

**Carnarvon Community School**  
**Parent Advisory Council Meeting #2**  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Members Present:**

- Kelly Allison, Kiley Lundin, Kerry Kenwood, Lindsay Morphy, Heidi Schmid, Teri Charuhas, Carla Stratidakis, Melissa Misuraca, Wendy Molnar, Ami Qiu

**Staff Present:**

- Maureen McDonnell, Diane Martinson, Charlotte Skinner, Allyson Donnelly

**1. Introductions and Welcome!**

**2. Review Agenda**

- MOTION: to approve agenda by Lindsay Morphy, second by Kiley Lundin, CARRIED

**3. Review Minutes from September 16, 2016**

- MOTION: To approve minutes from September 16, 2016 by Teri Charuhas, second by Kerry Kenwood, CARRIED

**4. Guest Speaker: Dave Derpak – Principal at Prince of Wales**

- Making rounds to all of the PAC meetings in the catchment schools
  - Nice to hear about high school before child makes leap to high school
- PW a very safe school; high schools now benefit from kids having had anti-bullying education in elementary
- 1100 students; range of classes and electives; enough electives and diversity to have access to courses but also nice size to know kids' names
- Number of programs – trek is big one; also gifted program; special needs students; 150 students in mini school
- #3 school for field trips – huge array of field trips; rugby team in LA last year; languages program in Europe also an art program going to Europe; great way for students to learn
- offers Spanish, French, humanities, peer counseling – talk to peers about everything
- offers unique schedule – half hour flex time in morning; kids take ownership for own learning – some are doing peer learning, others are getting help from

teachers whose doors are open at that time, others sleeping in at that time which is benefit for teenagers

- district limits cross boundaries; 400 apply – often go with lottery; not a lot of flexibility with cross boundaries
- seismically – needs help; working with architects looking at options; probably nothing until 2018/19
- mini school – for gifted students; based on action projects, academic focus, tonight had open house 600 parents came for 30 spots
- Diane noted that information for calendar for mini schools and key dates will be announced soon

#### 5. **Guest Speaker: Garden Project (Megan Zeni)**

- Program born from own teaching, as teacher thought revised curriculum would work well with a gardening project
- Coming to Carnarvon – all 17 divisions will get a guide, includes cross curricular lessons (social sciences, art, literacy etc.) looking at new curriculum through lens of garden – look at capacity, volume etc. but outdoors
- research shows reduced anxiety, depression if time spent outside; good for kids, good for teachers
- teachers get a guide and kit; if resource recommended it comes with it; also includes children's gardening gloves
- 7 or 8 classes per year; Megan makes sure teachers understand how garden works
- summer maintenance is offered over summer – in July, August, it is maintained so when come back in Sept it is ready to go; program is not contingent on one person who may leave
- Carnarvon on list for getting more beds; district first wanted to see if we did something with the 6 first; there is a lot of grant money available
- Discussion re: funding more boxes
- Teachers are all on board and excited
- Program is on teacher's wish list

#### 6. **Treasurer's Report (Heidi Schmid)**

- The PAC has cash balance of **\$76,231**. This total is broken down into the separate fund balances:
  - Operating Fund \$34,708
  - Legacy Fund \$17,000 – before Heidi's time; for something long lasting; legacy for school; dipped into it for playground but replenished it

- Playground Fund                   \$16,179 – received from anonymous donor; earmarked for playground repairs, additions, repairs
  - PAC designated Fund           \$5,000 – cushion for rainy day, can dip into it
  - Gaming fund                       \$3,344 – for specific purpose
- Hot lunch is front loaded so although balance sheet shows \$22K, expenses are withdrawn over year
  - Projected – if fund everything on wish list and have conservative fundraising would still have \$51,000 at end of year
  - Kelly noted that it is important that parents feel that they can add to the wish list – ok to have things to work towards; two sided – staff and parents; can be voted on at any meeting
    - Last year had extra money throughout year so gave extra to teachers
  - Maureen – discussion re: amounts needed for various software licences - about \$1500 total for licences
  - Wish list:
    - Classroom funding \$300
    - 30 laptops \$10,000
    - 10 ipad minis \$3300
    - Gardening Project \$7000
    - Project Chef \$7000 – would like it to be school wide; Diane thinks might not need to ask parents for money
    - Gym Sense \$5000 – still to be determined by staff re: what grades etc.
    - School Performances \$2200
    - Library support \$1000
    - Primary books \$1000
    - Intermediate books \$2000 – Diane – probably more geared for hands on resources than books; as teachers work through will figure it out
    - New curriculum \$3000
    - Smartboard - \$300, Maureen – also need to purchase software
    - Software memberships \$1500
    - Xylophones \$1000; 3 different tones plus some smaller ones – will be a complete set
    - Volleyball storage \$2000
    - Safe teen \$650
    - Patrol thank you \$450
    - Grade 7 grad \$500
    - PAC funded parent education \$1200

- Maureen – currently ipads signed out every day; laptops will help with school goals – would like more online resources; interested in IXL math; teachers would like to learn to type – helps students with writing; hard to learn to type on ipads; laptops would be easier to learn to type on; laptops will free up ipads for other purposes
  - Discussion re: Chrome Books

MOTION: to APPROVE BUDGET by Kerry Kenwood, second by Lindsay Morphy, CARRIED

#### 7. **Principal's Report**

- Newsletter coming
- Terry Fox run successful; cycling team was exciting for students
- Busy/successful goal setting conferences
- Teachers working on new curriculum
- Final cross country meet on Thursday – thanks to staff supporting it
- Volleyball up and running
- District pro d on Friday – a wide array of workshops available
- Earthquake drill on Thursday – provincial one; moving from inside to outside; tweaking bins in meantime
- Fire safety for gr 3
- Nutrition div 1-6
- Number of field trips over next month
- Next pro d in November will be about new curriculum

#### 8. **Vice Principal's Report (Maureen McDonnell)**

- Pro d day on Sept 30 – was all about how to promote growth mindset in math; math is school goal for next year; this year how to change growth mindset – positive about math; in afternoon, Project Garden;
  - Some of the teachers are reading book called “Mindset – the New Psychology of Success” – teachers are reading – re: how students can connect with what they are working on; also a parent version – will be some dedicated space in newsletter about this

#### 9. **Teacher's Report (Charlotte Skinner)**

- Ms. Skinner – everything going well; teachers getting used to new classes; thankful to PAC that teachers get all of their wish list items; one of the teachers had the garden idea – benefiting whole school now; everyone now wanting to do Project Chef
- Discussion re Project Chef logistics

## 10. **Committee Reports**

- A. Hot Lunch – Kelly Allison in lieu of Shannon Barnes, Judie Han
- New menu items well received; reminders re ordering and cancelling – will go in new newsletter
- B. Family Photo Night - Kiley Lundin for Mimi Meir
- Order photos by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
- C. QSP – Kelly Allison in lieu of Melanie Mueller
- Packages went out already
- D. Halloween Dance – Teri Charuhas
- scheduled for Fri, October 28<sup>th</sup>
  - tickets available on hot lunch website
  - gr 6 and 7 made posters and put around school
  - Teri asked to announce it in morning announcement
  - Email should go out tomorrow
  - Volunteer sheet
  - Deadline for ticket orders Oct 26th
- E. Pumpkin Patch – Kelly Allison in lieu of Dana Propp
- doing it different day from dance; Wed Oct 26<sup>th</sup> after school 3-5
- F. Winter Market – Rishma Kassam
- Date not firm, working on it
  - Discussion re: donating proceeds to charity; will discuss some charity options at next meeting
  - Collecting new or gently used items already in Ms. Stewart's room
- G. Purdy's – Kiley Lundin
- Will run Nov 1-16; orders need to get in by Nov 18; sorted and delivered last week of November
- H. Lunch Task Force – Kelly Allison
- Task force meeting tomorrow – goal to get intermediate students off floor in gym; will report at next meeting

- I. June Jamboree – Kelly Allison
- No volunteer to spearhead event yet; possibly another event that people want instead of June Jamboree? Will discuss with people and discuss again at next meeting

11. **Other Business**

- Maureen – sports day will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> – mentions so doesn't conflict with June Jamboree
- Discussion re: Cantonese and Mandarin translation – Amy Qiu still happy to do translation of PAC messages

12. **MOTION to ADOJOURN by Teri Charuhas, second by Lindsay Morphy, CARRIED**

**MEETING ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**