

Ranchero Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Monday April 16, 2018

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Kerry Miller, Angela Ferguson, Kyla Sherman, Nicole Sedman, Cathy Optland, Joel Menzies, Barry MacKay

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from Feb 19, 2018.

Prepared by Nicole Sedman.

Approved by Kerry Miller. 2nd Kyla Sherman.

Treasurer's Report

Kerry Miller- Financial Report: See attached.

Motion to approve report.

Approved by Angela Ferguson. 2nd Kyla Sherman.

Principal's Report

1. Past Events

- Students and staff came back from Spring Break happy and looking forward to getting back into the swing of things.
- Ranchero hosted a recent performing arts group called Speed Control. This rock band from the Yukon took us through a journey of the history of Canadian rock music, from Paul Anka to the Tragically Hip.
- The Grade 8's have had their first visit from SAS - Jackson staff members. The vice-principal, Steve Drapula, and two guidance counsellors visited Ranchero and talked to the group about life at Jackson and course selection. There is a Parent Info Session coming up on April 18th, so parents can learn about the transition to high school (Jackson campus at 6:30 pm)

2. Upcoming Events

- Cross-country running has begun, with thanks to Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Blair, who will be coaching the team. Practices will take place on Mondays and Thursdays at lunch. There will be two races this season: MV Beattie Run on April 26th, and the Field of Dreams Run on May 10th. The fifth annual RAN RUN will take place May 17th, where all of the students at Ranchero Elementary will participate.
- Hot Lunch Day will take place on April 24th.
- There is a Pro-D Day taking place on April 27th.
- Axis Theatre will visit Ranchero on April 30th. The production is called Robinson Crusoe and Friday. All Ranchero parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend.

3. Info Items

- Student Learning Grant Spending Plan - using the funds provided by the Ministry of Education, designated as the Student Learning Grant, Ranchero is considering purchasing

self-regulation equipment for each classroom, 10 iPads for student use and possibly levelled readers for primary students. Amount to be spent would be approximately \$6000.

- DinoFlex is considering donating 100 sq. ft. of interlocking rubber matting to put under the GaGa pit. Should find out this week.

4. Requests

- Would the PAC be interested in purchasing Chromebooks for student use? The computers in the computer lab are getting very old, and there is not much life left in them. The goal is to have two mobile carts, with 14 or 15 Chromebooks on each cart. The carts could then be taken from class to class, enabling the students to use the technology right in their classrooms. With mobile carts, the current computer room could be converted into the Explorations/Multi-purpose room. The approximate cost of 28 Chromebooks would be \$7700. We could work out a cost-share plan between the PAC and the school.

Ranchero Elementary School Goals

Goal #1: To develop all students' ability to read with accuracy and fluency, in order to increase their comprehension of the text being read.

Goal #2: To develop/strengthen the positive relationships among students, enabling all students to solve problems in peaceful ways and contribute to the school community in meaningful ways.

Goal #3: To develop all students' foundational skills and concepts in Numeracy, enabling students to successfully apply those skills and concepts to a wide range of real-life situations.

DPAC Meeting

Kyla attended.

- Drug Presentation "The Drug talk"
- Interior Health is promoting "Teachingsexualhealth.ca" as a resource for teachers to use.

Next DPAC meeting May 17th.

Old Business

- **Where should we allocate raised funds?**
 1. Motion to approve 50% of the cost of the Chromebooks.
 - > All in favor
 2. Field Trip Bussing for each Class
- BCCPAC - There may be possible funding available for playground equipment next year.
- There is a possible need to replace the X Country skis next year

New Business

- Thank you gift for Kathy - \$25
- Wine night for DPAC voting. May 6th conference.
- Need to find new PAC Executive!!

Next PAC Meeting Monday May 14th, 2018

Meeting Adjourned