

## Hugh Boyd Secondary Parent Advisory Council

### Minutes October 12, 2017

**Present:** Jill T., Lynn W., Ravinder J., Pam V., Valerie R., Zarina G., Suzanne T-G, Melissa B., Betsy T., Donna S., Alexander B., Linda L., Siobhan M.

Time Started: 7:05pm

- 1) Welcome and Introduction
- 2) A few words from Donna Sargent, Trustee
  - There are 7 trustees in Richmond and they liaise between specific schools and the Board. She is here to answer our questions and we can contact her if we need to. She is also a trustee on the provincial level. We discussed the shortages of E/As in the district. There are not enough being trained; their salaries are low and it is not so affordable to live in Richmond, so we have a shortage. PAC members can send her a letter through Mr, Johal, your local MLA or your MP to attempt to affect a change.
- 3) Approval of Agenda- Valerie R.
- 4) Approval of May 18, 2017 minutes- Betsy T.
- 5) Discussion: PAC Board spots available: 2018-19 spots available include treasurer and president.
  - We need to fill in president and treasurer for next year and possibly secretary. We are also hoping to begin a vice president of PAC. We need to fill the positions in order to get our gaming grant of \$14,000.00 for our school next year.
  - Zarina will shadow the treasurer and secretary this year.
  - We require more people to step up to the plate. Please consider helping out.
- 6) Discussion: An opportunity for a presentation to parents from Dr. Deborah McNamara (Making sense of Anxiety).
  - We have an opportunity to have Dr. McNamara come speak about anxiety across all ages. We are wishing to cosponsor the event at her school. It would

be hosted at Burnett. The cost will be about \$250.00, which we will use from the gaming grant.

- 7) Initial Discussion regarding allocation of Gaming Grant Funds and the Boyde wish list for 2017
  - We will have a total of about \$16,910.00 or so to allocate to various teachers and committees, who want items for their programs. We will allocate funds at our next PAC meeting.....
- 8) Discussion: Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron wants to do a short presentation. When?
  - We passed on the letter to Mr. Johal, who will look into having them present directly to students at lunch or after school.
- 9) Reports
  - a) Treasurer
    - We have \$16,910.00 to allocate this year!!!
  - b) Principal

We have 100 new grade 8s. We have a number of new staff, including Ms. Sandy Hui, Vice Principal, 2 new counsellors (Their space has been tidied up to make it more inviting for students), and 12 new teachers. We have a new custodian and a new business support staff person. We now have class sizes of 30 or under. We have 92 students with IEPs. Our total school population is 676. We are limited to smaller class choices and have a number of classes that are not in compliance with respect to composition. We are having challenges supporting our students with special needs. We had a trip to Oregon with our high school football team. This year, we did not have grade 8 camp, due to an increased cost. Instead, we had 2 activity days, one at the Oval and one day on campus. The cost was much cheaper at \$30.00pp ; however, the school will look at what will happen next year. We will have a concert with dancing and music next Friday. Our football coaches will both be retiring at the end of the year. The last home game of the regular season will be Friday, Oct. 20. Interim reports will be Oct. 24. We will have a Halloween event here at the school. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on November 1 and 2. November 22 is the Black and White Dance and our next PAC meeting.
  - c) RDPA/BCCPAC – anyone willing to take this position?
    - A district PAC position is available. A number of people inquired about this and what the job entails. All are welcome. They want at least one representative from our school. Lynn asked Mr. Johal if any MYP Planning Committee members may want to join. She will attend the next meeting to

ask if anyone wants to come. It is at the Richmond Board office. The next meeting is November 7. Siobhan may attend.

d) After grad

- This is an all night alcohol free event at the school after the graduation dance, which is downtown. The committee has had 2 meetings already. Lynn got parent e-mails at the meet the teacher evening to contact people to participate. Many committees have been formed already. The next meeting will tentatively be Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> in the library at 7:00, with approval from Mr. Johal. After Grad. will be held on Friday, June 22.

10) Next meeting: November 23 at 7:00pm in the library

11) Adjournment: 8:10pm

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