

Yorkson Creek Middle School

Parents' Advisory Council General Meeting
February 18, 2020

Attendees – Executive

PAC President & Co-Treasurer: Kerry Campbell
Vice President: Kara Eastgate
Secretary: Donna Doradea-Cabrera
DPAC Rep: Jeff Thompson
Grade 6 Rep: Carolina Ng
Grade 8 Rep: Giulia Russo Stadnik

Attendees – Administration

Vice Principal: Diane Smiley

Attendees – General Member-at-Large

Alicia Rempel
Troy Timbury
Cori Simmonds
Sara Weatherby

Regrets – Executive

Grade 7 Rep & Co-Treasurer: Nav Bains

1. Welcome and Introductions – Kerry Campbell

- Kerry Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:06

2. Review and Approval of Minutes – Kerry Campbell

- Minutes of the January 21, 2020 General PAC Meeting were reviewed
- MOTION: Giulia Russo Stadnik made a motion to accept the January 21, 2020 PAC meeting minutes
 - Moved by Jeff Thompson
 - Motion carried

3. Principal's Report – Diane Smiley

- Feb 20: IBM stem at LEC
- Feb 24-28: Respect week
 - Feb 24 Yorkson wear
 - Feb 25 Orange (reconciliation)
 - Feb 26 Pink (anti-bullying)
 - Feb 27 Green (planet, mental health)
 - Feb 28 Diversity & spirit day (diversity shirts, YCMS wear, YCMS colours)
- March 6: Report cards available electronically
- March 11 & 12: Early dismissal and parent teacher interviews
 - March 11 2:00 – 4:30 pm
 - March 12 2:00 – 7:30 pm
 - Student led conferences
 - An email will be sent to parents to sign up
 - Book fair will take place during parent teacher interview times
- May Speech fest finals: Grade 6 & 7. No dates confirmed yet. Taking place at the school board office
- Upcoming events
 - Design and assessment day: Focus on careers curriculum
 - Chief Dan George Museum exhibit field trip: Several classes attending. Great cultural experience for students and a good start to partnering with the high school.
 - Ski club: Starting at the beginning of February and will continue until the end of February.
 - Thank you Lindsay Parkes and Jenny Friesen for planning and chaperoning the trips
 - Grade 6 & 7 basketball up and running
- Emergency Response Plan: District initiative to be implemented next year. Includes Incident Commander who will liaise with First Responders, only three staff can talk to the Incident Commander, New check in and checkout procedures. Goal is to have simulation in the new year.

4. Treasurer's Report – Kerry Campbell

- Gaming
 - Currently don't have line allocated for emergency supplies. Not previously covered by gaming. Consider adding now or adding to budget for next school year.
 - No plan on how to spend at this point; looking for ideas.
 - **ACTION:** Diane Smiley – Confirm what emergency equipment is provided by the district
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – Confirm final bank balance.
- General account
 - Donations from Cobbs Bread, Misha Candy.
 - Spike in office supplies for the new year (e.g. binders, poster boards, etc).
 - Many cheques ordered in abundance.
 - Income from Halloween dance = \$206.79 profit
 - Pancake breakfast = \$126.76 overage (\$1000 budget + \$500 Dan Friesen donation)
 - Receipts for programs and initiatives receipts coming in. Most groups have spent their limit.
- PAC initiative
 - PAC requesting donations for school initiatives since school fundraising is not conducted.
 - Distributed via email and Facebook. Not available via school cash online. Only cash, cheque or eTransfer. Donations to date = \$265. Goal = \$3,500. Reminders sent every 2 weeks, approx.
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – Look into Munch & Lunch or PayPal if current options are not producing donations
- MOTION: Kara Eastgate made a motion to accept the Gaming and General Account PAC financials
 - Moved by Carolina Ng
 - Motion carried

5. Grade Reporting Discussion

- Grade 6 (Carolina Ng)
 - Grade 7 camp planning underway
 - Rantapalooza was a success and very fun. Arrangements are being made with PEMS for the winners between the two schools. Prizes are to be determined.
 - **ACTION:** Carolina Ng – Confirm cost of guitar strings
 - **ACTION:** Carolina Ng – Confirm priority order of Expo purchases. Work towards those goals.
- Grade 7 (Kerry Campbell for Nav Bains)
 - March 9-12: First Scholastic book fare in the schools history. On March 12 the book fare will be open in the evening during parent teacher interviews. Parent volunteers needed from 1:00-6:00 pm (does not have to be for the full 5 hours, could be in 1 hour increments)
 - **ACTION:** Kerry Campbell – Contact parents to request volunteers
 - May 22: Saleema Noon Sexual health workshop for grade 7's
 - March 6: Mrs. Schmit and Mrs. Welford ice skating field trip
 - A number of grade 7 classes attending field trip to Chief Dan George Museum at RE Mountain
- Grade 8 (Giulia Russo Stadnik)
 - March 11-12: Student led conference - open house style for all divisions with no set times
 - June 17: Grade 8 farewell. Parent's attendance at 10:00 am ceremony. Afternoon activities and lunch for students only.
 - Grade 8 expos
 - May 5-7: Musical
 - May 21, 25, 27: Exhibition of wonder build days
 - May 29: Exhibition of wonder presentation
 - Pre-IB
 - Feb 6: YCMS course planning
 - Feb 12: YCMS entrance exam
 - 78 full-time placements currently available

6. **DPAC Report (Jeff Thompson)**

- Last months update
 - January Telus wise presentation: Focus on cyber bullying, gaming, parental controls (do research, choose wisely, get what you pay for), sexting (4 in 10 Canadian youth have sent a sext), social media
 - School board trustee: Communication app coming from district for pushed notifications for snow days, power outages, etc. Release date in 1-month.
 - Process of shutting down schools during snow days (in conjunction with other school districts), clearing snow, notifying teachers / students, etc.

7. **General Discussion**

- Consider charging concession for Into the Woods performance and designate concession to a particular expo
- Consider a donut sale similar to Lynn Fripps who made a lot money during the fundraiser
- Order deadline held over to February 18 for grad hoodies
 - ACTION: Giulia Russo Stadnik – Confirm number of new orders
- Consider additional donation to PEMS in the April timeframe (through gaming account)

8. **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- The next PAC General Meeting will be April 21 @ 7PM.

9. **Adjournment @ 8:07 PM**