

Beacon Hill Public School Parent Council

April 30th, 2014

In Attendance: Rhonda Blanchette, Carolin Simmons, Selena Klapp, Christie Bryksa, Trina Shiner, Shawna Clark, Kelly Shiner, Stacey Evtushevski, Andrea Popejoy, Jenny Ridley

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm by Selena Klapp.

LAC/Sensory Tour:

- Rhonda Blanchette: In the LAC room, they have received 4 new triangular tables and will be built and put in place shortly.
- Mrs. Blanchette showed us some of the sensory objects used and what their purpose is for the students, items such as finger grips, fidget pads, and the weighted lizards/snakes.
- In the sensory room Mrs. Blanchette showed us some of the items they use, such as the disco ball, trampoline and the swing. These are tools used as part of a sensory diet that the OT (Occupational Therapist) has assessed and is dependent on the students needs.

Approval of Agenda: Selena adds and addition under questions in regards to school photos, Caroline approves the agenda, Trina seconds.

Approval of March minutes: Stacey approves minutes, Christie seconds.

Principal's Report: Rhonda Blanchette reporting for Waleed Najmaddine:

- **Staffing Updates:** Mrs. Amy Scott returned from Maternity leave on April 22, Mrs. Saunders will be taking medical leave as of May 8-June 27, and Ms. Robin Phillips will be her replacement for the duration, Mrs. Deanna Puga returned from medical leave April 22, and will be working her way to full time hours for May 20, Ms. Sonja Nakken will be assisting Mrs. Puga until May 2, and will be leaving to Westwood High School on May 5, Mr. Najmeddine is on leave April 28-May 2, a personal leave on May 9, and a leave on May 26 for a meeting for the leader2leader mentorship program.
- **School council annual report:** The annual report is due to the superintendent by June 13 from school council, Selena is working on it.
- **Grade 8 year end trip:** The fieldtrip is planned for May 12-15, Mrs. Forshner and Mr. Pollard will be the chaperons for the trip. Permission forms were distributed to the parents on April 9. Permission is required by the superintendent and request was submitted on April 22. Students will be required to pay a \$ 130 fee after fundraising.
- **Technology:** Staff computers were replaced during Easter break, FMPSD technology department has agreed to purchase a new projector, screen and labour for a new sound system for the gym. Upgrades will be completed over summer break. Parents plus is going to cover the cost of the sound system and microphones. A quote is being done by Digital Edge Media for this.
- **School Mascot and Logo:** Final drawing of the bear mascot has been approved, and light fur color was chosen. A student contest naming the bear will be announced week of May 5th. The winner of the contest will have the privilege of introducing the mascot at the school assembly

near the end of the year. A new school logo contest will also be announced, something updated and more relevant to our school. The "Bears" logo will remain for sport and other activities, and the new logo will be used for letterhead, signage etc.

- **Alberta Education Student Learning Assessments (SLA):** The new SLA's will be piloted by the grade 2 students on May 27. These are to replace the grade 3 Provincial Achievement Test and will be put in place September 2014 across the province. SLA's are delivered electronically through a secure website. Mrs. Kellington has signed up to do the May 27 field test with the intention of preparing students for the upcoming implementation in September.
- **Canadian Achievement Test (CAT-4):** CAT-4 tests the basic learning skills (reading, language, spelling and math). It tracks the learning abilities as well as evaluates how well students perform in comparison to other students in the district and Canada as a whole. Students in Grade 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 will do the tests starting May 20. Overall last year's results showed we needed growth in our reading comprehension and computation/estimation, and were key goals in our schools growth plan.
- **FMPSD Family Fun Fair:** Will be hosted at Timberlea School on May 31, each school will have a section, we will have a tent and some display tables highlighting our school. Beacon Hill is providing a face painter.

Teachers Report: Rhonda Blanchette:

- Teachers and staff very pleased with Staff appreciation week.
- Grade 5 field trip is on June 10-11, final trip meeting will be on May 7th from 6:30-7:00
- Mrs. Taylor and Ms. McDonald have a request to Parents plus for T-Shirts for the robotics club completion on May 24th.

Networks Report: Andrea Popejoy:

- Outcome based report cards were discussed and district is still working on it, no decisions have been made as of yet. The new School Year Calendar passed and discussion about working with the Catholic district to provide alternative childcare options on Fridays as both will have very similar dates off. Budget was talked about, there are still going to be cutbacks, but it is looking to be out of deficit by 2018.

New Business:

- Selena Klapp, asked which school photos company to decide on for the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year, agreed that Icon photography was preferred and the best date for photos would be September 17th, will confirm with Mr. Najmeddine the date.
- Congratulations to Superintendent Doug Nicholls for being the recipient of the "ASCA Presidents Award".

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm. Next Meeting Date: June 2nd 2014 at 6pm.

Important Dates:

Thursday May 8-District Leaders Meeting @ CPEC

Friday May 9th - School PLC

Saturday May 10- FMPSD Spring Splash arts showcase at Ecole Mactavish (One piece of artwork per grade on display)

May 12-15- Grade 8 Year end trip at Circle Square Ranch

Wednesday May 14- English Language Arts 6 PAT part A

Wednesday May 14- Girl Power Grade 5 at SSWC (city wide program)

Monday May 19- Victoria Day No School

Friday May 23-School PLC

Tuesday May 27- Grade 2 pilot of SLA's

Wednesday May 28- Mega Boyz Grade 5 at SSWC (city wide program)

Thursday May 29- Fine Arts Extravaganza at 5pm

Saturday May 31-FMSPD Family Fun Fair at Timberlea school field

Tuesday June 3-Annual Volunteer appreciation day put on by BH staff