

# Chief Peguis Parent Advisory Council

Monday, January 14, 2013 at 6 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Carmen Walker, Doug Nowicki, Olga Moldovanenko, Mathilde Nayet, Lori Gomes.

Regrets: Roberta Hoogervorst, Shannon Hiebert, and Karynne Nekwinda

## Meeting called to Order 6:13 pm

### Minutes from October (Motion)

Acceptance MOVED by Olga, SECONDED by Lori.

### Report from Mr. Nowicki:

- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Band concert excellent. The Choir took part this year which was also excellent.
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Student led conferences was a fun evening. Its purpose in having students show parents what they are working on was well met as were the Student - Parent Challenges.

The feed back to the questionnaire was very positive.

The results were:

- After seeing your child complete learning demonstrations in a variety of subject areas, do you have a better understanding of what your child is doing here: 93% said yes, 7% said no.
- Was the purpose of the evening made clear through the information we provided (letters, passport, etc.)? 92% said yes, 8% said no.
- Did you find this Student-Led Conference format an informative and enjoyable experience? 89% said yes, 11% said no.

Attendance comparison from November 2012 to last March 2012:

November, 2012		March, 2012	
GR 7	91%	GR 7	79%
GR 8	87%	GR 8	57%
GR 9	72%	GR 9	44%
School-Wide	83%	School-Wide	60%
7 & 8 Combined	89%	7 & 8 Combined	69%

- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Students and Teachers played their annual hockey game. Teachers won.
- Basket Ball is will underway.

- A unique opportunity will happen at Chief Peguis School. Only two schools in Canada will have the privilege of being able to speak with Chris Hadfield, Canadian astronaut, as the international space station passes over our area of the earth. Eighteen to 20 questions will be gathered from Chief Peguis students to ask during a 10 minute interview. The interview will take place in the week of Feb. 11, 2013. Teacher Ms. Murphy, grade 8 Science, managed to make the event happen.
- Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> Chief Peguis will be having its Open House for the grade 6 students and their parents.
- Student / Teacher Wish List:
  - Monitor (\$1 500 – 2 000) to be placed in the front display case and be used for announcements. Electrical hookup for the monitor will be about \$1,500.
  - 4 multi-media projectors, allowing every classroom to have a projector.
  - Bean bag chairs
  - Intramural items

### **New / Other Business**

- Parents needed to man PAC table at Open House on February 20.
- **Student Led Conferences:** Olga mentioned that an addition to the appointment form passed out before the conference could also include an extra time when parents could have the opportunity to talk to teachers privately on a different date. Mr. Nowicki stated that a phone call to the school to speak to the teacher is an option. Mathilde mentioned that having an appointment in the afternoon on the day of the Student Led Conferences, allowed her family to have a private minute with the teachers.

### **Workplace Safety:**

- Parent Roberta asked, via email, about scheduling a school assembly by Safe Workers of Tomorrow. Roberta sent information regarding this to Mr. Nowicki. He has forwarded it to the Lifework Teachers who agreed that it would be a good topic at a higher age level, such as high school. No assembly will take place at Chief Peguis School.

### **Communication between Committees (PAC, BAND, EUBP):**

- Lori mentioned the same concern from last year of not knowing members of the other parent committees, such as Band and EUBP, what is happening and being discussed at their meetings, allowing us to work together as a school, and have knowledge of each other's intentions. Discussion did not happen due to meeting time constraints. This will be put on February Agenda.

### **Fundraising:**

- Carmen asked about upcoming fundraising. Possibility for March – April.
- Lori raised the concern of needing someone to take on a Fundraising position before taking on another fundraiser.
- Lori mentioned [www.avegn.ca](http://www.avegn.ca) fundraising for next year. Similar to the Sobey's card fundraiser. AVEGN.ca have gift cards of different denominations to a large choice of retailers such as Home Depot, Superstore, Petro-Canada, Chapters, Starbucks, Canadian Tire, M&M Meat Shops, Old Navy, Future Shop, Cineplex Odeon Cinemas, Moxie's, HMV. To be discussed further in future meetings

### **Correspondence:**

- Government of Manitoba Education: Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in teaching, Minister's Awards, Manitoba Education 2012 – 2013.
- Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC). Programs and resources available to strengthen our parent group. Newsletter (Autumn 2012). May 3 & 4, 2013 AGM and Conference.
- Winnipeg Regional Health Authority information regarding: Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Bleeding Disorders, Cardiac Conditions, Seizure Disorders, Training Evaluation Form URIS Group B Health Care Needs.
- [www.avegn.ca](http://www.avegn.ca) fundraising.

**Meeting adjourned 7:02 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2013 at 6 p.m.  
Chief Peguis School Library  
All are Welcome