

# MEETING MINUTES

## BOARD MEETING

29 JANUARY 2009

### 1 Opening of Meeting

2 **Apologies:** Walt Morris, Michel Gerberding, Mini Guda, Marieke Vogtlander, Jenny Walwyn, Sun Young Pak, Kim Cheong,

### 3 Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

### 4 Reports

4.1.1 Principal Middle/High School B. Peterson

Dr. Peterson outlined some changes in the progression from Grade 6 to Grade 8. Starting next year Grade 6 students will have 2 core teachers. They will have one teacher for math and science and one for English and social studies. There will be four total teachers in the team. Sometime in the future, he would like to see the grade 7 students with 3 core teachers, one for English and social studies, but with separate teachers for math and science. Then in the grade 8 students would have four different core subject teachers. The goal is to limit the crossover between these grades.

Katie Rigney asked if it would be possible to place students with teachers according to the students needs as opposed to randomly. Dr. Peterson said that would be a possibility.

The Electives for grade 6 would be grade 6 students only and limited to 6 or 8 choices with grade 7 and 8 electives combined. Also semester long electives are also being considered and new exploratories are being added.

Regarding the IB program, Dr. Peterson outlined a plan for grade 11 and 12 students to be scheduled into 7 blocks with 1 extra block in order for IB students to get the required number of hours.

4.1.2 Principal Elementary P. Sicard

Mr. Sicard reported that there were fewer parent complaints regarding the Holiday concerts this year, and the concerts were a success as was the elementary parent meeting. He also reported that the recruitment for next year is well underway.

The Elementary office is working to improve student attendance. It is crucial that students and parents realize when children take extended holidays the entire class is put on hold while the teacher works to catch up the student who was absent.

4.2 President C. MacDonald

Ms. MacDonald received the resignation from two PA board members, Sherifah Putri and Elizabeth Graveland. She also thanked Nancy MacNeill for taking over the Fun Fair Committee.

4.3 Financial K. Rigney – Z.

Ms. Rigney submitted the financial report and asked that each committee chair submit a P and L statement.

## **5 Subcommittee Reports and Ongoing Business**

5.1 Funds Requests

The board approved RM200 towards the Fun Run.

5.2 Committee Reports

5.3 Elections C. MacDonald

In an effort to recruit for new membership the board has decided to hold an open March PA board meeting. Details will be announced in the Link.

5.4 Booster Club N. MacNeill

Ms. MacNeill pitched an idea of starting an MKIS Booster Club. Many obstacles were mentioned and it was decided that the idea needs further discussion.

5.5 Patoo C. Wylie

Ms. Wylie mentioned the up-coming Patoo-Parent and Teachers Outrageous Olympics- and asked each of the board members to consider taking part in the event.

## **6 Old Business**

6.1 Drain Covers C. MacDonald

This was tabled until the next meeting.

## **7 Close of Meeting**