

DUNSMUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL P.A.C.
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, April 18th, 2017

Present:

- ✓ Michelle Alexander, *Vice-President*
- ✓ Terry Ward, *Treasurer*
- ✓ Michelle Scoville, *Secretary*
- ✓ Marie Bell, *Communications*
- ✓ Paula Wilson, *SPEAC Rep*

- ✓ Darren Russell, *Principal*
- ✓ May Crompton, *Staff Rep*

Absent: Fern Smythe,

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.

2. Approval of February 28th, 2017 minutes

- The minutes of February 28, 2017 were motioned to be approved by Terry Ward. Seconded by Marie Bell. **Motion passed.**

3. Approval of April 18th, 2017 agenda

- The agenda was motioned to be approved by Michelle Scoville. Seconded by Terry Ward. **Motion passed.**

4. New Business

- Dunsmuir Bursary. Discussion was held to determine if it would be offered this year. Traditionally has been done. There was some confusion 2 years ago with the grade reconfig and opening of a second high school. PAC consensus was to offer a bursary to any former Dunsmuir student graduating grade 12 student (Royal Bay, Belmont, Stelly's...*any school*). Applications are due early May. Terry, Michelle A. Paula (+ any other PAC available) to review and select recipient by deadline. Darren to confirm timeline. Paula motioned to spend \$500 from General Acct. for Bursary. **Motion Carried.**
- School Fees. Darren provided draft of school fees for PAC approval for submission to school board. Discussion/clarification of fee breakdown. Darren noted that fees for middle schools in district now look similar and have a more standardized approach. Marie motioned to approve school fees document draft with the noted correction of Dance Academy 8 from \$845 to \$945. **Motion Carried.**

5. Principal's Report, Darren Russell

- Shared 5 minute PowerPoint that incoming grade 5's and parents see about DMS
- Currently working on staffing and timetable for 2017-18. Enrollment projection is at 760 students and rising. Receiving 1-2 apps/day. Will have 10 cohorts of all grades (6, 7, 8) next year. Classes capped at 28 students per court decision appeal. Darren awaiting info from board on how many teachers/admin time etc Dunsmuir will get. More space needed for classrooms. Ideally DMS would receive 4 additional portables but will likely only get 2. Board insists on maximizing space *in the school* before adding portables. The computer lab will be one of the spaces used next year. In exchange for losing desktop computers, Darren is negotiating for a set of portable ChromeBooks. The flex room (by the shops) will also likely be used. Cost of a new portable is \$250,000 and to move one is approx. \$50,000. With the re-instated class size many schools in district will be needing more space.
- Soccer academy is full and there is currently a waitlist. Families have been notified of their status. 40 students registered for Soccer 7, and 31 registered for Soccer 8.
- Dance Academy registrations are only 19 for Dance 6, 27 for Dance 7, and 20 for Dance 8. Need at least 25-26 students (ie almost full) to proceed with classes. Families have not been notified of status at this point.
- LifeSkills program anticipates 12 students next year. Some with quite high needs.

6. Staff Report, May Crompton

- 5 classes went to Science Fair at UVic
- 110 students are participating in DMS Track & Field
- Dance academy participating at Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival next week

7. Reports

a. Treasurer, Terry Ward

Account Balances:

General: \$8,165.53

Gaming: \$15,276.69

8. Old Business

- none

9. SPEAC Report, Paula Wilson

- Report not available as Paula wasn't able to attend the last meeting.

The PAC meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017 at 6:30pm (last of the school year)