

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

April 26, 2017

9:15 AM

In attendance

Terri Burton

Jenn Clarke

Nirmal Hans

Kristin Unger

Laurence Ling

Sonja Gustavsen

Andrea Mori

Rash Sangha

Ruth Kaune

Sandra Baumeister

Zena Ray

Nicole Braid

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 AM.

Motion was made by Sandra to approve minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Teri. Passed.

Principal's Report

Zena distributed and presented a draft of the school plan, "Maximizing Student Learning". It is a three-year plan, developed for September 2017 through June 2020. The plan will be finalized by staff at the next meeting and at that time, more specifics will be added about dealing with vulnerable students and also in regard to the perspective of indigenous students. Students need accurate feedback and develop intentions. "Content is the vehicle for the competencies" connected to learning intentions.

A discussion was held about how the inquiry model deals with uninterested learners.

Zena has solicited feedback and input from the parent community on how parents can be more involved. Suggestions can be communicated back to Zena through her school email.

A discussion was held on spelling and testing.

Learner grants are being spent in the school by having a district coordinator working with every teacher, working on learning intentions. Zena noted she has been seeing major differences since January. Other school districts have been looking at what Delta School District is doing and what has been working.

Zena stated she has been very proud of the work that teachers are doing which is very different from how things were 5, 7, 10 years ago.

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DPAC Report

Highlights from the last DPAC meeting were noted as follows:

Twenty-seven teachers, district wide, were implemented into full-time positions for next year, 10 to elementary schools and the balance for high schools.

Starting in September 2017, the maximum students for a Kindergarten class will be 20, down from 22.

A website on how schools are doing has been set up. It is interesting but can be misleading.

Laura Dixon, School Trustee, doing a campaign for the upcoming election to promote education (#bcedkey). If you have a chance to talk to individuals running for office, you are encouraged to ask what their position is on education and what commitment they are willing to make.

CPAC will be meeting in May – all are welcome to come out. Next DPAC meeting will be their AGM.

Hot Lunch Coordinator Update

Ruth would like to have a shadow / helper for the next year to learn the position. She stated that one coordinator with several helpers would be ideal.

Emergency Preparedness

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

Purdy's raised \$1,400. Terri noted it was a lot of work to coordinate. May do another Purdy's for Christmas. Parents requested for time and information prior to orders being due.

Movie night was a community event.

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Fundraising cont'd

Spring Market will be held this coming Saturday.

Zumba will be held next Friday. Barb will send out an email. The charge to the PAC will be based on attendance.

Carnival is coming up and Terri needs a lot of volunteers. Will send out notices.

M & M continues to be a good contributor but the money can only go to PACs, not to the school. Terri noted we have received approximately \$500 from them since October 2016.

White Spot has a program available where a night is pre-arranged and Gray families can note they are from the school and a percentage of profits go back to the school.

Terri suggested applying for a technology grant from Best Buy.

Treasurer

Lucie forwarded the current balance sheet and a note stating that the PAC could approve Wish List expenditures between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

New Business

Grade 7 events are being organized by a committee of parents that are working well together. A recent pub night helped to raise \$1,400 toward end of year events.

Next meeting will be our AGM. The date is May 24, 2017, at 7:00 PM.

Sandra gave quick update on playground process and noted that our original design and size has been approved. We should be able to go ahead in June after we hear that the Corporation of Delta has approved our application for the grant.

Motion was made to give \$2,000 toward the principal's Wish List and the funds will be disbursed at Zena's discretion. Motion made by Terri, seconded by Kristen. Passed.

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New Business cont'd

A discussion will be held at next meeting to discuss the teacher's lunch.

Motion to adjourn by Sandra, seconded by Terri. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.