

Gordon Elementary PAC meeting

June 2nd 2014

Seismic update

PAC chairs present a letter requesting that Margaret and Magdalena remain principals at the two schools for the two years up at QE.

A letter was sent to Patti Bacchus and Director of Instruction, to say that PAC has heard nothing since January about the relocation to communicate to parents. They responded with a draft of a brochure for parents. PAC responded with questions and clarifications regarding the brochure. Bussing schedule, ensuring JKC space was available, which school were students going to were the main issues.

Grade 2s location: currently a straight grade 2 at Annex, and a straight grade 2 at the main school. Will try and keep siblings together.

Ask class reps to ask parents on their list if they can pass on emails to PAC, for communication about the fall schedule.

This kind of communication is needed especially when we move to two sites.

Last two weeks of August there will be communication with parents.

May need volunteer group of parents to help with bus in first week.

Mid month coffee after bus pick-up to support communications between parents.

Popcorn: our machine will likely go to the main school.

PAC positions for next year

Chair: Jane and Karen (for one more year)

Treasurer: Kevin and Sheila

Volunteer coordinator: Erin

Kits Liason: Ingrid Sulston

DPAC: Erin

Database entry: Erin and Jennifer Sears

Secretary: to be filled

Babysitting coordinator: need grade 7 parent next year

Gardening coordinator: to be filled

Unanimous agreement in voting these folks in.

Guest speakers for next year

Suggestions:

Christine from Lyceum - social responsibility through literature. Reading and writing.

Sex ed: maybe Shani, or VSB sex ed person

Strike and school events

Teachers do feel appreciated by parents through this strike period. Morale of the teachers is OK.

Staff appreciation lunch will still happen, and will get moved if it is on a strike day.

Goodbye Gordon event: teachers cannot participate.

Grad for grade 7s is during the day. If it is a strike day, will do the ceremony another day.

No beach day. No baseball day.

Other PAC events

Sunrun raised \$700 for the school.

Fundraiser date Feb 12th.

Photo calendar - will not do next year.

School plan

Focus on technology and critical thinking. Aboriginal learning. pdf will go on the website.

Safeway cards

Bulk purchase gives us an 8% rebate. Made \$1700 on cards this year.

Vote to loan \$10K to card program. Check on policy with Safeway takeover by Sobeys.

Vote on \$2K for performances. Unanimous.

Vote to \$2K in author visits. Unanimous.

Motion and vote to purchase a pop up tent. Elke made a motion. Denise second. 10 in favour. 1 abstain.