

PAC Meeting Minutes: January 6, 2016

List of Attendees:

Dawn Armstrong	Morgan/Piva/Bymoan	Sandy Matthews	Piva
Pierre Filisetti	Piva/Bymoan	Nick Morrison	McDaniel
Candace Morrison	McDaniel	Nichole Camphaug	Goertzen
Blair Lloyd	Principal		



6:30 pm **WELCOME!**

Minutes from last meeting adopted, Sandy motioned, Candace 2ndd.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pro-D Days

The Ministry of Education has allotted two additional Non-Instructional days in order for teachers to be in-serviced on the new curriculum changes for 2016

Friday, January 22- No school

Monday, April 4th- No school

After School School Programs at Stuart Wood

Canada's Hat Trick Heroes (Outdoor Hockey Program): an after school sports program that will take place on the paved outdoor rink at Stuart Wood from 2:30-4:30 on Wednesdays, starting January 13. This program will focus on building fundamental hockey skills including stationary and moving puck control, passing & receiving, and shooting techniques through mini games. Throughout the program, participants will also play a number of fun warm-up games and team-building activities. All participants will get the opportunity to learn and practice hockey skills, socialize and make friends and will be provided with hot chocolate and snacks! Be sure to dress warmly!

Yoga4Youth: a physically active After-School program that will run on Mondays from 2:30 - 4:15 in the Stuart Wood Gym, starting January 11. It will provide students with a gentle method of exercising while incorporating storytelling, visualization, and games to encourage creativity. In addition to being an exercise, Yoga4Youth will provide tools to help students reduce stress, uplift & energize their mood, and enhance their balance, strength, flexibility, and coordination. It will also allow the opportunity for students to develop leadership, connection, and a sense of community within their group.

Swagger Sports: Swagger Sports is an after school sports program that aims to increase physical literacy in participants. It will run on Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 in the gym, starting January 7. The program will include a variety of fun sports and games including tag games, relays, obstacle courses, tennis, soccer, floor hockey and other mini-games. The program also aims to create a sense of camaraderie amongst participants, to encourage healthy lifestyles, and inspire excitement toward physical fitness in turn boosting participants' self-confidence. Swagger: to strut or swell with pride.

Sports

We have 3 Basketball teams this season. Students should listen to announcements for practice times this week. Tier 2 Girls and Tier 2 Boys and a mixed Tier 3 Boys/girls team.

PBIS Initiatives

W.I.T.S. Program

Our school is participating in the W.I.T.S. program, a program that is designed to help children develop skills for getting along and settling their disagreements fairly. During January we are focusing on ways to deal with angry situations with peers in ways that solve the problem instead of making things worse. To help them solve their conflicts in positive ways, the children will be learning an approach for expressing frustration that does not blame or insult the other person. The children will discuss ways to respond when someone has a disagreement with them. These responses include:

- W** Walk Away
- I** Ignore
- T** Talk it Out
- S** Seek Help

Students are encouraged to:

- keep calm
- asking questions to find out what is wrong
- listening to understand the other person's point of view
- apologizing if a mistake has been made, or
- asking an adult for help if the situation cannot be resolved

S.T.A.R.S. and S.T.A.R. CATCHERS

Children continue to show their school spirit with with lower office referrals than previous months. Students have earned over 320 STAR Catcher awards for demonstrating Safety, Teamwork, Accountability, Respect and teamwork. Student names are drawn daily for prizes.

As a staff we reviewed the SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 600.1 with the children as the Board of Education revised this policy.

There have been 88 office referrals to the office since the start of the school year and as a staff we would like to see those numbers diminish as students know and understand the expectations

Recognition Assemblies

At the end of January, students will take part in our Recognition Assembly which highlight the great work that students have been doing so far this year. All students are eligible to gain a S.T.A.R. Award if they meet the criteria below.

S.T.A.R. Award Criteria:

1. Follow the **S.T.A.R.** Beliefs (Safety, Teamwork, Accountability, Respect)
2. Have a positive attitude
3. Listen and pay attention
4. Follow directions and criteria
5. Produce quality work
6. Complete all assigned work on time

7. Follow classroom routines and expectations
8. Treat other students with respect
9. Treat those around themselves with respect
10. Show respect for property
11. Put their best effort into all they do

Family Literacy Month

January is LITERACY MONTH!

Mon., January 18-21 Book Drive Kick-Off

Kick-start a book drive to collect books from the community. Announcements will be made to collect books, and promote.

January 25-27 Book Collection

Book drive: students continue to bring gently used books.

Monday, January 25 Unplug and Play

Teachers hand out brochures in classes to interested students. Fill in each day from Jan. 25-29. Return for draw prizes.

Tuesday, January 26 Beach Reading

Beach blanket reading in gym (whole school) -- sun glasses, hats, BYO beach towel and book, wave sounds for 15-20 minute whole-school read.

Wednesday, January 27 Dress up as a Character Day

Dress up as your favourite book character!

Thursday, January 28 Book Exchange Day

Starting with youngest students, children each select a book each to take home (while supplies last).

Foundation Skills Assessments

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. The skills tested are linked to the provincial curriculum and student performance is measured against provincial performance standards. The assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 and 7 students in the public and provincially funded private schools. SWE's students will be writing these exams during January and February.

Special Guests

Meghan Wade, John Churchley and Alison Sidow from the School Board attended to talk about the school relocation and transition and to answer any questions regarding same.

Transportation will be provided to the new building starting in September, pick-ups will be at Prince Charles Park and the former Stuart Wood Elementary.

Playgrounds stay where they are, Art School JP campus will receive a new playground structure.

School Board has agreed to pay for the bussing for the student tour of the new building.

The school year may end 1 day early this year to give teachers a little bit more time to pack. The move is handled entirely by the School Board maintenance staff.

TREASURE'S REPORT

Gaming Account: \$1,500 General Account: \$2,100

TEACHER REQUESTS

None this month

Principal request: Popcorn machine - Dawn and Sandy to research

NEW BUSINESS: FUNDRAISING, ETC.

Fundraisers:

Art Cards: profit \$400

Purdy's: profit \$461.47

Bake Sale: profit \$502.90

Confirmed dated for Carnival: Thursday, May 12th

Carnival Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan 26th

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm