

GENERAL PAC MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011

Attendance: Alana (Buffy) Barnesky, Roberta Brown, Shannon Gervin, Sandra Clark, Blythe Shnitka, Janis Slack, Penny Oliver, Troy Leslie, and Donna Fletcher

Confirmation Of Minutes: Minutes were circulated, Janis moved the minutes and Donna 2nd this.

Matters Arising From The Minutes: No matters arised.

Treasurer's Report: Our balance forward was \$1477.22 and we had .06 interest, and 1000.00 in revenue to bring our balance to \$2477.28. Term Deposits are \$2126.87, 1519.96, 2870.00, and 2145.69.

Correspondence: Received a brochure on signage for the front of school.

Reports from the Committees:

Student Council: No Report

Grades K-4: They had artist Sister Dorothy in the school for a week. Everyone really enjoyed having her. Grade 2's have had topics on water, flood watch. The grade 3 train trip will be on May 26. Grade 4's are planning for overnight field trip to Camp Koinonia on May 18-19. Grades 3 and 4 went to Battle of the books in Deloraine. Grade 4's also participated in historica with a class display on Canada's North-Nunavut. They have wrapped up their first year of Tech Club. The club was a great experience.

Grades 5-8: Grades 7/8 Badminton is winding down. There will be a Middle years dance May 6. Parents from Gr6-8 are being called to chaperone. The Gr 8 30 hour famine was successful. 16 students participated and about \$1200 was raised for world vision. They had Heather Ayer (a school councillor) talk with the grades 7 and 8 on binge drinking and marijuana. Grades 5-8 school track meet is being planned for May 18th or 20th with divisionals being held in Brandon on June 1.

Grades 9-12: They are looking for empty 4L milk jugs and ice cream pails with handles for their walk for water. On Apr 26-16 highschool students went to Virden for Badminton Zones. May 3 - Gr 11/12 will have a SafeTalk presentation on suicide awareness. May 6 - Student council having taco in a bag for their Rowanda Fundraiser. May 24 is the Zone track meet. June 8 is the Final school band concert at noon. June 22 is Grad. June 29 all awards will be held in the morning and buses will run at noon. The exam schedule will be posted on the website next week sometime.

Principal: Is very proud of the students that helped out with sandbagging. The pre-K screening will be held May4. They are getting a new library system called L4U. It will allow schools to connect with one another. Our school is losing .55 of a teacher for next fall and that is going to be Ms.Patmore, and we are also losing Mr.Vandenberghe as he is transferring to Deloraine.

Southwest Horizon: Penny in attendance. She commented that the board would like to attend schools on their meeting nights to see how things are working in each school. They have attended Maple Grove School one evening and really enjoyed it. The new ITV has been approved at the board level.

Old Business: IITV Meeting gave lot of information regarding the new ITV system. It is a great way to be able to offer new programs. The old system allows us only to connect with the division, and the new system allows us to be able to connect with other divisions.

The Virtual Realities on April 6 had 9 in attendance. It was an excellent 2 1/2 hour course on how to keep kids safe on the internet.

Surveys went to gr 6-11 in regards to the French Program. We only had 1 or 2 interested at the grades 7/8 level. If we don't have the staffing, parent support or kids interested what do we do now? We talked and agreed on still continuing it with grades 4,5,6, not offering it to grades 7,8 next year, and keeping going with the grades 9-12.

New Business: Shannon attended the MAPC meeting in Souris. It was an 1 1/2 - 2 hour presentation about roles and responsibilities of PAC. They talked about goal settings, and we'll discuss more in our Aug. meeting.

TAG - Teacher Advisor Groups - They divide the highschool with 8 teachers and 10 or 11 students. The teacher tries to get to know the student individually. The TAG leader is the go to person if the student needs someone to talk to, or if they student is in trouble. The purpose of this is to show the students that adults do care what they're doing. TAG leaders also help their students with what they need for credits to graduate and help them decide how they are going to do it. The 9-12 Conferences are with the student's TAG leader, and they have about a 99% turnout now.

Next Meeting: August 29, 2011

Adjournment: Donna adjourned the meeting at 8:15, Janis 2nd.

Discussion on bringing microwaves into the classrooms, but have agreed that it would be best not to do this. There would be time issues (line-ups waiting to get to microwave), and who would supervise, and clean them, also mentioned was the electrical in most classrooms are right full.

Sandra is looking for input in regards to the French program done over ITV. There are very few students in the program, and not many planning on enrolling in the program in the near future. Wondering if it is logical to run the program for so few students.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2011.

Adjournment: Shannon adjourned the meeting at 8:25, Jen Snyder 2nd.