

District Parent Advisory Council
Meeting: Sept 22, 2016 Chatelech Library

Attendance: Patrick Bocking, Udo Rosenberg, Sharon MacKenzie, David Barnum, Marilyn Baines, Jo Thomson, Mara, Stacia Leech, Barry Janyk, Christa Rive, Kate Kerr, Deborah Luporini

Meeting began -7:07pm

-Greetings and intro

Approvals:

May 26th meeting minutes

- First: Jo Thomson

-Second: Udo Rosenberg

Sept 22 Agenda

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-Second: Mara

Roberts Creek Community School – Stacia Leech

Stacia gave us an overview of the Strengthening Families program starting on Oct 13th and asked for funding as we did last year.

Chair's Report

Asked for thoughts on this year's spending. Reminder about the 'In the Know' webinar coming up and encouraged everyone to visit the website to view more videos. Also asked about rotation meeting locations, do we want to continue with that or stay at Chat.

Treasurer's Report

No treasurer present. Allyson gave a report on funds. \$891.99 in savings. \$727.31 in Gaming. We are hoping to get this year's grant of \$2500. Will report back on that at next meeting. Motion to accept Treasure's report 1st, Barry Janyk, 2nd Udo Rosenberg

Board's report –Dave Mewhort

Not present. Superintendent will report on a few things.

Superintendent's report –Patrick Bocking

-Patrick reported that the maintenance department has done a great job at getting the schools ready for this school year. The Maintenance dept is working on the Elphinstone library right now converting it over to a learning commons.

-There are some regulations up for review and encouraged us to view it and comment if we had any feedback.

- Pirates of Penzance musical theater will be happening at Chatelech. The musical has been organized by Tom Kellough and Sarah Douglas. He encouraged us all to see this fabulous performance.

-SC Community Schools is working with the SD to ramp up the reading programs with things like the book mobile and make sure that kids have access to reading all year.

-Working with Paul Bishop and Connected self-employed women for success a community group to try and figure how to support women as entrepreneurs and as business people. Looking to give all the young women in our schools to make sure they have many opportunities after graduation.

-Patrick talked to us about reporting to parents. He passed out a copy of the letter sent home to all families giving information on two ways of reporting home. Using Fresh Grade we can now report to parents in a more real time fashion. Five schools are working under a grant to study how this reporting process works and give feedback to improve and teach others. Some discussion and questions followed.

Parent Engagement Committee – David Barnum

-They have discussed the survey results and passed out the newsletter that will now be circulating every 2 months. There has been positive feedback on the newsletter so far. Marilyn mentioned that she attends many parent meetings and mentioned we might consider alternative ways of engaging parents and encouraging them to attend. Discussion with suggestions.

Call for nominations

- Asked for nominations for all executive positions. Chair or Co Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We will hold elections next month.

Upcoming events - Marilyn Baines

-Marilyn mentioned the upcoming panel 'What's Up With Our Kid's Mental Health?' sponsored by DPAC Oct 19th from 6-8pm. She mentioned the panel line up and the outline for the evening. A poster will be distributed to families. Open to all families. Discussion continued.

- Marilyn also passed out info for a new girls drop in at the Rockwood Centre in Sechelt every Thursday from 330 – 530.

Meeting Locations

-Allyson asked if we have decided on meeting locations. The consensus was that we will stay at Chatelech until after the elections and plan from there.

Spending Approvals:

-Motion to fund Roberts Creek Community School's Strengthening Families Program for \$350. Moved by Mara 2nd by Jo Thomson. Motion passed

-Motion to spend up to \$200 on DPAC panel presentation. Moved by Marilyn Baines, 2nd by Barry Janyk. Motion passed

Next meeting Oct 27th 7pm at Chatelech Library

Meeting adjourned – 8.30pm