

Beacon Hill Public School Parent Council

September 23, 2014

In Attendance: Selena Klapp, Jenny Ridley, Shelley Kellington, Waleed Najmeddine, Andrea Popejoy, Kelly Shiner, Natalie Hawkins

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm by Selena Klapp

Approval of Agenda: Andrea approves, Jenny seconds

Approval of June minutes: Andrea approves, Kelly seconds

Elections:

- **Chairperson:** Selena nominates Kelly Shiner, Kelly accepts, all in favor
- **Vice Chairperson:** Andrea nominates Selena Klapp, Selena accepts, all in favor
- **Secretary:** Selena nominates Jenny Ridley , Jenny accepts, all in favor
- **Networks Representative:** Selena nominates Andrea Popejoy, Andrea accepts, all in favor
- **Networks Representative:** Andrea nominates Selena Klapp, Selena accepts, all in favor

Apple/FMNI Report:

- There is no apple representative this year, so no apple report.
- FMNI: Alisha McDonald has taken over the FMNI role from Greg Pollard

Teacher Report: Shelley Kellington

- iPads have arrived and are in the classrooms, the cases that came with them are great. Pass on the thanks to parents plus from the teachers for purchasing them.
- Alisha McDonald would like to request to Parents Plus for an iPod docking station for the gym so that she can have quick access to music.
- Request to Parents Plus for the Open Minds program again this year. It will be in March and the cost will be \$750.00. Will send an email to parents plus.
- Mrs. Kellington would also like to request to parents plus a table for her classroom and will send out an email to ask if anyone else is interested.

Principal's Report: Waleed Najmeddine:

1. Staffing Update

- Kathy Wallace has retired, but will come in as a TOC for our school only
- Renee Payne has taken a personal leave, but will come in as a TOC for our school only
- Greg Pollard has taken a job with Ecole McTavish
- Alisha McDonald has taken over Phys. Ed./FNMI/Grade 7&8 Social
- Jaclyn Putnam is the new teacher for Grade 6

- Angela woods is on Maternity leave until December 2014, and has taken a personal leave until July 2015
- Robin Phillips is teaching Grade 3 and has been give a probationary contract with beacon Hill
- Janet Forshner is teaching Grade 7&8/LA/Science/Options
- Matthew Buckley is teaching Music/French/ Grade 7&8 Math/Options
- EA's Val Hicks Grade 1-8, Carla Landry Kindergarten

2. Enrollment:

- Currently down to 185 students, but this is looking to be the trend in numbers for the school within the last few years

3. Full Day Fridays:

- No instructional hours have been lost
- There will be 4 PLF put on by the district, the rest of the PLC's will be within the school
- District calendars are printed and at the front of the school
- Andrea suggested to put a copy of the district calendar in the agenda books at the beginning of each school year
- Everyone seems to be adjusting to the full day Fridays.
- Instructional Leadership Team Planning: Asked teachers to form a leadership team that will meet with the principal to discuss what should be taught and discussed at the PLC's. They will meet twice a month to plan future PLC's.

4. Accountability Pillar Surveys:

- Slight drop from last year's results, Grade 6 comparison to district and province

5. SLA vs. PAT:

- PAT is for grade 6, and SLA is for Grade 3. SLA is more diagnostic than PAT. SLA is given at the beginning of the year and determines where the learning needs are.
- It is available to redo at any time to see where the students are with their learning. It is only available to Grade 3 right now.
- There are big benefits to it, and the test results are available immediately. There have been some bugs trying to set up the system as it is the first year this has been introduced.

6. Principal Absences:

- November 19-21 U of A convocation in Edmonton. Congratulations to Mr. Najmeddine.

7. Terry Fox Run/Walk:

- Wednesday September 24 at 1:15pm

8. Monthly Assembly:

- Friday October 3rd at 8:30am, Grade 8 will be presenting Thankfulness

9. School Website:

- Main information source, facebook, twitter and the weekly beacon are other forms of information, but website will have all of these on it as well

10. Technology:

- iPads in each classroom
- New district laptops will be replacing old laptops and cart
- Video and audio upgrades to the gym by thanksgiving and the district tech department are taking care of this.
- Will consult staff about Parents Plus offer to upgrade laptops.

11. Office Renovation:

- Requested maintenance come in and access to see if the office area can be changed,
- Engineers and district came in and we have not heard back about it. Mr.Najmeddine will follow up.

12. Grade 5 Trip:

- Postponed to next year because of the small number of Grade 5 students and teacher availability for the trip.
- They will have the trip the following year with that years Grade 5 class.
- The grade 5's will continue fundraising with the milk program.

13. Hot Lunch:

- Currently looking at new restaurant options for the hot lunch program.

Next Meeting date: October 14th at 6pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm