

Ecole Cascade Heights Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Attendance:

Fernando De Melo, Chairperson

Anthony Yam, principal

Donna Hull, Head Teacher

Darlene Kikuchi, Secretary & CPF Rep

Michelle Mikacevich

Linda Marsh

Denise Ru

Lorena Ronda

Principal's Report:

-Basketball will start soon. Ms. Leith and Mr. Fraser will be coaching the girls' team and Mr. Cole and Mr. McLaughlin will be coaching the boys' team.

-FSA testing is underway until mid-February. The Ministry of Education may change the testing to November next year.

-Donna Hull was introduced in her new role as Head Teacher. Mick Cole is the new teacher and will be working in both Ms. Hull's and Ms. McGrory's classes. Amanda Leith has returned from maternity leave as a member of the resource team.

Treasurer's Report:

No report

DPAC Representative:

No report

Fundraising:

-Snack Bar sales were low. This is likely due to the holiday break and the children did not remember to bring money.

-Mme. McEwen's class will be hosting the next Movie Night on January 24th. They will be screening "Ice Age: Collision Course".

French Immersion:

The French Immersion students will be attending a Film Festival being put on by the CPF Burnaby Chapter at Silvercity Metropolis on February 10th. Fundraising for the Grade 7 trip to Quebec is continuing with a bottle drive on January 21st. Two levels of French Lessons for adults are being offered by the Bby CPF at two Burnaby schools.

Old Business:

-Linda suggested that doors be open earlier before school for the Scholastic Book Fair for parents to shop. Holding the fair before Christmas was favourable. Other suggestions were to have it coincide with the pancake breakfast or the Christmas presentations and perhaps be open in the evening(s).

-Breakfast with Santa was done quickly and very efficiently as there were a lot of volunteers. Mr. Shuster showed up to visit.

Other Business:

-Lorena expressed concerns about the children being sent outside in the current low temperatures. Mr.

Yam explained that it is practice throughout the province to send the children outside under most circumstances, as it provides them with fresh air and an opportunity to release energy.

-Michelle suggested requesting a parent to represent each class to increase the attendance at PAC meetings.

-Grade 7 camp will take place on May 31st-June 2nd at Camp Elphinstone. The cost has not been determined and more fundraising is required. Michelle suggested that the fee be broken into installments.

-Michelle voiced concerns about safety in regards to the intermediate parking lot, as it is currently treacherous with the ground so slippery and the children are not always paying attention. She recommended that students wait on the other side of the building. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2017