

Gordon Elementary PAC meeting

March 29th 2010 6:45-8:45pm

Gordon Elementary Library

1. Quick business

Proposed date change of ProD Day in May 4th. Pushed back one week to May 11th.

Seeking new PAC Chair for next year, Ingrid putting up the Chair, mentioning that she will co-chair, keep supporting the school, and be very much involved, but can not continue this job that has been going on for 3 years so far.

2. School calendar change

VSB is proposing to change the early day dismissal (cancel it), increase days off, and an additional week off in Spring break, and other 3 day weekends. The idea is to save-up one million dollars per year, and it will increase over time. A bulletin was sent today for the parents to understand such changes and evaluate its benefits. Apparently other school boards have adopted these changes, and are working OK.

3. Vote on Direct Drive fund allocation

Vote on proposed allocation of Direct Donation

The two items over a Thousand dollars (laptop for music-item 1, and math manipulatives-item 2), they were mentioned last month, so they could be voted on this meeting. Explanation about the seat cushions-item 4, is made by Noreen, how they work and why they are needed. Also, headsets with mikes-item 5 & 8, that allow students interact verbally with compatible software.

LCD projector an additional is needed, (will look into plasma touch-screen solution). Ingrid proposed to rise the books for library from \$600 - \$800 item 3. She proposes to vote items 1-6, for a total of \$6,000 dollars total.

Elizabeth seconds the motion, unanimously approved by PAC.

Discussion arises about the short span of the direct donation (just 10 days in September), proposals as to how to keep the donation door open. Maybe let a hyperlink on the page, newsletter, etc.

4. Guest speaker: Dr. Danielle Law

Dr. Danielle Law will discuss what children and teens are doing on the Internet, what Cyberbullying is and what to do about it, the issues of Internet Safety from your child's perspective, and how to promote responsible Internet use. Danielle is a research associate in the department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education at the University of British Columbia. Her research focuses on how children and teenagers are developing (cognitively and socio-emotionally) in a technologically advancing world.

Ingrid introduces Danielle who starts her .ppt presentation. With questions and answers she estimates one hour duration. She says that this is a good turnout. Her handouts and notes are posted on the health and safety pages of the website.