

Chief Peguis Parent Council
Monday, June 3rd, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
Recorded by Lori Gomes

In Attendance: Carmen Walker, Doug Nowicki, Olga Moldovanenko,
Lori Gomes

Regrets: Shannon Hiebert, Karynne Nekwinda

Meeting called to Order 6:10pm

Minutes from May (Motion)

Acceptance MOVED by Lori, SECONDED by Olga

Principal's Report:

- Smart TV up and running in the main entrance display case across from the office. Students are excited to see school activities highlighted.
- The school staff are working on 5 initiatives that will continue into next year:
 1. Student Led Conferences, exploring more ways to continue increasing parent participation.
 2. Literacy, Writing Continuum, high priority of the Province, Division and CP School. CP teachers have created their own version of a Writing Continuum; a writing tool that will be used in all subjects. This year CP is having a pre and post year writing piece to track student progress.
 3. Numeracy, initiative to help those students who are not meeting grade level requirements.
 4. Learning and Behavior, Wolf Pride Wheel - ongoing recognition of students doing good deeds. Installing mirrors in classrooms.
 5. Technology, Exploring hardware & software to enhance learning. An example is the Pixton Animation program.
- Mr. Nowicki, on behalf of the staff, thanked Carmen Walker for her commitment to CP and for being the Chairperson of PAC for the past 3 years.

New Business:

- Lori asked Mr. Nowicki if the following links can be added to the school's website under Parent Association; Province of Manitoba Education website www.edu.gov.mb.ca and Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) website www.mapc.mb.ca.

Old Business:

- On May 22, 2013 on behalf of CP PAC, Lori attended the Communication Activities – Discussion Group Meeting with ChangeMakers (a Winnipeg social marketing company) an independent company contracted by RETSD to review how well they are communicating with their staff, students, parents and other members of the community. Their interest is how well people understand what the Division and the Board of Trustees do and how well the Division is meeting or exceeding expectations in educating students from kindergarten through grade 12. Some of the questions asked by ChangeMakers were: do we have/had contact with the Division office, do we read the Torch put out 3 times a year, what is the job of a Trustee, what are some concerns involving the RETSD. One of the concerns that Lori shared that had been previously mentioned at a CP PAC meeting related to having an active school website. According to the RETSD, they had someone create the formatting so that all schools in the division could use it. Lori's understanding with this issue is the project took a year to produce and that it is not mandatory for schools or the teachers to use. As I did my research I saw that some schools had dormant sites, some schools used it minimally and others used it to the potential it was made for. I think that a school's website is a tool that can be used by teachers, parents and students to work together and communicate. Useful for checking assignment deadlines, advertising fundraisers, links to teacher emails, other helpful links, lunchtime actives and club meetings. There is some great information being shared off of the RETSD school websites. It also has a benefit as your child moves schools. Looking up information is in the same spot as the last school, except with the newer school will have it's own vibe. I stated that I am very proud of Mr. Nowicki and staff that have worked on the CP School website over the past 2 years to improve it.
- Mr. Nowicki confirmed that there will be a pizza lunch for the students who sold over \$400.00 of Sobey's cards next week.

Correspondence:

- From Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) regarding "Bill 18 – Safe and Inclusive Schools," noted and deferred by PAC Chair Person. To review a copy of the proposed Bill 18: <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/40-2/pdf/b018.pdf>. For additional information about the Manitoba Legislative Assembly and its' bills and process: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/legislature/bills/index.html>.
- www.spccard.ca/fundraising.aspx. Fundraising for students. SPC student price card.

Meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
Monday September 9th, 2013 at 6 p.m.
Chief Peguis School Library
All are Welcome**