

MINUTES

Frances Kelsey Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council
Wednesday February 13, 2008

- 1 Call to Order
 - a Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were Patti Carfantan, Lori Hamilton, Sharleen Impett, CJ Kubica, Marilyn Sandford, Susan Stacey, Shannon Walker. Wendy sends her regrets.
 - b Motion to adopt Agenda (Sharleen/Susan); carried.
 - c Motion to adopt January Minutes (Sharleen/Patti); carried.
- 2 Executive Reports
 - a President - CJ
 - Superintendent Dan Boudreault will attend our March 12 meeting;
 - **We're still waiting to receive the Dr. Kelsey mementos from her family.**
 - b Vice President – Sharleen
 - Nothing to report.
 - c DPAC Report – Susan
 - There was much discussion about the details of four schools slated for possible closure. Many parents felt that the actual per school savings that resulted from last year's closures may not have warranted all the disruption, especially once costs for maintaining the sites, security, and losses of students to private schools are taken into consideration;
 - The school budget process is coming up March through May, and there will probably be different stakeholder groups to make presentations;
 - Security for PAC Treasurers was discussed, with reminders to keep cheques in a locked drawer at the school, and not to put account numbers on reports;
 - The AGM will be in May.
 - d Treasurer – Patti
 - Report was accepted as presented;
 - We'll be required to spend about \$10,000 from the Gaming account within the next few months;

- Funding request from Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) for \$500 to pay for shirts, transportation, workshops, pencils and posters. Motion to fund as requested (Shannon/Sharleen); carried;
- Individual funding request from each of the four members of the School Curling Team for \$210 to go to Provincials. Motion to fund \$800 for the team (Sharleen/Patti); carried;
- Funding request from the school to pay \$750 for the ORCA awards from now to June, they are given to 12 students drawn each week in recognition of good stuff. Motion to fund as requested (Sharleen/Lori); carried;
- Motion to pay the final outstanding balance of \$1163.74 for the Sport Court (Patti/Sharleen); carried;
- A sign will be erected at the Sport Court which will recognize the funding donors;
- **Motion to have CJ write a letter to Marilyn requesting the Sport Court be named MacLeod Court in honour of the founding principal of our school (Susan/Sharleen); carried.**

e SPC – Sharleen

- There have been no meetings yet;
- **Marilyn will call a meeting soon.**

f Secretary – CJ

- Correspondence received from BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, advising of travel subsidies available to allow parent delegates to attend the Interactive Innovations III: A Showcase of Learners and Learning conference (in Victoria), March 2 to 4;
- Correspondence from Armstrong Elementary PAC sharing their success in raising \$6000 easily with a magic show. They've booked it again this year because everyone loved it.
www.FundraisingMagic.com

3 Principal's Report

- Monday February 25, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m., several PAC parents will come into the school to meet with each of the Advisor Groups. We are to let the students know that the PAC funds a number of different things at Frances Kelsey, and we are there to ask what they want for their school;
- There will be a follow-up meeting (Student Roundtable) on March 6 at lunchtime in the library;

- **Marilyn will present two funding wish lists at the March PAC meeting – one from the staff and one from the students;**
- March 5, 7:00 p.m., Frances Kelsey will host a South End Trades Night, featuring Camosun College, Malaspina, Industry Training Authority. Parents and students are invited, and it is open to other schools too;
- **CJ will send an email to remind parents of this event;**
- **Susan will look into any available free advertising of this event;**
- There are three new staff members;
- The Grad Skate will be held on February 18;
- Student cell phone usage in classes was discussed at a staff meeting because there have been problems with ringing interruptions, students leaving the room to take calls, etc. It was decided that the problem would be addressed with students during Advisor Time on February 18, and phones would not be banned, but must be on vibrate, and there should be no texting during class;
- At that time, students will also be reminded of the correct process for course changes or drops: they are supposed to have a discussion with their Advisor, then a Counsellor;
- October 24-26, the Canadian Coalition of Self-Directed Learning (CCSDL) workshop will be hosted by Frances Kelsey. There is usually some parent involvement;
- There will be a bottle drive on February 16;
- The dance was changed to February 28;
- Local businesses have organized a fashion show to be held March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 and all the money will go to the school;
- Musicgrams were popular this week, with theatre students presenting them and all money raised went to the Global Issues group;
- In response to a question, Marilyn indicated vending machines currently bring in \$12-16,000 to the school. They're working with the vending company to ensure the new rules for healthier choices will be in place by September, and hope the income doesn't drop too significantly.

4 Old Business

a Bingo

- CJ has taken on the coordinator duties by default. The Bingo hall will let us know when they have events we could participate in, and anticipate several promotions in March. Funding recipients in the school have indicated a willingness to work some hours when asked. We are close to having fulfilled our out-of-hall hours obligation.

- b Dating Safety Workshop
 - Sharleen said they're still looking at what they can do for the boys;
 - CJ suggested that Cyberbullying be included too. Marilyn indicated that fit in well, considering some recent events in the school, and Facebook has now been blocked;
 - **Lori will forward information on the content of the Fort McMurray Cyberbullying Workshop;**
 - **Marilyn will get information and ideas from the RCMP Liaison.**
 - c Student Roundtable – discussed with Principal's Report
 - d School Van – Marilyn
 - We do use a 15-passenger van. The district is waiting to hear what the Ministry has to say about them. Prior to the tragedy in the Maritimes, our drivers already required a special license and knew to watch the weight placement and not fully load it. There are strict maintenance standards and it has been school policy to discourage travel in bad weather – the school will pay for accommodations if our groups should delay their return.
- 5 New Business
- a School Closures – discussed with DPAC Report
 - b Questions
 - Lori asked if we should be funding a clock and cage for the gym, as there were no clocks during a Mock Exam. Marilyn indicated that in the renovations, a clock was never put up, and some temporary clocks had been lost. It shouldn't be a problem again.
 - Lori and Patti asked why the Mock Exams started so late that students only got 1-1/2 hours to complete them, instead of the full two hours as scheduled. Students who had a ride home were allowed the extra time, but few had made arrangements because it was scheduled within regular school hours. **Marilyn indicated there had been a mix-up one afternoon, and she would look into rectifying things for anyone affected.**
 - Lori pointed out that it was a shame the smokers congregated adjacent to the Sport Court, and it didn't seem like a good idea to exercise and inhale deeply at the same time there. She could offer no suggestions for a solution.
 - Susan asked if PAC did anything for staff appreciation, teacher appreciation, or Secretaries Week. Nobody seemed sure, but

thought Wendy knew. **Staff Appreciation will be an Agenda item for next month.**

- Lori mentioned previous experience with a parents' group providing food on exam days. **Exam Food will be an Agenda item for next month.**

6 Adjournment at 9:10 p.m. (Lori/Sharleen)

Next Meeting March 12, 2008

Agenda Items

- Dan Boudreault
- Funding Wish Lists
- Staff Appreciation
- Exam Food

Action Items have been **shown in bold.**

THE CHANGING FACE OF BULLYING

A Free Parent Information Session

Sponsored by Fort McMurray Public and Catholic school districts

Tuesday, January 29th

7:00-10:00 pm

Thickwood Heights Community Centre Amphitheatre (Thickwood Arena)

An overview of what will be discussed:

- Identify various types of bullying & current research findings
- Overview of causes of social bullying (relational aggression, primarily girl-on-girl aggression) and strategies (for parents/teachers/staff/students) to identify, prevent and address the various forms of social bullying
- Information & discussion regarding increased aggression through the use of the internet – cyberbullying and sexual exploitation – Why? How? What?
- Ideas, programs & strategies that have worked at other schools with students, parents & staff
- List of resources plus many handouts will be provided

Presenter: Marian Daugela has 20 years of experience in education, including teaching and counseling at the elementary, junior high and high school levels. She currently teaches Grade 11 English and is the counselor and special education coordinator at John Maland High School in Devon, Alberta. Marian has a Master's degree in Education Psychology from the University of Alberta and has been doing independent research in the area of social bullying for the past four years. She has made numerous presentations and facilitated workshops on this subject matter throughout Central Alberta most recently at the Black Gold Regional School Division ATA PD Day in March, 2007 and the Fort McMurray Public and Separate School District Support Staff Conference in October, 2007.