



QUESNEL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Parent Advisory Meeting January 9, 2017 6:00 PM

In Attendance: Marissa Knauf, Suzanne Bolin, Heather King, Judy Anderson, Alex Maundrell, Carla Fulton, Sukki Aulakh, Jamie Cornett, Suzie Gagnon, (Parent and Languages Coordinator), Nancy Lilienweiss (CPF), Victor Stobbe, (CPF), Sarah Shipley, (CPF), Amelie Deyaeger, (CPF)

ADDITION TO 2016/2107 PAC Executive:

President: Judy Anderson
Treasurer: Heather King

Vice President: Alex Maundrell
Secretary: Carla Fulton

Carla nominated Alex Maundrell as Vice President, Heather seconded, Judy agreed – all were in favor.

Previous minutes: Meeting minutes dated December 5, 2016 were read and accepted.

Treasurers Report:

PAC General account balance as of January 9, 2017 - \$5,958.53
PAC Gaming account balance as of January 9, 2017 - \$15,237.27
Less cheques (#115, 116, 117, 118) written - \$3,372.04
PAC Gaming Balance – end of meeting – January 9, 2017 - \$11,863.23

Total PAC funds available before prior commitments - \$17,821.76
PAC prior commitments (medallions, troll bussing, green screen & tripod) - \$2,250

TOTAL PAC FUNDS AVAILABLE - \$15,571.76

- \$2200 in prior commitments needs to be deducted from the total amount.
- Need to consider bussing to Correlieu in the Spring for the annual play.
- There was a discrepancy in cheque 112. PAC approved a guitar for purchase at \$624.41, but the cheque cleared at \$812.09 (difference of \$187.68). Suzanne encouraged Heather to speak to Leanne regarding this.
- The BC Sports fee/ central fee was already paid by QJS. Heather will issue a cheque to the school to cover this cost, as well as the cost for the games room/ snacks costs as previously agreed.
- The TOC for the Prince George trip totaled \$350.00. PAC will cover \$250.00 as previously agreed.

- A few bank statements were in the PAC mail box in the office. Heather will check this box when she is in the office.

Financial Requests:

1. Basketball team request –from coach, Tod Anderson - 20 grade 8 players. \$500 travel costs. Carla passed motion to approve, Judy seconded, all in attendance were in favor.
APPROVED.

Old Business:

- Suzanne shared a list of frequently asked questions regarding gaming criteria. She will photocopy for Heather, who will familiarize herself with the criteria.
- Marissa shared the parent session on anxiety and depression may take place in February. More information to follow.
- Previous request that the parent advisory meetings be placed on the QJS website. The website is being revamped but minutes will be added as soon as the new website is available.

New Business:

- A question was raised regarding team fund raising. It is usually left to a coach's discretion regarding whether a team participates in fundraising activities. However, if a team wants to fundraise, they may do so on their own initiative.
- Canadian Parents for French PAC attended tonight to present information to the QJS PAC regarding trips to Quebec/ Montreal/ Ottawa. Bright Spark Exchange is the company used to organize the 8-day trip. CPF is hoping this trip for French Emersion students will again become an annual/ biannual event. Ideally, the next trip would occur in the Spring of 2018, with grade 10 (and possibly grade 9) students.
- French Emersion tends to lose students between grades 6 through 8. CPF is hoping if students get to experience the language on another level, this may entice them to remain in the French Emersion stream.
- CPF needs key people to take the lead and organize this experience. A suggestion was put forth that a school district staff member who is part of the French Emersion Program could fill this role.
- There were lots of questions: (Are parents or teachers taking students? Fundraising efforts? Concerns around mixing age groups (high school and elementary should not go together) but also concerns that limiting groups could create issues. Price= VERY ROUGH estimate at \$2500 (with no fundraising). Is there a current interest from families?)

- It was agreed the first step should be for CPF to speak to current grade 9 students to see if there is an interest within this group. Another suggestion was put forth to ask a previous male and female student if they would be interested in attending with CPF to give an overview of their experience. CPF will draft a consent to release to give to students at this meeting.
- Although unexpected, a big thank you to all CPF members who attended the meeting to offer information. It was appreciated.

Action/Decision for next meeting:

- Medallions - it seems the cost was approximately \$2060 (instead of \$3000 as previously thought). We need to ask for feedback from students, staff, and others in order to make a decision on this issue. Judy will look into further and report back at next meeting.
- Compiled feedback - what makes a great school
- Marissa will contact Jeanette and request the PAC binder for Judy.
- Heather to speak to Leanne regarding discrepancy in Cheque 112.
- Update on QJS website
- Update on CPF's attendance in the French Emersion classrooms. Feedback from students? Is there interest from families?

Next meeting: February 6, 2017, 6:00 PM in the QJS library.