

WJM PAC-MEETING

October 18th 2016

7:00 pm

PAC Executive

Craig van Herk – Chair, (regrets)

Milena Campbell – Secretary,

Jennifer Meincke - Treasurer-regrets

Attendance: Jay Pankratz, Principal; Milena C.; Paula Sidhu; Melissa Dahlen; Kathie Shilliday-Neufeld; Wendy Holladay Moore; Toby Gregory; Nicole Torbet.

Welcome –

- Sorry, Craig got called in to work so can't be here. Around table introductions made.

Principals Report – Jay Pankratz

- Club fair
- School numbers finalized: 1400 Full-time equivalents (highest in 2 years) which affects the school budget.
- Compass program discussed: Deals with anxiety in students, to help students with appropriate designation learn coping skills, while keeping them in their studies. New youth care worker started today despite a busy environment under construction
- Reminders about the abbotsford school district app and the “Remind” app which Jay was going to repost on the school website
- Discussion re: upcoming parent-teacher info days at end of November - Parents can make an appointment with the teacher via email, or online.
- Discussion regarding absences - are tracked whether excused or not, and at 4 per month are analyzed. Purpose is to identify at-risk-kids early. Not tied to scholarships. Academic dishonesty can affect scholarships.

Treasurers Report – Jennifer

- Gaming grant deposited
- Financial/bank balances-refer to separate report.

Old Business:

- Teacher appreciation Starbucks cards have been delivered, thanks to Toby and Kathy.
- Gaming Grant funding requests have been sent out to teachers
 - Deadline November 4, 2016

New Business:

- What do we do next for staff appreciation?
- Concerns regarding not being aware of PAC Facebook page were raised. Will get a blurb on WJM website.

- Concerns re traffic safety raised. Will start a conversation on PAC FB page regarding this. Ideas brought forward - speedbumps on Mouat Drive, flaggers, a letter to the city, crosswalks, no left turn during school hours. Jay suggested to put in a work order to repaint the parking lot arrows and check the signage. Suggestion to get Howe PAC on board.

Round the room...everyone

Next meeting Tuesday November 15, 2016 at 7 pm. BUDGET APPROVAL MEETING>

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