

OSS Pac Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2017

- 1) Welcome/Call to Order: 6:01 pm
 - Mike Safek, Jen Shiels, Sharlene Fernandes, Lucy Rathgeber, Barry Rathgeber, Cristal Macor, Hester Brunner, Penny Duperon, Kelly Hickey, Sharlene Fernandes, Angela Westcott, Casey Brouwer, Lyle Chapman, Marieze Tarr
 - Guests: Brenda Dorosz and David Adamson

- 2) Approval of Agenda (additions/deletions)
 - Approved

- 3) Acceptance of last Meeting Minutes
 - Lucy Rathgeber motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Hester Brunner--passed.

- 4) Osoyoos Independent School Committee--Brenda Dorosz and David Adamson
 - OIS is registered as a Non-profit Society. They would like to use some of their funds for the grad class. The grads and grad committee will have say as to how they spend the dollars: \$4,000.00 this year and \$1,000.00 a year for the grade 9, 10, 11 classes during their grad years (up to 2020).
 - As well, they would like to give the after school tutoring program being operated out of the Baptist Church \$3,000.00 towards laptops. This program is open to all students in the community. If there is anyone looking to donate towards this volunteer program--they are always looking for school supplies and snacks.

- 5) Principal's Report: Mr. Safek
 - Report to be emailed.
 - Provincial exams used to include three for grade 10, one for grade 11 and one for grade 12. The only provincial exam now is for Grade 12 English. Our grade 12 students were above the provincial average; however, the exam was incredibly challenging and the marks overall were low.
 - Beauty and the Beast will be performed on Friday, March 10th at 7:00 pm, Saturday, March 11th at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, March 12th at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00.
 - Parent-Teacher Interviews are being held on March 14th from 3:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00.
 - Counsellor change. She is going to be off for 6-8 weeks for surgery. Her counselling hours will be covered by Nicole Johnson and Lyle Chapman.

6) Vice-Principal's Update: Lyle Chapman

- Senior boys and girls were in Valleys (hosted at OSS for boys and at Heritage Christian in Kelowna for girls).
- Soccer Tournaments start in about a week.
- Scholarship presentations will be later this week. Any new scholarships that come in afterwards will be given to grad families via email. The website is being updated, so check it regularly. Applications for local scholarships are due on April 7th.
- District Dogwoods in May.
- Prom: Friday, May 12th.
- The District Board has the application for the Grad trip. At this point it is scheduled for the last weekend of May, but may need to be adjusted. The trip is to Vancouver--the itinerary is still being worked on.

7) Treasurer's Report: (absent)

8) School Board Report: Casey Brouwer and Marieze Tarr

- Report to be emailed to Chairperson.
- Student Learning Grant to be coming soon: \$50.00 per student. To be used for supplies and technology for students.
- Three people have been assigned as the Knowledge Keepers for the Aboriginal community.
- 'Screenagers' will be at the SOSS Theatre on March 13 for grade 6-7 parents.
- Culinary Program started in the district on February 6th.
- 18 students from SOSS went to Kelowna for a tech. visit. Students from other SD 53 schools will be going later.
- SD 53's application for Rural Education has gone in. There was an increase included for salary and utility increases.
- Marieze pumped the 'Public Education is the Key' message to be kept at the forefront of elections.
- Questions from parents: What is the government going to do about aging facilities? What is the government going to do about the new class sizes, etc. in terms of funding?

9) DPAC Update: Hester Brunner

- Revised the constitution and policy for code of conduct. Anyone is welcome to attend, however, only those representing each PAC can vote.
- The topics discussed were:
 - Grade Seven students possibly moving up to the high school(s). (Could possibly be done on a school to school basis within the district.) Oliver representatives don't feel this is right for them. Keremeos already does this. OK Falls was not

represented at the meeting. Osoyoos will be making a committee to look into this idea--PAC welcomed to attend. Sharlene Fernandes and Penny Duperon volunteered to be on the committee. Any ideas or questions can go to Hester. (Hester will forward contact information to Jen Shiels to put on the OSS PAC website.

- Four-Day school week. (Would probably need to be done district-wide.)
- DPAC meets on the second Thursday of the month: March 9th.
- 'Six Must Have Topics to Discuss with Your Preteen.' Looking at having this presentation as a video, with a one hour Skype session afterwards. The cost is \$500.00.

10) New Business:

- Yearbook: There is a yearbook class this semester (Mr. Short). They are asking whether PAC could contribute any funds to this class. Tabled until the next meeting.

11) Old Business:

- Amendment of Constitution and Bylaws: This went out on the OSS PAC website on February 9th. The new bylaw will be that the OSS PAC meet no less than 6 times (one being the AGM) per year. The motion was made by Hester, seconded by Sharlene, and all in a favour.

12) Adjournment: 6:48

- Next Meeting: Monday, April 24th, 6:00 pm