

PAC MEETING

NOVEMBER 29th. 2010

Started at 7:30PM – 9:06 PM.

Parent discussion and final vote on paying \$6,000 from LY budget for technology. PAC is planning to buy two smart boards.

The group started the proposed discussion regarding smart boards. Resulting in green sticky papers for positive arguments for the boards, reddish–pinkish for arguments against them. We got 4 round tables discussing pros and cons, and the notes with those arguments are in turn pasted to the whiteboard (not smart, the regular type).

Arguments, pros and cons, are read out–loud. Open discussion follows. Margaret says we currently have 5, plus the 3 we are planning to buy (2 to be paid for by PAC and one – maybe 2 – by the school). Margaret talks about critical thinking skills, whether or not they are used in secondary schools, and presents a video. Ingrid says that eventually the playgrounds will come down, and PAC will need to focus then in raising money to get new ones, one or two years from now. Another point is made on how can we get a smart board.

Vote: 15 votes yes, 3 votes no, 1 vote abstain (at this point, attendance was 19 + Margaret who did not vote).

Margaret explains that at the Fine Arts school at White Rock, there is a system named the “front row system”, in which the teacher has sort of a collar with a sound system that works perfectly, allowing every kid in the room to listen to every word said. Just like seating in the front row.

Rules of empathy, a program that came up following a question by Myles. This issue needs to be brought up at the end of the meeting. Matthew says that maybe some of the small expenditures could be financed by other parents. Others have the opinion that the parents have already been asked for money, direct donation et al.

Motion by Elke second by Ana, for \$3,600 dollars to be spent on LCD projectors, to be voted on next PAC meeting.

Ingrid explains that the wish list we have, has already been looked at, in the sense that teachers have asked for much, much more money than the one we see in the wish list, so it has been trimmed. The only item that could grow should be LCD projectors.

Wish list gets voted as per the final fine tuning, 20 votes yes, 0 votes no, 0 votes abstain.

Matthew says that it is better to state beforehand what it is exactly the item we need to raise money towards, instead of telling them afterwards what that money was spent on. It becomes easier to raise such moneys.

Margaret starts sharing about the 100 year anniversary. Current community will celebrate on Spring fling, but the larger community (retired teachers, alumni, parents) will probably have a Gala, congregating perhaps 600 people. A following up meeting will be held in January, and then every month thereafter. Parents are encouraged to send ideas by e-mail.

Matthew proposes to have a winning presentation on Gala night, to pitch the smart boards additional fund raising. The idea is to have a great presentation right then and there!

Safeway cards are available now.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:06PM, great meeting, thanks!