

Donwood School PAC 2013-14

Minutes

September 10, 2013

Present: Connie Janzen-Winter, Jenni Ives, Emily Friesen, Tamara Roehr, Linda Hirt, Cyndi Sawatsky, Brandy Koebel, Noreen Koch, Corrina Kroeker

Administration: Christine Anderson, Ryan Francis, Clarissa Brown

Opening – Welcome and intros Connie

Review of Minutes Tamara

Administration Report Christine

- Welcome
- Construction/painting/discussions - school is looking much better; wheel chair accessibility is mandated by RETSD and so an elevator is being installed;
 - request made by parent to re-think bathroom policy for grade 3/4 wing - students in this wing are currently being asked to go downstairs to use the facilities
- School Plan: 3 Priorities this year
 1. Literacy - with a focus on writing; 5 Kobo readers have been purchased and more are being considered;
 2. Learning and Behaving - utilizing SLG's
 3. Technology - with a specific focus on grade 4's
- Student enrollment – classroom configuration changes are being made to reflect enrollment that is different to last year's projections
- English Kindergarten is at 21 students and will be provided in the AM only
- The German track has 11 more students than projected for which allow for an additional teacher; classrooms will be reconfigured to KG, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5/6.
- School Events: Thursday combined classroom information evening Thursday September 12th @ 6:30. Also Meet the Teacher BBQ Thursday September 19th, 5:30-7:00.
- Thank you for your support with fundraising. How can we help?
- Ryan Francis was asked to give an introduction of himself - which he did!!

Reports

Treasurer Noreen Koch

- decision made to leave \$800 in the Hot Lunch account for expenses and the move the balance of the Hot Lunch account to the General account
- discussion about the sponsorship by PAC of Donwood's literacy program:
 - this past year the incentive program changed away from a single large school-wide end of year event to monthly draws for a few students to go to the book store to buy a book of their own
 - discussion about the pros/cons of this change

- Request by PAC - that Admin and staff consider going back to the big year end reading incentive event rather than small, monthly individual prizes; PAC would consider making a larger contribution of time and money to making this happen

Hot Lunch

Leona DeFehr (by text!)

- Leona DeFehr is coordinating lunches
- first Hot Lunch is October 4

Fundraising

Jenni

- this year PAC is running a Fall fundraiser selling fresh vegetables; monies raised from the fundraiser are committed to investing in learning technology for the school
- forms have gone home to families and are required back September 20
- parent volunteers are needed for October 8 (packaging of orders), 9 and 10 (parent pickups)
- 50% of all sales are kept by PAC
- this is the first of two PAC fundraisers this school year - monies raised from the second one (probably the plant sale) will be used for PAC commitments and new ideas

Greening

No report

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Minutes by Tamara Roehr