

Beacon Hill Public School Parent Council
January 15th, 2014

In Attendance: Selena Klapp, Andrea Popejoy, Jenny Ridley, Stacey Evtushevski, Waleed Najmeddine, Rhonda Blanchette, Doug Nicholls

Meeting called to order by Selena Klapp at 6:05pm

Approval of Agenda: Andrea approves, Stacey seconds

Approval of previous minutes: Andrea Approves, Jenny seconds

No networks report, meeting was postponed until next week

Welcome and thanks to Superintendent Doug Nicholls for joining the meeting

Principal's Report: Waleed Najmeddine

- **Staff Update:** Mrs. Payne back to work after leave, starts full time hours next week, Ms.Yazdani will be replacing Ms.Haywood as EA in ECDP and Grade 1, Deanna Puga due back in February
- **FNMI:** Mr.Pollard is the schools liaison to the FNMI. He will be presenting to staff the awareness and understanding of residential schools/Truth and Reconciling implementation plan, and will be training them so that the teachers can then teach their students. Grades K-6 Implementation of Project of Heart, and Grade 7-12 continuing implementation of 100 years.
- **FMPSD Board of Trustees** visited the school on January 6th, Mr.Najmeddine had suggested that the board make school visits at the last committee of a whole meeting, and the Board of trustees agreed and their first visit was at our school. Everyone agreed that it was a good experience for all involved.
- **Technology:** 23 laptops placed in the classrooms, each class has 2 or 3 laptops so they can access them at anytime, the idea was to put them in the classroom so that we get more use out of them. Easy for teachers to still borrow as many as they need form other classrooms,
 - Ms. McDonald took Promethean board training earlier in the year and will take another training course so that she can teach the rest of the school,
 - Mr. Najmeddine changed around the computer lab so that the students can be easily helped as well as better monitored.
 - IPads are well used, being used most in the junior high classes
- **Health and Wellness:** 12 days of fitness, don't hibernate, participate, a daily reminder to stay active, each day a student reminds the school by announcement and gives an activity for everyone to try,
 - Winter walk is on Feb 5th at 1:30pm, Mr.Pollard is working on getting mascots and local celebrities to join us
 - St.Marthas madness tournament between districts girls grade 5/6 basketball

Teacher's Report: Rhonda Blanchette

- Open Minds was this week, going over very well, originally a reduced session was offered because they were not able to secure heritage park as the venue due to the flooding earlier last year, but they were able to provide heritage park after all and provide the full session as offered in previous years, because of this, the fee increased and is put to Parents Plus for the money.
- Inquiring as to items on the wish lists put forth to Parents Plus, teachers would like to know what has been approved and not approved as well as a timeline as to when they can expect the items approved, as the teachers need to plan accordingly. Selena will provide a list of unapproved items to teachers. Parents plus was waiting for the new year to start ordering items.

Meeting Adjourned 6:43pm

Important dates:

Fri. Jan. 17- Report card PLC (Grade 1-6 teachers at Dr.Clark) report cards meeting #1

Tue. Jan. 21- Alternate Ski day at Vista Ridge

Wed. Jan. 22- Networks meeting 7pm at CPEC

Fri. Jan. 31- District PD day (No classes)

Wed. Feb. 5- Winter Walk

Fri. Feb .7- District PLC (grade1-6 Teachers at Timberlea) Report cards meeting #2

Mon. Feb. 17- Family Day (No classes)

Fri. Feb.21- School PLC (Project of the Heart-Mr.Pollard)

Mon. Feb. 24-Fri Feb 28- Teachers Convention Break (No classes)

Wed. March 5- Tubing @ Vista Ridge (grade 2-3)