

CEAP PAC MINUTES

February 2, 2017

Meeting called to order at 11:10.

In attendance: Beth (chair), Don Bold (principal), Barbara (DPAC liaison), Jamie, Shannon (treasurer), Karen (member-at-large), Kelly (secretary), Fern, & Shauna Huggins (teacher).

Regrets: Emma

Minutes from January approved.

I. Principal Report:

- Meeting with the School Trustees: Three trustees met with Don and a parent of a child in the ROAMS program. The parent was positive about the ROAMS program. There was further discussion about:

- Specialty programs, including a couple of new programs for PE credit (i.e., partnering with Ravensong Breakers swimming & with the Balenas football team)
- General staffing plans – for elementary, support services, and secondary dual credit
- The school program student FTEs have increased, therefore Don will be asking for increased staffing
- NB: we can always invite our trustee contacts to the PAC meetings (Barry – elementary program, Jacob – secondary program)

- New things for next year:

- TIDES has had good success for grades 8/9.
- Some kids have come from the “bricks & mortar” school. There are other homeschool kids who want to be part-time in the schools.
- The number of provincial tests that students are required to take have been reduced. There are currently 2 exit assessments for students: literacy and numeracy.
- Questioning how to progress with cross-curricular work, and how to not teaching to the test, with the changes in curriculum for grades 10, 11, and 12.
- Extending TIDES to grades 10-12 starting next year. Jergis will be full-time in TIDES, plus another teacher, Victoria Elliot, who has been on mat leave (replaced by Laura John). There is some interest with senior students. The current CEAP kids can be enrolled; a tour will be organized for sometime this spring.

II. Chair Report:

On-Line Homeschool Conference – There is a free conference that runs from February 3rd –7th. You can have a look at the speakers and drop in and out of the talks. It is hosted by the Canadian Homeschoolers in conjunction with Vancouver Island Homeschoolers.

Action: Beth to send information and a link.

2017 Vancouver Island Conference – This will be held at the Royal Bay School in Victoria on February 25th from 7:30am to 4:30pm. It is not free. The cost is \$140, with an early bird registration of \$100

before February 10th. You can view the speakers on-line. Barbara has gone a couple times using DPAC funds. They may provide some funding again.

Action: Beth to email Andrea (in DPAC).

Reporting on Student Progress – These have been completed for term 1. There was some discussion of the forms used. The language in the forms was taken from the new provincial curriculum. The actual forms were done by CEAP staff. Parents noted the language was vague and abstract. It was also hard to score with no developmental benchmarks to use for comparison. It was also challenging not knowing what the evaluation questions were until the end of term.

Action: A plan was discussed to email and consolidate ideas, then discuss with the teachers to make a plan for term 2.

FSAs – Currently happening and going ok. Chrome books have been used with an updated WiFi system.

III. Treasurer Report:

- A cheque for \$75 was sent for BCCPAC.
 - The PAC balance is currently \$6344.95.
 - The elementary funds available are \$3621.80.
 - approximately \$500 will be needed for the Spring Campout
 - There has been a request to use PAC parent education funds (\$150 budgeted yearly) to buy access to the same online conference as last year (\$138) on educational philosophy and mindfulness. Emma has already purchased access, so this could be reimbursed if the PAC found it valuable. Last year the conference extended the membership to the group for no extra cost.
 - Fern also suggested a conference that had free access and was very good.
- Action:** Fern to send link to PAC members for consideration. PAC members will review conferences to revisit next meeting.
- After above costs, we would have approximately \$2700 for Shauna to use for class activities.
- Process for financial requests by teachers and funding by the PAC. Don suggested:
 - The PAC would need a list of expenses from CEAP for activities they would like to do.
 - If the PAC is willing to fund X number of trips, CEAP will pay the costs, and then invoice PAC to reimburse the costs.

The PAC discussed the above process and agreed this should work well. However, the PAC would still like some input into the activity choices.

IV. DPAC (District Parent Advisory Committee): Barbara has recently received the minutes from November 9th. Nothing to report.

V. Old & New Business:

1. Spring Campout:

- Beth spoke to Constable Jesse. He is booked for 3:00 Friday afternoon for the bike safety course.

- Tracy at the Nature House has said we can borrow equipment as we did last year.
- The seining activity will not be possible.

2. CEAP Class Activities Funding Request: Shauna joined the meeting to present 4 ideas that the PAC might fund. These included:

1) A Fun Trip (for the 4-5 grade 7 girls). They would like to go to Wildplay. The cost would be about \$40.00 each. Discussed whether this was a graduation activity alternative from the lunch last year. A lunch may be possible again this year. Noted that the graduates from last year also received a dictionary gift.

2) BC Museum Trip to Victoria – This activity would be planned for April or May, most likely on a Thursday when the museum hosts workshops for students. A possible trip would be:

- A coach bus ride leaving Qualicum around 7:00am, and leaving Victoria about 2:00 to return to Qualicum. (This would be about 4-5 hours of busing.)
- BC Museum – 10:00 to 12:00 – a tour for the K-3 kids and either a tour or workshop on Indigenous Culture.
- Lunch.
- Then possibly an IMAX show, or a tour of the parliament buildings.
- Costs: A 48 passenger bus from Forest Buses is \$1100. (A bigger bus is also available.) There would be a cost to families of \$10 per person taking a seat on the bus. If there is space on the bus, the trip could be opened up to non-CEAP kids (for example, siblings). The cost of the group tours are \$60 and the workshop \$99. Admission to the museum for both students and parents would be covered.

3) Rocket Science – Funds to purchase rocket making materials from Burnaby Hobbies. Approximate costs would be \$45 for a launch pad, \$89 for engines, and \$208 for 2 assorted packs of 12 rockets, plus taxes. Some funds for glue and paint would also be needed. The total cost would probably be about \$400. This could be done on a Thursday, but would be an extra-curricular activity.

4) Tie-Dye Shirts – to make in class in June for both interaction days.

Jaime made a motion to set aside up to a maximum of \$2400 for activities 2, 3 & 4 above. (The graduate activity will be separate.) Fern seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned about 1:00.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 2, 2017 @ 9:15 in the Qualicum Commons parent lounge.