

CEAP Parent Advisory Committee Minutes – January 14, 2010 – On site

In attendance: Jeff Temple, Teresa Pollen, Cathy Whittall, Susie Craven, Andrea Plank, Holly Carnegie-Letcher

Meeting called to order 10:00 am

Welcome and introductions

Guest Speaker: Norberta Heinrichs – Senior Secondary Program Coordinator

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Norberta addressed the PAC on the BCTF's stance on the FSAs administered to grade 4s and grade 7s:

- The BCTF is not opposed to testing, but they are concerned with how the results are used. Particularly by the Fraser Institute to rank schools.
- There is no additional support for low ranking scores/schools.
- The BCTF feels random sampling would be a better measurement of how our schools are doing.
- For more information you can go to www.bctf.ca and look up FSA. Norberta will be contacting those students who will be writing the FSA's this year for permission to email the parents information on this issue.

Grad Items

Norberta also addressed the PAC on Grad matters;

- This year we are seeing our biggest group graduate.
- Half of the districts scholarships have been reserved for CEAP
- Norberta and Nicola will be contacting grad parents to discuss setting up a grad committee.
- PAC will be taking a supporting role in grad, either dollar wise or time wise.

Vice Principal's Report:

Upcoming dates:

- The K- 5s will be attending Ballenas's Whalebone Theatre for Alice in Wonderland on January 18th.
- Senior Secondary students will be writing 1st semester finals the week of January 25th.
- Grades 3-5 will be attending the symphony January 22.

Student and Guest Attendance Policy

Jeff provided a report "Clarification Regarding the Participation of Guests at CEAP Activities". This report addresses the participation of those not registered with CEAP in fieldtrips and activities. Jeff will be posting it online at the CEAP website and is included in the minutes (see attached). This report is open for comments, which should be directed to Jeff Temple.

District Budget Information

On Thursday, February 18th at 9:00am one Senior Administrator and one Trustee will be addressing CEAP staff on this years budget process. Another presentation will be made to the PAC at 10:00am.

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Vice Principal's Report (con't):

Media Releases

Jeff is looking for clarification on what a media release should cover. There seems to be a question as to whether they should cover other parents taking photographs of groups activities that may include more than just their child. Those attending this meeting felt that the media release should cover traditional media.

Chair Report:

Quorum

Teresa brought attention to our voting requirements. Under our constitution we need a quorum of 4 voting members, 2 of which must be executives. Any parent or guardian who has a student registered in CEAP is a voting member.

Meeting Times

Teresa made a motion to set PAC meeting for the third week of the month, either on Wednesday night if we are having an online meeting or Thursday mornings for on site meeting. **Cathy seconded. Motion passed.**

New PAC Member

Cathy Whittall graciously stepped forward for the position of member at large. There was no opposition. Thank-you Cathy

PAC Executive

Chair-person Teresa Pollen
Treasurer Andrea Plank
DPAC Rep. Karin K.
Member at Large Cathy Whittall

We still have vacancies on the board for:

Vice-Chair Secretary Members at Large

Please contact Teresa at **250-951-0375** or chair.ceappac@gmail.com if you would like more information on the above positions.

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing new to report

DPAC Report:

Andrea reported on an upcoming workshop "Navigating Girls World" presented by Kerri Isham on Tuesday, February 9th. Andrea will try to obtain tickets for those who wish to attend.

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Old Business

Budget

Some new ideas from this meeting were:

- K-12 choir and support for the Spring Sing
- Supporting an elementary track team with t-shirts.
- Hosting a Gordon Neufeld Facilitator

New Business

- Those attending this meeting expressed a great deal of interest in having a choir. Susie Craven will speak with Bonnie from Errington Elementary School to try to set something up. CEAP would pay an honorarium and sessions would be between 30-50 minutes.
- Holly Carnegie-Letcher presented on using Labyrinths in schools and how it benefits students. See attached pamphlet.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Next meeting:

**Thursday, February 18th, 2010, 10:00 am at the CEAP Learning Centre
We look forward to seeing you there!**