

Sullivan PAC Meeting:

February 19, 2018

Called to order: 9:00am

In Attendance: Marle Presad, Heather Brown, Erin Jack, Trina Pacey, Bal Dhillon, Sindy
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Minutes from December 18/2017 reviewed & adopted 1st Erin, 2nd Sindy

Minutes from January 23/2018 reviewed & adopted 1st Sindy, 2nd Bal

Agenda:

1. Pub Night - Pub night a good fundraiser. We're happy with the venue. Need more time to prepare and promote the night.
2. Jen and Collin Donation will be coming in this week. Still undecided where to put this money towards.
3. Book Fair. Trina Pacey reports volunteer positions are filled. The librarian has organized for the payment, set up plan, and protection of merch.

Principal Update:

- Robotics and coding in library and classes. The Librarian did a short presentation on the three types of robots we have and programming games we use at Sullivan.
- Librarian Update: We have 12 Ozobots, 6 Mbots, 2 Sphiros, and 3 Osmo. Kids are learning how to code with them, creating programs using an Ipad. They can code to move the robot, turn lights on or make them talk. There are opportunities for all grades to use the varying pieces.
- 25 Primary ipads are too old and not compatible with these programs. The school is looking to replace the ipads slowly. \$429 each. Looking for a set of 6 Ipad II. Short

term fix with the goal of replacing them all. There is concern about donating money for Ipads instead of sports equipment – in order to start a gymnastics component the gym mats will cost a good amount of money. It was determined that we have money in the gaming grant that needs to be spent because it can't be carried over. PAC is asking for a list from Derek and feels it's possible to buy a bundle of 10 ipads, too.

- We are looking into White Rock Players club/ Arts Umbrella. Parents feel the need for a theatre experience but not necessarily Al Pichler. It is likely that he is not coming back.
- Teachers spent their Pro D day listening to Adrian Gehr – reading power and writing power. Best practices in teaching reading/writing.
- Science Fair is weds. Parents are welcome. Districts are Mar 1 in the evening. Selection will be made by Derek and Dana.
- Concern over kids not getting library time vs. Coding. PAC was assured the librarian is still reading and doing book programs.
- Spirit day is on Friday. Dress up as your favourite book character.
- Pink shirt day is Feb 28th. Assembly at 8:45 will discuss its origins. All morning assemblies this year have focused on discussions of bullying and kindness.
- Choir festival – March 2. Parents are welcome. Our principal is MCing.
- Student led conferences are coming. There will be early dismiss on Mar 6. May do conferences on Mar 6 only or do the weds/thurs. Can make an apt separate if those times don't work for the parent. Fresh grade portfolios focussed.
- Community forum at district office tomorrow. Harjeet and Erin may attend. Opportunity to have voice heard on Fresh Grade. New schools/ new curriculum. If people don't voice concerns it will continue.
- Sullivan Idol. Kids are excited. Auditions are happening at lunch. They will all get in if bringing a piece that has been prepared. Mar 16 at 1pm will be the performance.
- Speechfest for intermediates. One or two will present at districts. The date is undertermined however it will be after spring break.

- The principal is looking for a quote from Jessie Miller for workshops on internet safety, in class for grades 4-7. Parent night also. Will put it out for other schools to attend. Charge for attendance will be a \$2 donation for recouping cost. Looking at sept/oct.
- Seleema Noon. Trustees will not allow it in the classroom. The Principal will look into their current policies because PAC showed interest in bringing her back to the school. Looking into cost.

Financial Update:

Discussed budget. Nothing new has been added. Expenses Report sheet to be created. Cindy is asking for it to be filled by various fund raisers.

Meeting adjourned: Heather 1st, Trina 2nd at 9:56 am

Next Meeting: Mar 13 at 6:30pm