

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

January 25, 2017

9:15 AM

In attendance

Sandra Baumeister

Rash Sangha

Deborah Pettigrew

Ruth Kaune

Mike Keller

Sonja Gustavson

Jenn Clarke

Nicole Braid

Andrea Mori

Lindsay Schauble

Paul Hutton

Zena Ray

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 AM.

Minutes of meeting from September 28, 2016 meeting will be approved at the January meeting.

Minutes of meeting from October will be approved at the next meeting.

Minutes of meeting from November will be approved at the next meeting.

Emergency Preparedness

Mike shared that there is nothing to update. Question was asked about the protocol to clear ice from the school grounds. Nicole shared that the length of cold weather was unexpected. As a result, there were some 'in' days. There were some falls by parents and kids. Parents are not able to assist with snow removal.

Principal's Report

Zena noted that at the last DPAC meeting, graduation (school completion) rates were released. Doug Shepherd, Superintendent, stated that Delta is doing well and is above the provincial average with their graduation rates. Delta rates are also above the average for Metro Vancouver. The District goal is 100% completion of enrolled students. More facts are available on the Ministry website.

The District will be undergoing a Ministry audit of special programs, also referred to as Inclusive Support. Identified needs that fall under the program are Physically Dependent, Behavioural, and Other Special Needs. Gray currently has 38 students with identified files but does not include mildly, intellectually, disabled students. The purpose of the audit is to support funding requirements.

School is continuing to work with the inquiry process, looking at the process of assessing students. Next Monday is the second 'curriculum' Pro-D day. School applied for a grant for releasing teachers in teams to work on 'Formative Assessment' (based on the book by Dylan William).

Reviewed new reporting format. Teachers noted it was very time-consuming and their feedback was positive. Parents are encouraged to give their feedback through an online survey. Address is available on the January school newsletter.

Reviewed BCTF announcement of more teachers. Gray was given .09 FTE, some of which will be used to support teachers in the classroom. Class sizes will not currently be affected. Further discussion was held regarding school size and space availability.

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DPAC Report

Nothing to report.

Hot Lunch Update

Ruth stated that there was nothing new to report and that everything continues to go well.

Fundraising

Terri joined the meeting by phone. Reviewed gift card fundraiser that took place before Christmas. Total funds raised for PAC was \$927.00. Most purchases appeared to be for Christmas gifts. Deborah asked for more lead time next year.

Debriefed about Christmas market in January and discussed putting together another craft fair/marker for Spring.

Bingo night will take place on March 3, 2017. Barb will put in work order request for chairs/tables.

Treasurer

Nothing to report.

Emergency Preparedness

Mike stated there was nothing new to report.

New Business

Deborah asked if we could do another musical with the school. Zena agreed to put the question to the teachers.

Reviewed progress on playground. Application is in to Parks Board for the grant and the school district facilities manager has suggested June as a tentative time for installation.

Deborah raised question about the quality of pictures taken by the photographer this year. Some feedback was that the pictures were not as good as previous years.

Terri commented on new parking sign on pillars, drop off only. Clarified that the drop off area is between the two driveways. There are to be no drop offs in the roundabout. Also, reminder to parents that kids can be picked up after 3:00 PM. There is supervision provided until 3:15 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.