

Chief Peguis Parent Advisory Council  
September 12/11  
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Carmen W., Mr. Osiowy, Mr. Nowicki, Roberta H., Lori G., Susan Z.

1. Meeting called to order 6:15 pm.

2. Welcome to new principal and around the table self introductions.

3. Minutes

No minutes

4. Discussions:

- With Parent Council not having had regular meetings/attendance the previous year and, with the addition of a new principal, a round table discussion was held to determine a “game plan” for PAC. More parents need to be encouraged to participate. It was decided that information should be sent to parent asking for input regarding areas on interest.
- The question of a school newsletter was asked. PAC members were advised that since all activities are posted online on the school’s website it was not economically viable to print paper copies.
- Yearbook – how, when and by whom is it produced? There is a year book committee which includes students. The students are not necessarily only from Grade 9. Since a yearbook contains everything to the end of the previous school year, it goes into production during the summer and will be available sometime in October.
- Upcoming BBQ – teachers are working to organize the upcoming BBQ/meet the teacher evening. This also includes a committee of students, many from the leadership group.
- Parent Volunteers – since elementary schools have parent volunteer participation, new parents to junior high were curious about parent volunteerism at this level. Other than the possibility of field trips, pizza day and reading, there are not very many opportunities to volunteer. It was advised that Tracy Balagus, a school Para, was the head of the leadership group and does this on her own time.
- The principal and vice-principal were asked if students’ “good deeds” were ever recognized. The vice-principal explained the school’s student appreciation program. He advised that there are different themes for “deeds”. One example was “gotcha” cards whereby a student would receive one of these cards if caught doing something good; i.e., helping a fellow student, encouraging or complimenting someone, etc. These cards would be submitted for a draw for a prize. It is teacher based and the gifts could be a gift bags with small prizes or a coupon for pizza, etc.

5. Fundraising:

- ✓ PAC members wanted to know what fundraising was done for, was there anything specific required. The principal advised that there is a long list of items that the school could use extra funds for such as technology, supplies and speakers. It was decided that staff should provide input on this. One item mentioned was multimedia projectors.

Currently the school is running a Cookie Dough fundraiser.

It was requested that the principal bring “wish list” to the next parent council meeting.

- ✓ The topic of grants was raised next. Susan volunteered to research available grants and provide the information at the next meeting.

6. Positions on Parent Council – the council requires a Secretary (to take minutes and distribute), a Fund raising Chair and possibly a Treasurer. Unless someone else really wants the Chair’s position, Carmen Walker agreed to remain as Chair per request of Ms. Bowles at the end of last year. Roberta Hoogervorst agreed to serve as Vice Chair.

Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm.

Next meeting, 6 pm, October 17th  
Chief Peguis Library