

PDCI School Council Meeting Minutes

Resource Centre (Library) PDCI

16 November 2010

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Present: KC Canie (Chair), Devlyn Lalonde (Student), Christine Campbell (Student Support Worker), Mark Williams (Vice-Principal), Jackie Lord (Principal), Leslie Del Grande (Parent), Catherine Robinson (Parent), Kelly Munroe (Parent/ Public Health Nurse Consultant for school).

Regrets: Kathy Fyfe (Treasurer), Cindy Rotar (Teacher)

1.0 Welcome and Attendance

- KC welcomed everyone and attendance was documented

2.0 Correspondence/Info sharing

- Council mail was reviewed

3.0 Old Business/Updates:

3.1 Pro Grant Report Back:

- The report from last years Pro Grant has been sent. The grant application for the present school year is due in June and our plan for this application will be discussed in future council meetings.

3.2 Council positions:

- The position for secretary is open. It was decided that the secretary duties would rotate at each meeting as no one stepped forward for the position.

3.3 School Website:

- There are 2 staff members assigned to the website updates. The school website design is limited to the parameters of the template provided by the Board.

- A program called “Insight 3” has been installed (it is a server package) which is “pretty nifty” according to Mark.
- The Parent Council would like to contribute content for the school council page on the website and can do so by contacting Ted Bryant. Ted.bryant@ucdsb.on.ca
- The council discussed having minutes posted as well as a description of what is available in the lending library for parents.

ACTION: Christine will write a brief summary with contact info regarding the Parent Resource Library to be sent to Ted Bryant for posting on the school council page of the PDCI website.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 People for Education Parent Survey

- This organization would like council to complete this survey
- The principal has his/her own survey to complete
- Deadline: November 26, 2010
- Can be done online at www.peopleforeducation.com

4.2 Rotary Club Teacher of the Year Nominations

- This organization is encouraging individuals and students to nominate a teacher.
- Deadline is November 30, 2010
- Email for nomination entries is perthrotary1@yahoo.ca
- Nominations can be made online: need to include name of nominee, school name, supporting evidence for the nominee, and your name.

ACTION: Devlyn and Mark to prepare an announcement for students to nominate teachers

- Other teacher awards will be coming

4.3 Get with It Program

- This program coordinates having the school open once a week for community member to walk the halls.
- Other schools in Lanark County are doing this.
- We could contact www.stepscount.com to order equipment and pedometers

ACTION: Kelly will contact one of her colleagues to find out how to coordinate this program.

4.4 New Report Cards

- Discussed changes
- Definitions of learning skills added for more information.
- SHSM: PDCI has two (Arts and Culture, Business)
- New box has been added giving teachers the opportunity to request an interview with parent/guardian
- Question was raised: Are the teacher comments individualized or do they come from a set list

5.0 Principals Report

5.1 Budget

- Council has a 500\$ budget and it is now available
ACTION: KC will advise Kathy Fyfe for record keeping.

5.2 Report Cards

- Week of November 22

5.3 Remembrance Day Assembly

- Students told a story of one of the soldiers listed outside the auditorium
- Students and teachers acted out a story

- Musical element included performance by band members and singing of Highway of Heroes

5.4 Sports

- Senior Girls Basketball Team: 2nd in the county
- Football is finished after a “rebuilding” year
- Senior Boys Volley ball are off to **EOSSA**

5.5 Drama

- Working on the play Snow White for the annual Christmas play for the feeder schools

5.6 Course Calendar

- Looking at the Course Calendar for next school year.
- This is a difficult process as there is declining enrolment
- Looking a “e-learning” options
- Looking at “dual credit” opportunities (students take college credits at the same time as high school credits and can get both credits)
- Cost to high school students is 0\$
- There are many different models to chose from
- Students can apply through Guidance
- Will have these options in the course calendar for next year
- The e-learning options may not be listed as they come out later in the school year
- Course Calendar will be available in January 2011

5.7 Tell Them From Me Student Survey

- Ministry supported survey that is evidence based
- All students will have opportunity to fill out survey twice this school year.

- The Ministry requires that students be surveyed
- The results are calibrated and we could receive them the next day.
- Our school results could be compared to other schools with similar demographics
- Presently there is no version for parents or teachers.

ACTION: Mark to look into whether or not a parent and teacher survey is planned.

5.8 YOO Magazine

- Students can log on to this interactive mental health website
- Creator Darcy Santor to come to speak to kids
- The website is managed by experts and there is an opportunity to post a question and have it answered by the expert.

6.0 Student Report

6.1 Leadership Conference

- Students council went to Niagara Falls for a Leadership Conference
- The group “gelled” on this trip
- The Conference had a Market Place where students were given ideas on how to unify their school
- They had the opportunity to network with other schools and got new ideas
- They saw many good speakers.

ACTION: Devlyn to talk to Christine about potential speakers that could come to the school

6.2 Float for Christmas Parade

- Students council is working on a float for the Christmas parade

- Working with the tech group on the float, have arranged with Mr. Hurd to have a band and students council will look into help with decorating.

ACTION: Mark to attend Students Council meeting to approve the plans.

6.3 Events

- Clash Day Nov 24: Students and teachers come to school not matching.
- Food Drive Nov 22-Dec3: Will incorporate food drive with the houses for points.
- Minute to Win: Plan to have games and competition between houses.
- Snow White Play
- Ugly Sweater Day: Dec 15
- Semi-Formal: Date to be Determined
- Holiday Candy Gram Fundraiser: Dec 13-17
- Elf Auction: Dec 20 (event dependent on admin approval)
- Talent Show: Dec 22

7.0 Teacher Report

- Not Available

8.0 Student Support Worker Report

8.1 Wen Do Workshop

- A lot of interest: mostly grade 9's and some grade 10's

8.2 Where is the Love Workshop

- Open to all students
- November 25
- Workshop discusses healthy relationships

8.3 Hot Lunches

- Approx 20 students take part on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Approx 8-10 students go to the community lunch provided by St. Andrews Church on Wednesdays

8.4 Butt Out Stations

- Stations can stay where they are (approved by the town and the Health Unit)
- Students are using them and are being respectful

8.5 Pro Grant

- Money used to start a Parent Resource Centre
- The books/materials are presently housed in Guidance
- So far 5 parents have signed out the CDs and books by Karyn Gordon.
- Feed back on these resources has been positive.

9.0 Community Rep
Not Available

10.0 **Date of next meeting: December 14, 2010 at 6:30 in the Learning Centre**