**SPENCER MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: Thursday, March 26, 2015**

Present: Terry Honer, Leticia Roberts, Tracey Scown, Alyssa MacKrous, Rhonda Wylie, Stephanie Parsons, Michelle Bressan

Meeting called to order by Tracey Scown at 6:49pm.

Motion to adopt the agenda by Alyssa MacKrous; 2nd by Michelle Bressan; Carried.

Motion to adopt the previous minutes by Rhonda Wylie; 2nd by Stephanie Parsons; Carried.

Reports:

*Treasurer – Alyssa MacKrous*

* Gaming Account Balance: $16,917.42
* General Account Balance: $2,084.20
* Discussion on if we should reimburse receipts from the previous year; all agreed that no we will not as the budget is closed and funds were re-allocated.
* Mr. McAllister’s request was re-calculated based on above discussion; motion made by Leticia Roberts to refund $56.07 to be taken out of his budgeted allotment, 2nd by Rhonda Wylie, carried.
* All cheques are accounted for.
* There is the possibility of a PST refund from last year of approx. $117; still to be confirmed. PST refunds can be done annually. Tracey Scown volunteers to help Alyssa MacKrous with the application process.
* Ms. Berenyi requests $330 for dance festival registration; approved based on budget.
* Request for $250 to cover 5 workshops from Island Sexual Health. Discussion was had on adding this to the yearly budget as it is no longer funded by the school district; it is a supportive tool to the teachers’ curriculum; this year it would be for the Gr. 9’s but in the future it would be used for the Gr. 6’s. Motion made by Alyssa MacKrous to make a note on the budget to increase the guest speaker allotment to cover this cost annually, 2nd by Leticia Roberts, carried.

*President – Tracey Scown*

* BCCPAC AGM notice was emailed out to members. May 2 & 3
* Should the constitution be re-done for next year due to the change in middle school? Tabled to discuss with new parents at the AGM in June.
* Conflict with next meeting on Apr 16 due to early dismissal; need to change meeting date to Apr 23.

*Vice-President – Rhonda Wylie*

* Unable to make last 3 meetings of the year due to personal commitments.

*SPEAC – Stephanie Parsons*

* SPEAC is funding $150 to BCCPAC schools if parents are wanting to attend the AGM May 2 & 3
* Assistant Super Intendant was at SPEAC meeting and discussed “preparing for changes about learning.” Such as, having student led conferences and teachers being more involved in the curriculum.
* Spring Break will be 2 weeks next year going over Easter; 850 elementary & 777 middle/secondary votes were tallied, with 123 more in favour of the 2 week spring break.
* CUPE discussion on food scrapes, such as whose job is it to dump it & how to implement it.
* April 28 – National Day of Mourning; ceremonies being held at Belmont & Edward Milne @ 8am.
* High school start time discussion was moved to next year.
* Want to shorten break times between classes in secondary schools & deciding on where to position breaks during the day.
* Bob Phillips, school trustee, discussed the effects of iodine; a very interesting discussion.

*Principal – Mr. Honer*

* Report Cards have gone home… such as they are. There are a few formatting errors, including the attendance reporting (reporting absences in April!) and AVID, TAG and Literacy being titled Assigned Time. We are working with the Ministry on cleaning up these issues before the final report cards are printed.
* April 8th: band concert and dance performance for current Grade 5/6’s.
* We have a wonderful opportunity to send all our grade 9 students on a partial day field trip Thursday April 9th. This event is called Find Your Fit and is sponsored by BC Labor, BC Construction Association and Jobs BC. It is an interactive hands on presentation about careers and the future employment world (check out <https://www.findyourfittour.ca/> for more information). The information presented at this seminal meets provincial curriculum guidelines for personal planning. It promises to be both fun and informational. If you do not want your child to attend this trip, please contact the school and let us know.
* Our breakfast program (toast and jam) running out of the All Nations Room is doing very well. Thanks to Claudio for his volunteer hours on this!
* Lots of planning happening for next year.
* We are working on our integration support/learning support model for next year. As this gets more detail in the next 6-8 weeks we will be reporting out.
* As we head towards the junior middle school model, we are looking at the opportunity to create multi-aged “neighborhoods” within the school. This, for example, could look like a hallway with a Grade 6 classroom, 2 grade 7 classrooms and a grade 8 classroom: a “school within a school” as it were. Students and staff would have opportunities to engage in activities based on their neighborhoods: we are hoping to get an intramural program going next year which could be neighbourhood based.
* Currently our hockey subscription rate is as follows:

35 for Hockey 6 18 for Hockey 7 26 for Hockey 8

This is going to provide some challenges in programming, which we are going to tackle over the next month.

* We are currently working with our senior executive and our elementary feeder schools around school start/finish times. Hopefully this will be sorted out soon and the info communicated to parents. (Note that the school day will have 15 minutes less of passing time between classes, making the day potentially 15 minutes shorter than it currently is, and the same as Journey Middle School.)
* All middle schools will be on the same timetable next year.

*New Business:*

* School Code of Conduct is reviewed every year by the administration team. PAC request them to address cell phones in the school.
* Beverages in classrooms; do teachers discuss what drinks are allowed? Yes, energy drinks are not liked but there is no school board policy in place that disallows them.

**Next meeting date: Thursday, April 23 @ 6:45 in the library**

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 by Michelle Bressan, 2nd by Stephanie Parsons. Carried.

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

May 21

June 18 - AGM