



Carisbrooke
Parent
Advisory Committee
Council
(CPAC)

Carisbrooke PAC Meeting

Date: January 15, 2013
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Carisbrooke Library

In Attendance: Judith Nitsch,, Tanya Kalashnikov, Heidi Degenstein, Lucy Cayuela, Stella Ying, Wayne Mitchell, Tim MacLeod, Melanie Zimmerman,

Actions are highlighted in **Yellow**

7:00 pm Call to order and welcome

Minutes: Approval of October Minutes. Moved by Heidi Degenstein

Wayne Mitchell's report:

- Christmas concert: he really enjoyed it, he was amazed by the good behaviour of the kids backstage
- Christmas hampers were delivered to Vancouver schools, it just showed "it was the right thing to do"
- Choir performance in the malls was fantastic as well
- Basketball was a huge success and lots of fun and is to be continued
- Volleyball: sign-up started yesterday, there are 4 coaches: Kindra ?, Leslie ?, Christine Bieg and he himself
- Report cards: when they go home it's a really important time to talk to students/kids about it because they can mean completely different things to parents and students, it's important to bear in mind that they just represent a snap shot and give the opportunity to talk with children about school
- Emergency preparedness: there was a meeting with Braidner Survival Kits LTd. yesterday, he will put together a quote for enough food and supplies for all 350 students and 50 teachers for 4-5 days, they will be stored in containers throughout the school and the outside container, goal is to have it in place by spring break. There will be a meeting with the Emergency committee and Wayne beginning of February.

- 7th grade transition meeting was yesterday: the meeting was good and showed what options are available to students and parents. It is important to bear in mind that Carson Graham is Carisbrooke's catchment area, so everybody who wants to transfer to another school has to register between January 22 and March 8.
- after school skiing program: Mrs. Toms held a meeting yesterday with the parents and it was well attended.
- Curriculum implementation day on Friday will be a workshop for teachers about self-regulation. Guest speaker is Stuart Shanker whose book "Calm, Alert and Learning" was given by Wayne Mitchell to the Pac and will remain in the library for everybody who is interested to read or borrow.

Budget update: by Tanja Kalashnikov

Fundraising is going well, we already made \$24,469 (including the \$700 of the haunted house for the Grade 7 which is at the moment included in the numbers for Halloween).

Fund spending is fairly on budget.

Budget for the teachers was supposed to be \$23,800 but only a cheque for \$23,300 was written. Tanja couldn't remember why but Wayne did: \$500 were meant for the Math Quizz program but they were actually paid for by North Vancouver ????

We have \$18,000 in the gaming grant available for next year which could be used for the playground improvement.

(I hope I did understand that right, I'm not sure what the gaming grant is)

We have a budget of \$1,500 for Committee costs and spent some of it for receipts that Darlene Maser presented regarding Alannah's farewell party and arts supply.

Fundraising: by Heidi Degenstein in absence of Hilary Reid who is in charge of the adult social fundraiser

The theme of the adult social is "Loveboat", it will be held in the gym.

There is a lot going on in the moment and everybody is really busy: asking for donations from parents and the community, putting together the food (by a father, John ?), looking for sponsorship

We have a spin master who is responsible for the game/quiz night, dance and music.

There will be a silent and a live auction.

Next "social" meeting will be held tomorrow.

Schoolplanning council: by Wayne Mitchell

The committee had its first meeting and were looking at the existing school plan. Two of the goals are well established, they will probably introduce two more

goals concerning the 7th grade transition and a link between numeracy and literacy.

The goal is to bring down the school plan for 18 pages to 10 pages. Nobody has to worry about goals that might be taken out of the plan. They will be still pursuit, they won't get lost.

Erase bullying website: by Wayne Mitchell

The government put up this website which it worth looking at because it provides lots of good information about bullying. There is also a reporting section where children can report instances of bullying anonymously. What causes concern for Wayne about this is the fact that the report goes to one person and this person then calls Wayne and lets him know that there is for instance "a bully in grade 3" (but nothing more). So it's difficult how to pursue this information.

The government, though, is offering workshops about it and Wayne (and someone else?) will attend one of these on March 8. He will then inform the PAC about it.

New business:

- Karen Hold attended an administration meeting and wanted to let us know that Pennies will be phased out slowly, there will be no new Pennies starting from February 1.
- Melanie Zimmerman announced that the next Book Fair will be held in May, set-up date is May 24, Book Fair from May 27 until May 30.

Adjourn: 7:45 pm