

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

April 27, 2016

9:15 AM

In attendance

Sandra Baumeister

Andrea Mori

Zena Ray

Rashpal Sangha

Deborah Pettigrew

Nicole Braid

Sonja Gustavson

Ruth Kaune

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 AM.

Minutes of previous meeting held in February will be approved at next meeting when a quorum is present.

Principal's Report

District visioning session was held in March. It was a great evening and very inclusive for all participants. Goal of District is 100% graduation of all students by 2020. Current rate of graduating students is 86%. Aboriginal rate is 68%. District is working on a changing model of support for aboriginal kids and that represents a big focus for the District.

Tsawwassen First Nations held a presentation for teachers on the last Pro-D day in April. How did residential schools of the past affect today's perspective by aboriginal persons?

Budget was made public last week and approved by the Board on Tuesday. Ministry erred by not including contracted wage agreements in their funding. This year, to balance the budget, money will come from reserves. Deficit is projected to be \$3.3 million.

Track & Field practices have been running since the beginning of April for Grades 4 through 7. This year, school made a change by having practices held during class time rather than after school. This has resulted in track being accessible to students that may not have tried out otherwise. Teams will be put together next week and practices will start to ready students for the Track Meet on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Gray was moved from Zone B to Zone A to balance the number of students participating in each meet. The District meet will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

A math workshop has been confirmed for May 26, 2016, at Hellings Elementary, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. The workshop will be presented by Carol Fullerton and will be based on how math is being done differently.

Zena presented a revised Wish List.

DPAC

Reported submitted by email is as follows:

Here are my April DPAC meeting highlights (detailed minutes [here](#))-

Sands Visioning Session March 9th was a big success

- 300+ in attendance including parents, teachers, students and administrators
- Identified strengths and weaknesses
- Milestones and measures for 2020 success
- Details to be released on the Delta web-site soon

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Aboriginal Education Review

- 4 recommendations from the review to implement
 1. Define and report on aboriginal student strengths and successes
 - academic, social, cultural & emotional goals
 - communication, cooperation, roles and responsibilities
 - student and parental involvement in decision-making
 - data informed inquiry approaches
 2. Develop a model of aboriginal education
 3. Develop a school-based Aboriginal education mentorship program
 - teacher mentorship (building capacity & confidence)
 - examine 'pull-out program' approach (where kids leave regular class setting for small group learning with other Aboriginal learners)
 4. Build stronger relationships by improving communication processes in schools and beyond.
- Now into implementation phase

New Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

- School and district level planning
- Developing framework in 2016/17 school year
- PAC will need to change bylaws to reflect (next year) – DPAC expects to put together a package to assist

Hot Lunch Coordinator

Ruth stated that hot lunches are progressing well. Zena commented that Ruth has done well to keep days open to support Grade 5, 6, & 7 fundraising.

Treasurer

A Cash Balance report was emailed. No discussion or review took place.

Emergency Preparedness

Mike was unable to attend but sent information along confirmed that all the new food and water has been placed in the bin.

Fundraising/Special Events

Terri sent an email asking if the PAC would like to hold the Entertainment Book fundraiser in September. It was felt that it would be a good idea to run the successful fundraiser but ultimately it would be up to Terri to decide. Rash offered to help and support Terri with the fundraiser.

Volunteers will be needed for Carnival.

Volunteers will be needed for Sports Day.

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New Business

Playground update was given by Sandra. The decision was made to eliminate two pieces of equipment that were included in the playground design for students with mobility issues. The determining factor was that the cost of the two pieces and surfacing requirements totaled 1/3 of the total project cost. The pieces will be added in at a later date.

Sandra confirmed that Gray is not on the list for a matching grant, however, the Corp. of Delta contact has stated there is currently no waiting list and encouraged an immediate application. Sandra and Zena will submit a letter and design right away.

Sandra noted that letters and emails have gone out to solicit donations. One donation has been received by Polygon. Sandra will ask for assistance with a form letter that can be used by parents to solicit donations. Rash has asked for a copy of the letter.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2016, and will be the PAC AGM. Positions that will be open are Chair, DPAC, Treasurer, Emergency Preparedness, Newsletter. Deborah asked for information about the different positions that will be available. Topic to be covered in the PAC newsletter, to be distributed in advance of the AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.