

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

February 25, 2015

7:00 PM

In attendance

Sandra Baumeister

Mike Keller

Lucie Seba

Terri Burton

Rachel Morin

Michael Morin

Ruth Kaune

Jennifer Hastings

Scott Martin

Lori Guiton

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda.

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of previous meeting.

Principal's Report

On the last Pro-D day, teachers met with the assessment team assigned to help school move forward with new curriculum. Soft implementation will take place in September of 2015 and then a full implementation is scheduled for September 2016. Information can be found by googling 'BC New Curriculum for Ministry'

The Ministry is gathering feedback and currently making changes.

School has been focusing on kindness for the past several weeks and each class is working on the "kindness inquiry".

Deputy Superintendent for Delta's north schools retired in January and will be replaced by Nancy Gordon. Doug Shepherd will look after the south zone.

After Spring Break, school will look at organization for next school year. Projected enrolment for September 2015 is between 485 and 500 students. This means that there will be a new division. The school is projected to grow to 600 students over the next couple of years. For the most part, Delta S.D. has a 'no portable' policy.

There was a request made in a previous school newsletter for dogs to be kept off the school property. The reason for the request is that some students have very strong phobias and it is upsetting to students and parents alike, and having dogs on the school grounds reduces accessibility for those students. The school board policy gives the school the discretion to make a decision on whether enforcement of the request is required. Zena stated that the policy enforcement varies from school to school.

A Code Red drill was held on Tuesday, to prepare for emergencies and to lessen any anxiety students and teachers may have regarding violent intruders. The school liaison officer attended and commented that the drill went very well, better than expected.

DPAC Report

No report

Treasurer Report

Lucie presented her report and a very brief discussion was held on the financial position of the PAC.

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Emergency Preparedness

Mike will send a note home to ask for a \$5.00 contribution, per student, to raise funds for replacement supplies in the emergency bin.

In May, Mike will have the bin open to parents and students when the earthquake drill and early dismissal takes place.

Mike spoke with representatives from Sands High School about their earthquake plan. A meeting will be set with the school vice-principal to discuss areas around both schools.

Old glow sticks will be sold at Tasty Tuesday.

Hot Lunch Update

Feedback is that kids are happy with how hot lunches are going.

Entertainment Book fundraiser winners had their pizza day on Monday.

Fundraising/Special Events

Lori is working on Bingo night, this coming Friday. She noted she had 14 volunteers and roughly 30 donated prizes.

Terri Burton is organizing a Steeped Tea fundraiser to take place in the weeks leading up to Mother's Day. The PAC receives 40% of profit back. The fundraiser will be launched on March 30 and Terri will have tea available to teachers in the staff room on that day.

New Business

Sandra met with a representative from a playground company and is currently working on establishing a footprint for the playground which will replace the wooden structure at the back of the school. Parents of children wishing to take part in the design of the playground are encouraged to contact Sandra Baumeister at sanb@dccnet.com to arrange for visits to new builds in the area.

As a reminder, the meeting dates for our Annual General Meeting will take place on:

May 27, 2015 7:00 PM

Motion made to adjourned, seconded, passed at 8:16 PM.

Attachment: Administrative Procedure 159 – ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Administrative Procedure 159

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Background

As the presence of unauthorized animals on school property during school hours or at other times constitutes a threat to school property and to the safety of children or adults who may be engaged in school or other activities on school property, unauthorized animals are prohibited from school properties at all times.

Procedures

1. Principals shall immediately report the presence of any unauthorized animal to:
Delta Community Animal Shelter
7505 Hopcott Road
Delta, B.C.
Phone: 940-7111
2. Custodians shall immediately report the presence of any unauthorized animal on school premises to the Principal.
3. If the Principal is absent, the custodian is to report the matter directly to the Delta S.P.C.A.
4. In the event the S.P.C.A. is not open, the Delta Police should be notified at 946-4411.

Reference: Sections 8, 17, 20, 22, 65, 85, 177 School Act