aside this year for teachers to learn the new curriculum.

The Prime Chop House is sponsoring a fundraiser on Sunday January 24 from 5-9 pm. The funds are being raised to buy outdoor gear to develop an outdoor education program at Glacier View Secondary Centre.

On February 1 Rob Hudson is revitalizing the firewood program. The firewood program will raise funds for the school and provide students with work experience.

Three people are volunteering time to assist teachers in the classroom.

Two trustees and the superintendent are holding a round table to ask students about their ideas on how schools could be run better. The meeting was held on January 7 at Highland Senior Secondary.

Students requested mental health support and suggested breaking up Planning 10 and moving half of it to grade 12.

Provincial exams are being held next week. Three computers in the NIDES room will be used by Glacier View students doing the exams.

Murray visited John Barsby School, which has 875 kids, to see their wellness centre. They respect student confidentiality. They have two exam rooms. One room is for consultation and the other is out fitted for examinations. The Wellness Centre has an administration assistant/nurse. They started out with about 26 visits per month and now are up to about 32 visits per week. The Glacier View Wellness Centre may take until September of this year to get off the ground. The plan is to service students from Vanier, Isfeld, Queneesh and Highland as well. It could possibly be open to adults in the evening.

Glacier View could be at full capacity enrollment next week. Nine kids are on the list to get into the Key program and there are five kids looking at four spots in the Senior Alternate program.

A display cabinet is being built by the maintenance department for Glacier View.

A lock down drill was held on January 13.

Courtenay Rotary gave Glacier View \$1000.

PAC Fund Distribution: Murray came up with several ideas on what the PAC could do with their funds. Murray told the PAC that he would like to divide the kitchen in half so that one half could be used as a student lounge for activities like ping pong, music, socializing or relaxation. The PAC could potentially use some of the gaming grant to purchase items for the lounge.

Murray would like to put in a concrete picnic table in the school yard. The table would cost \$1150 and \$250 for a brass plaque if requested.

Glacier View has six bursaries for students. The PAC could use some of the PAC funds for a bursary.

Annette made a motion to buy a picnic table for the school. The motion was seconded by Steve and everyone was in favour. Motion passed.

Steve suggested that the PAC fund a limo ride for the grad class again this year which is to be decided at a later date.

Adjournment- 20:21