**SPENCER MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2015

Present: Terry Honer, Leticia Roberts, Tracey Scown, Alyssa MacKrous, Sandra Westfall, Trish Burnett, Stephanie Parsons, Barbara Sieben, Michelle Bressan

Regrets: Rhonda Wylie

Meeting called to order by Tracey Scown at 6:48pm.

Introductions

Motion to adopt the agenda by Barbara Sieben; 2nd by Trish Burnett; Carried.

Motion to adopt the previous minutes by Barbara Sieben; 2nd by Trish Burnett; Carried.

Reports:

*President – Tracey Scown*

* Thank you to everyone who responded so quickly to the email vote regarding SPEAC meeting being held at Spencer:
  + Motion made by Tracey via email on February 16, 2015  to spend up to $25.00 from the general account for refreshments/treats for the SPEAC meeting held at Spencer Middle School; seconded by Alyssa MacKrous; carried.
* Blackpress wants to interview parents regarding the 2 week spring break and the impact it will have on families. We recommend contacting elementary schools as they would be most impacted. Stephanie requests the email so she can forward to Boys & GIRLS Club who may want to be interviewed; Tracey will do so.
* Belmont is hosting a parent night on March 3; check website for details
* Bursary changes:
  + Wording is changed to “donation” not “bursary:
  + Information needs to be submitted by March 5; Tracey will look after
  + Schools need to state criteria; Spencer’s does
  + Money is paid to the student directly or the school they will be attending
  + Application deadline is April 13
  + Recipient named on May 11

*Treasurer – Alyssa MacKrous*

* Gaming Account Balance: $19,834.71
* General Account Balance: $2,153.89
* Request from Grade 7 teachers for $1,688 to cover bus transportation to Playland for year-end trip; Mr. Honer commented that the grade 8 & 9s will be going to Playland as well but their requests are not in; Motion made by Trish Burnett to give each grade $1,500 for bus costs, seconded by Barbara Sieben, carried.
* Discussion about year-end events was had. Grade 9s will still have their dinner and dance at Olympic View. Grade 8s will most likely be having a celebration night at the school. Will wait for requests to come.
* Teacher refund requests all approved based on our budget.

*SPEAC – Stephanie Parsons*

* Spencer school hosted SPEAC meeting on Feb 18 and it went well.
* Guest speaker was Janet Krentz from Vancouver Island Health. Presentation re: healthy eating, skipping meals, family meal benefits, & body image
* Physical Literacy: programs including funding through PISE. 11 schools in Victoria utilize PISE.
* There are 630 students registered for Academies next year
* Dunsmuir is hosting a presentation on Feb 25: Sex, Drugs, & Social Media
* Spencer is hosting a presentation on May 7: National Mental Health and Youth Mental Health

*New Business:*

* Discussion was had on medical issues in the school:
  + Vancouver Island Health no longer comes in to do sex talks or give anaphylactic training
  + They are ONLY here for immunizations
  + Glucagon training is given to ONE admin on staff
  + Every year seems to bring something new hat is being cut medically/health wise in the school

*Principal – Mr. Honer*

* Our transition visits to the elementary school continue. The students are as excited to come to Spencer next year as our own wildcats are excited to go to the new Belmont! Most elementary schools have been visited by Mr. Honer and Mr. Cox (school counsellor) and most have come to Spencer for a tour, led by our leadership classes.
* MyEdBC has arrived! It is our new student management/school scheduling/everything-to-do-with schools program. We are experiencing quite a steep learning curve with this program, including the production of report cards. With this in mind, we had planned for report cards to be sent home on March 6th, but this will not be possible. We are doing our best to have them out during the first week back after Spring Break.
* If you are planning on having your child use the school bus next year, please be sure to have them registered. This is a critical step for the Transportation Department to determine bus routes for next year. Forms can be found on our website.

**Next meeting date: Thursday, March 26 @ 6:45 in the library**

Motion to adjourn at 8:01 by Alyssa MacKrous, seconded by Trish Burnett. Carried.

*Tentative Meeting Dates for 3rd Thursday of each month:*

April 16

May 21

June 18 - AGM