

CEAP PAC MINUTES

November 3, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:15.

Previous minutes approved.

In attendance: Beth (chair), Don Bold (principal), Barbara (DPAC liaison), Jamie, Karen (member-at-large), Kelly (secretary) & Natasha.

Regrets: Shannon (treasurer), Emma

I. Principal Report:

- Update on Student Reporting: District-wide, school staff are working through a plan for how to report student progress. This is a bit challenging as the new curriculum is being used in advance of having a way to do reporting. For grades K-7, the plan is to do 2 progress reports per year.

- In CEAP, this is a transitional year. We have been using the new curriculum for a couple of years already, but spread over 3 terms with 3 reporting periods. This year, the teachers are working out how to mesh the 3 terms, and all their activities, with only 2 reporting periods. Parents will get materials for 3 terms this year (materials for term 2 will be available late November or December). For the first reporting session in January, teachers will be looking for term 1 work.

Action: Kelly to give copies of Lesley's yearly overviews (including all 3 terms) for various subjects to Shauna and Laura. (Update: Done.)

II. Chair Report: (Reported under Old/New Business):

III. Treasurer Report: (Shannon forwarded information to the PAC for discussions below involving finances.)

Banking – The Toronto Dominion account is closed. There is a banker's draft waiting for Shannon to pick up and deposit into the new account with the Qualicum Coastal Community Credit Union. Jaime, Emma and Shannon have signing authority. (Update: Shannon reported the TD PAC account is now officially closed and the funds are active in our new account with the Credit Union.)

IV. DPAC (District Parent Advisory Committee):

Barbara reported on DPAC key items from minutes of the September 28th meeting.

- There is a Swimming Program for grade 7 students called "Swim to Survive". It is a four-hour life skills program which includes the students having to jump into the water with their clothes on. The cost is \$18.72 per student. CEAP has several grade 7 students which the PAC could pay for.

Action: Barbara to look into this further to see if our kids could join one of the other school groups.

- District to look at TIDES to go beyond grade 9 due to interest from students. They are trying to organize this for next year. Don noted this would not affect the current program for grades 8/9 as it would be scheduled at different times.

- Sex Ed in high school – PACs are allowed to bring speakers in at night. This was looked into last year but there were not enough parent interest. If speakers are organized, permission forms must be

signed by parents and the students can choose whether or not to attend.

- Trustee Julie Austin is writing a letter to government to stop FSA testing.
- DPAC Treasurer, Angie, would like all schools to submit "fiscal gaming reports".

Action: Barb to talk to her about what is needed.

DPAC meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Any parent is welcome to attend. Barbara will summarize minutes from their October meeting at our next PAC meeting.

V. Old & New Business:

1. Peer Leader's request – The peer Leader's group has requested money to help fund a trip to Science World in Vancouver. It would be open to all K-7 students. From the costs provided for travel and admission, it would be about \$35.00 for the younger kids and more for the older kids (plus costs for food). Shauna has said she is willing to take the lead if she has the funding. Query whether there is any money in the teacher's budget to help out? If a ration of 1:5 (adult:child), then some parents may need to attend. Others may want to go too. Concerns were expressed about the costs.

An alternate suggestion was a trip to the BC Museum in Victoria. There is free admission to the museum for home-schoolers. Perhaps a bus could be organized. There would need to be a commitment of \$\$ prior to the trip (e.g., \$15.00/child); then there would be no worries about commitment to attend. Or alternatively, the money could be held back from a child's funds.

Action: Beth to talk to Shauna about the CEAP history of organizing events and ask Shauna for more details. Beth to speak to Shannon regarding what the PAC can afford with respect to other financial commitments.

2. Science World on the Road – Karen noted that Science World has a van that can travel to BC communities. The PAC is allowed to fund this.

Action: Don to discuss with Shauna and Laura.

3. CEAP "Lending Library" of Resources – Discussion about various materials which would support the curriculum such as fossils, a skeleton, microscopes, electricity materials (perhaps including the Makerspace items). The PAC could not fund these items.

Action: Don to talk to Shauna about this, including the role of the District Resource Centre.

4. Gold-Panning, the Gold Rush, Rocks in the Classroom: Kelly heard of a fellow from Vancouver (Yukon Dan – <http://www.yukondan.com/home.php?page=classes>) who did a great presentation. Beth is aware of another person in Courtenay who also teaches gold-panning.

Action: Kelly to talk to Shauna/Laura about this.

5. "The Gardens" Home in Qualicum – The students used to visit residents in The Gardens regularly to do various activities with them. Some of the residents may also be a resource for historical information for curriculum-related topics (e.g., immigration to Canada).

Action: Beth to discuss idea with Shauna/Laura

6. Christmas Shop! - The Peer Leaders would like to hold this event again this year. Query whether

to involve only CEAP students or open the event up as in previous years. A decision was made to keep the event smaller, for CEAP students only in the classroom. The options for dates are December 6 or 13th. [Update: December 6th has been selected.]

Action: Jaime will work with Laura on wording for one advertisement to ask for donations for the sale; PAC to approve. Beth to post on CEAP web pages only.

7. Spring Campout - Beth received 8 responses to the parent survey. (Natasha noted that she wasn't able to access the survey link.) Most respondents preferred the event to be held locally and funded fully with the PAC funds. Results of the survey:

- Activities that were liked included - the bike safety course by the RCMP; the "Hug-a-Tree" and Bear Aware programs.
- people felt a specific time was needed for the pot-luck supper
- the Nature House program was not good (unlike the previous year). Beth is still getting feedback and will contact the Nature House organizers.

For this spring, the following was discussed:

- Location: A few possible locations were discussed:
 - Karen has looked into the Horne Lake campground, but it seems too expensive (~\$3500 for 20 people).
 - Rath Trevor is an option (the grassy site used in 2015).
 - The Qualicum Bay private campground was also suggested, though there was some concern that there are so many interesting activities on-site the kids may be distracted away from enjoying their time as a group.
- Suggested Activities: (some noted above, plus the following...)
 - Karen said her husband might be able to do a Knot Tying activity, possibly using some ideas from The Amazing Race as a framework.
 - the RDN girls from last year were good.
 - may consider splitting the activities
- Dates: One of the first 2 weekends in June (3/4 or 10/11)

Actions:

- Jaime will be the local organizer for the camp. She will put together a list of options for location.
- Beth to let Carmella know that we are planning to book with the PAC paying. Beth will also do any donation requests if wanted.
- All parents to give suggestions for possible camp activities to Jaime or Beth.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 1, 2016 @ 9:15 in the Qualicum Commons parent lounge.