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SCIDES PAC Meeting Agenda

Teleconference, 6:00 pm, Tuesday, April 25th, 2017

1. Greetings and Introductions:

Present:

- Yvonne Kloska
- Kandace Bergmann
- Colleen Mullin

Regrets:

- Kerstin
- Tim

2. SCIDES-updates - from Principal Colleen

- District Arts Festival
 - o Today there was a session on “Learn go from drawing a stick figure to drawing your hand in 15 minutes,” we have students both face to face and virtually through Zoom
 - o Kandace requested to be sent the recorded zoom session
- Planning for 2017-2018
 - o Staffing, programming, MakerSpace
 - o One time Student Learning Grant provided to all schools in BC. This grant is to address supports for the new curriculum. Staff have brain stormed thus far:
 - Literacy assessment tools
 - Science kits (microscope) and art kits
 - Yvonne talked about a Capsela physics toy and a Toys r Us microscope
 - Media room completion
 - Computers for families to borrow
 - ADST kits
 - MakerSpace resources
- Graduation planning (June 20th)
 - o Guest speaker planning
 - o Meal planning
 - o Grad gift planning
- Zoom sessions?
 - o Access? A barrier?
 - o Planned evening session via Zoom:
 - Program ideas
 - Talk about home learning

- Kandace offered to be a resources for this session
 - SLP
- Planned evening session face to face:
 - Merritt
 - Kamloops
 - Penticton
 - Kelowna
- Kandace mentioned she appreciated call from Jennifer W
 - Re- grad
 - Check in
 - Nice to feel we are on track

3. Trustee report –Tim (via email)

Trustee Report for SCIDES PAC Meeting, April 25, 2017

There has been a spike in the interest of student leadership in both MSS and PSS. We have had both schools provide a student voice and report about the good, bad, and ugly in their school. The great thing about it is the leadership groups are taking the information from student surveys and making action points and following through with making change. It's fun to see the excitement in the student's faces when they see their hard work turn into change. Some examples are new banners in the school, choice blocks for education variety, sports equipment, course planning, and even new toilet paper.

The board had a meeting with the chiefs of the Nicola-Similkameen area. It was a bit disappointing as only 2 of the 6 chiefs showed up, but there was a lot of honest talk with the concerns they have.

There has been concerns that kids who take the bus don't get a chance to do some extracurricular activities, so we are taking initiative to provide a late bus from MSS a couple times a week to allow for this to happen. In addition, we are installing GPS devices on the busses for safety, as some of the routes have sections that have no cell service. These devices use 17 satellites, so there is no interruption of service.

At this time SD 58 has partnered with Diabetes Canada to help fundraise. We will be putting clothing drop off boxes at KLC, CMS, and MSS. There was a concern from the board that we might be in competition with the local hospital auxiliary (who raises funds for hospital equipment), so we have prompted communication with the auxiliary to ensure good relationship. If there is an issue, we will discontinue the drop boxes.

There was a Supreme Court of Canada decision that requires the government to return to 2002 contract wording in the contract with BCTF. The largest concern being class size and composition. We as a district were pretty lucky as there was not a lot of discrepancy, so SD 58 has complied with the order for this year and is now beginning to plan for the changes next year. The government has just announced a 360 million Classroom Enhancement Fund (CEF) to help with the changes. We as a district have been designated up to 1.6 million if we can prove need.

In addition the district will be receiving around \$174,000 over the next three years for youth trades programs.

We had the Right Honourable Lieutenant General Judith Guichon, a citizen of the Nicola Valley, attend Merritt Central to do a presentation that was well attended and she kept the kids interest peaked. In fact,

twice in the presentation the lights went out before it was realized that the lights were on a motion sensor and no one had moved.

As some may know, there was an accident on Vogt Street in Merritt where a 7 year old boy was crossing the crosswalk and was struck by a vehicle and had to be airlifted to the hospital. Merritt Central PAC has asked the board to ask the city to put an electronic crosswalk there to increase safety. We will be presenting that to the city as well as for an electronic crosswalk up near the hospital as there are a number of Bench students that cross there.

We had a presentation from Jim Laidlaw who works at the Phoenix Centre as a counsellor. He talked to us about the Take A Hike program that helps engage high risk youth through a combination of adventure based learning, academics, therapy, and community involvement. He asked us as a district for approval for Stage 1, which is to promote the application. It is the beginning of the engagement phase, which is a "high level assessment of the potential for a three way partnership between Take A Hike, the school district and the community." For more information see www.takeahikefoundation.org

Finally, SD 58 is happy to announce a district wide Fine Arts Festival titled "What's the Big Idea!" It will run from April 24th to May 5th in both Merritt and Princeton. It is part of Canada's 150th birthday and includes Princeton a Merritt students, fine arts teachers, local artists and community members. Most events are free, but topics, locations, times, and prices can be found on the SD 58 website.

Tim Kroeker

4. Grad funding....SCIDES #'s? budget proposal is that PAC provide \$150 per SCIDES Grad for meal/gift/gown rental etc. and that we would also add to that up to \$200 total for decorations and \$200 for rental (if needed) (unless there is a cost sharing with another PAC for these last 2 items)

- \$150 ~70 meal, 20 gift, 60 for gown, plus \$200 for decorations, and \$200 for Civic centre rental
 - o Is this an appropriate #
 - o How many SCIDES graduates?
 - o How many CLC graduates?
 - o Insight grads (come from SCIDES budget), how many
 - o How much is the gown rental?
 - o \$150 is a rough idea, a guide of support from PAC
 - o If need more, please let PAC know

5. Treasurer Report- Kandace- catch us up, cost of the Scholastic order, current balance

- Do not have cheque from SCIDES for scholastics yet (~\$452)
 - o Colleen will follow up on this
 - o Balance right now is \$8700, only outstanding funds is the cheque from SCIDES and the Young people's concert invoice
 - o Last scholastics order was \$2200, 26 students participated. More high schools than in the past. This # includes postage, shipping etc.
 - o Anita and Sheldon are using book credits, maybe remind them of the credits, and please contact Kandace to access this credit

6. Do we have dates for 4 Kats?

- none yet

7. New business--any proposals?

- news about a possible year end school activity

8. Next Meeting- date confirmed at this time...

- Tuesday May 16th 2017 at 6pm