

Springvalley Middle School
Parents Advisory Council
Minutes
17 October 2011

1. Call to order: 6:03 pm
2. Welcome and introductions:

In attendance:

Marnie Janzen	Shaun Bos
Tricia Stetar	Troy White(Principal)
Tammy Lafont	Micki Semchuk
Tara Pearle	Jill Voros(Vice Principal)
Ryan Wakefield (teacher)	Al Hopgood (teacher)
Julia Bower (student)	Lauren Jaenicke (student)
Kari Hodgson-Stock	Lauralee Peake
Kelli-Anne Drummond	Becky Martin

Presentation on school culture - Mr Wakefield, Mr Hopgood, 2 grade 9 students .

- Mr Hopgood noted the last student dance was one of the largest ever.
- Mr Wakefield spoke about the cancellation of dances a few years ago due to inappropriate behavior, and expressed the pride on behalf of the staff of the level of change in our students!
- Terry Fox run – entire school participated. Male vs. Female for donation competition.
- Me to We event just completed as well. Ensured we had grade 7,8 and 9 students attending. The students in attendance expressed how inspired they were. The students noted a few events they are considering for upcoming months ie: Vow of Silence, No Social Media for a day, Halloween for Hunger, Clothing give – a – way downtown Kelowna, Gospel Mission volunteering.
- Sport teams are up and running.
- Halloween falls on a Monday, most staff dress up, and several kids dress up. Possibly a Halloween assembly.
- I love Boobies bracelets – regarding recent media attention. Mr White noted there was staff’s concerns starting in Sept. There were questions regarding how these bracelets fit in to our dress code. Teachers noted that there were ‘disruptions to learning’. Other schools in our district are wearing them inside out. We have not ‘banned’ the bracelets. A grade 7 girl expressed concern as she felt ‘uncomfortable’. Then came the belts, and then followed the T-shirts. There is ‘black market’ selling of these bracelets going on in the school as well. There are repeating kids visting Mr Hopgood’s room 31. A student forum was created by Mr Hopgood, a 3 hour discussion was had, and 9/10 students agree the word “boobie” is inappropriate. The student group discussed a possible designing of making our own bracelets. The kids were asked their perspective. The students presented the following to the PAC, see attached. Let’s not let our values slip in the name of Activism. We do need to look after the well being of the ENTIRE school, including those that feel uncomfortable.

3. Adoption of Agenda by Tammy Lafont, Micki Semchuk 2nd.
4. Adoption of Minutes from 12 September 2011: Kelli-Anne Drummond, Becky Martin 2nd.
5. Officer’s Reports
 - a) President’s Report – Shaun Bos
 - Boy Smarts – Offered Oct 26/11, 4 parents + interested in attending.

- Knowledge in Power – Mental Health and Eating Disorders – Nov 3, www.knowledgeispower4.eventbrite.com, Mrs Voros noted this is the first of several Mental Health initiatives for this school year. Free.
 - My Tween and Me – Nov 1 for 6 weeks. www.bccf.ca Subsidies by request, course is \$90.
 - Teacher requests for budget items by next month.
- b) Treasurer’s Report – Tricia Stetar
- See attached report
 - Current bank balance is \$12,285.19, budget to be completed by next month.
- c) COPAC Report – no report
- d) School Planning Council update: Tammy Lafont, Marnie Janzen, Shaun Bos
- Some classes are over in numbers, a consultation was done with SPC.
 - Job action was discussed, there is no data to use for SPC reporting.
 - Unclear as to when we will be presenting to the Board due to Job Action.
6. Administration Report – Mr White
- See attached report.
 - Our teachers are going ahead with Parent/Teacher night on Oct 19 in the gym as usual. 2-4pm and 7 to 9 pm.
 - Due to job action, there will be no “interim report” coming home.
 - New ‘I’ (incomplete) process. Instead of ‘I-week’. New Homework Club, Mon to Thurs which is voluntary with adult support. There are kids that do not take advantage of this and are failing. If there are enough subjects failing, there will not be admission into RSS, they would go to “storefront”. There is an intervention program called Academic Intervention or “A.I.” that teachers may refer these students, or non-voluntary.. All combined are to steer away from “I”s.
 - We have a few students who are feeling very comfortable being sent to Room 31. These students will also be sent to A.I.
 - Resist is up and running, over 200 enrolled so far.
 - Take Your Kids to Work day, enrollment to come home, Nov 2.
 - Ms. Voros noted there is ‘Playground’ grants still to be obtained. Geared more toward grade 7. Ms Voros will update after next meeting on Oct 25th.
7. New Business
- a) Executive Budget Meeting – Marnie Janzen will email out to Executive to arrange a date.
 - b) Funding Requests – Shaun Bos will email out a form to teachers. Teachers can return forms to PAC mailbox.
 - c) COBSS Bursary – table to November.
 - d) Fundraising – Tara Pearle – Innisbrook Fundraising to go out tomorrow. Money will need to be collected by parent volunteers due to Job Action. As well information regarding Regal and Magazine orders,....all done online.
8. Old Business - none
- a)
9. Announcements
- a) Ms Voros – The large letters are here for our outside sign. There are quotes for new gym walls and gym floor re-deisgn. We are hoping for March for completion.

- b) Constable McKinnon has offered to come back to share with parents regarding online bullying issues that seem to be on the rise.
- c) Shaun Bos asked Ms Voros regarding a Mayor Youth Forum – Jill noted students from each school go to attend the Mayor’s office regarding a ‘hot topic’. A forum style, with breakout groups. The information just came out, usually the 3rd week of Feb. Information will go out to parents shortly.
- d) Breakfast for Learning, we need a thank you to them! Tricia Stetar will arrange.

10. Items for a future agenda

- a) Address Funding Requests
- b) Teacher Appreciation Day in December
- c) School Planning Council re: Staff members.
- d) Grade 9 celebration.
- e) Grade 6 BBQ for 2010/2011.

11. Adjournment 7:36pm

Next PAC Meeting
14 November 2011
6pm