

Dr. Knox Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting
Tuesday, October 20th, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Tracy Huggan at 7:20pm after a successful presentation on “How to Successfully Communicate With Your Teen” by Sylvain Guinard.

In Attendance: Keiko Bryshun, Mary Ann Relinger, Peter Wingfield, Sandy Hite, Dragana Simevnouc, Teresa McDonald, Jane Hardy, Joanne Tribigir,, Clara Tonn, Terri Gaudreau, Veronica Copeland, Karyn Brewster, Karin Turner, Sara Fernandez, Danova Collins Turner, Levilie Vermette, Lyn Slamka, Rachael Fleming, Echo Renwick, Teresa Johnstone, Tracy Huggan, Sylvain Guinard.

Approval of Agenda: Motion approved by Levilie Vermette. Seconded by Peter Wingfield. Passed.

Approval of June Minutes: Motion approved by Veronica Copeland. Seconded by Levilie Vermette. Passed.

Principal’s Report: Sylvain Guinard

- Interim Reports coming home on Thursday.
- Halloween Dance, Friday, Oct. 30th. All staff will be dressed up, parents welcome.
- Parent Teacher interviews on Wednesday, Oct. 28th. Phone Monday or Tuesday to set up appointments or come for Open Forum on Wednesday evening. If you can’t make the times available please contact teachers individually.
- Nov. 4th is “Take Your Kids to Work” day. Information will be coming out for the grade 9 students. Friends or relatives can take your child if you are unable to. Knox has one of the highest percentages of students taking part in this programme. Last year 96% of students participated.

Co-President’s Report:

- A \$25.00 donation was made on behalf of the PAC to the YMCA in memory of Brian Given. Gail Given is a past president of the PAC before becoming a School District Trustee. She has always been very involved in DRK.
- “World Teacher’s Day” Basket. The PAC put together a large basket containing teas, coffees, soups, chocolates etc. for \$94.80. Staff were thrilled (Sylvain reported).

Treasurer’s Report:

- General Account: \$8,411.06
 - Gaming Account: \$9,248.95 Total: \$17,660.01
- Due to the cuts in the Gaming fund the PAC had to make cuts on the budget for this coming year. Please see attached Proposed Budget for 2009-2010.
- Knox PAC to vote on proposed Budget.

Motion to accept this year’s Budget: First Veronica Copeland, 2nd: Levilie Vermette. Passed.

COPAC Report:

-Proposed Budget: Income for COPAC is \$11,250--half of previous years. Income comes from SD 23 (10,000) and Gaming (1250) Expenditures: \$5000 to send 2 delegates to Fall Leadership Conference and Spring AGM; \$2990 for PAC memberships; \$10,000 for 2 parent forums--topics to be determined; \$1200 for miscellaneous expenses. APPROVED by PAC.

-Friends for Life: Name of a program offered to grades 4,5 and 7 (our 7's do not receive) to provide students with tools to help with anxiety. A parent education night to be held at Hollywood Road Education Centre on Nov. 17, 6-9 p.m. Call Greg Walker presenting.

-Letter of protest/news release to be sent to our MLAs and the Ministry to protest recent budget cuts. Will be signed by COPAC, COTA; CUPE will be invited to sign also.

-Parents invited to attend ProD workshops on Oct. 23. Main topic: Assessments presented by Damian Cooper.

New Business:

-2015 Canada Winter Games Calendar Survey. The Board is encouraging all to respond to the survey regarding input on whether or not spring break should be moved to align with the games. The survey can be found on the school district website in the right hand corner.

-PAC will spend approx. \$100 on Teacher/Bus Driver appreciation gifts at Christmas time.

-Okanagan College is hosting their annual Career Fair on November 1st - Sunday 10:30 - 4pm at the KLO Road campus.

-Future topics for speakers: PAC members interested in Internet Safety, Knox Administration is shy of bringing any speakers in to talk to students. PAC will hold off for a while. May look into an Internet Safety talk in new year through a contact of Gary Brucker.

-Scholastic Book Fair: Dec. 7-9th. Need Volunteers: setup on Friday, Dec. 4th, taking money, supervising students and accounting at end. *Book Fair may run through to Dec. 10th. Denova will run the Book Fair.

-PAC Bulletin Board: do not have room or space for a Bulletin Board.

Old Business:

-Constable Li would like to clarify two points that were perhaps not clear at his presentation last meeting.

1. You are liable to be brought to court if you provide or supply liquor to a minor.
2. You are liable to be brought to court if you knowingly allow or permit a minor to consume liquor in a place you control.

This is under the Provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Act.

-Fundraising - this has come up in the past. If someone would like to volunteer to head Fundraising, we could look at possible fundraisers in the future. The school feels that they are ok for money, if there is a special need for something then the school will step up and do more fundraising.

Next Meeting:

-For November PAC meeting Sylvain will show a six minute video on "Take Your Kids to Work Day".

Adjournment: 7:55pm.

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, November 17th, 7:00pm.

