

*Superior CVI
Parent Council Meeting Minutes*

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Present: Michelle Probizanski (principal), Vicky Walker (staff representative), Sue Reppard (Chair), Leila Gunnell, Shelby Poletti

Sac Representatives: Amanda Gollat, Fabiana Bieble, Jessica Frappe, Casey Hudyma

Minutes: Vicky Walker

THE MEETING:

International Students Program Presentation:

- 1) Presentation by Jane Lower, *Student Success Lead* and My-Tien Nguyen
- 2) Discussed that Lakehead Public Schools has been actively creating a campaign to bring Spanish and Chinese International Students to Thunder Bay beginning September 2016

Admin Report:

- 1) Successful **Parent Night** (Parent-Teacher Interviews) in October
- 2) **Achievement Night** – 1 hr in length – went well added award for more than 100 hours of volunteer time and possibly add attendance next year; idea of an attendance award was well received by the group.
- 3) **Friends of Superior Award** - Sr. Football coaches this year: Lisa McLeod, Tommy Marcon, Doug Louman – will put this picture and the past years' pictures on the wall
- 4) We will create an **Awards Wall** with Gold, Silver, and Bronze Highest Achieving students. This will be back-dated to include recipients from previous years. Looking at making a gryphon (wood?) by the Technology Department and add the names on plaques. The school hopes to have this mounted prior to the end of the year.
- 5) **GSA Karaoke** event – big group of over 15 this year. SAC has separated from the GSA. It had been combined last year until the group grew and became more self-sustaining.
- 6) **2016-17 enrolment**
 - Feeder schools stay the same next year
 - *Expected numbers: 91*
 - This year expected numbers → 130 roughly → 167 in the end
- 7) **Advertising on the school website:**
 - Monday Memos
 - Staff should know more about how they can post to the school website.
 - e.g. SAC/Parents can share their events calendar; coaches, etc. can email Jennifer Tavares at the board office to post to the web-site (it is too much for a school to manage on their own)

- Girl's Basketball is complete as is Boy's Volleyball.
- Girl's volleyball is starting as is Boy's Basketball
- Badminton and Wrestling are up and running now
- Competitive Cheer tryouts are happening – this is a returning sport that didn't run last year
- We had students attend cross country running at OFSSAA
- **Request from Parents:** more SAC presence after school to sell popcorn and pizza

SAC Report:

- **SAC Dances:** Hallowe'en Dance was highly successful with more than 180 students. After expenses SAC made \$750 towards the scholarship fund; **semi-formal** is Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the Italian Cultural Centre and will also be run the same way by the SAC
- **Student vs Teacher Basketball Buyout:** November 27, 2015 → Money goes to the United Way (in part)
- **Family Movie Night:** Tuesday Dec 8. Free admission but will sell popcorn and chips and juice as a fund-raiser. The movie will be chosen through a social media poll.
- **Sponsor a Child or Family/Kids in the Hospital for Christmas for raffle** → SAC is requesting assistance from students and staff in the form of donations for baskets, raffle prizes, stocking stuffers for children
- **United Way Christmas Cheer** – Hat buy-out day
- **Christmas Cheer Food Drive** in each Homeroom beginning the start of December
- **Door Decorating Contest** (2nd year for this as it was popular last year)
- **Christmas Assembly and Talent Show:** Friday, December 18th; periods 4 and 5 will be shortened as not to cancel too many period 5 classes
- SAC will sell **Candy Grams** once again before Christmas
- Bake Sale this Thursday as well as a Christmas Bake Sale → money goes to the United Way
- Looking Ahead: Epilepsy Month – March, Autism Month – April (Students want to have a bake sale fundraiser for these)

Academic Events:

1. LITERACY/OSSLT:

- 1) OSSLT – Jennifer Kuzmich (Literacy lead) will continue to go into each class and teach the students as a co-teacher
- 2) Andrea McParland is going into all grade 9 classes. This practice is NEW.
- 3) Teachers will be co-teaching (new program) NEW
- 4) Grade 9 Pre-test has been administered.
- 5) Parents are also engaged – mailed home. How did your child do in grade 6 versus grade 9 pre-test.
- 6) February – every child is going to write a full OSSLT
- 7) Campaign: “It's not good enough” (to get a 50) for all subject areas – students need to strive for a level 3 or 4 in all subject areas – will translate into striving to get a level 3 or 4 on the OSSLT

2. Exam Exemption update

- Gr. 9 and 10 applied who earn a 70 percent or higher with good attendance and no behavioural suspensions can be exempted (will only have to complete culminating activity) – less than 15 days absent

3. **Grade 8 Visits** – Dec 7 (Vance) , 8 (Claude) 10th (Five Mile and Gorham and Ware) – Mrs. Black organizing

4. **Student Teachers** – 5 started on November 17th and will be at the school for 5 weeks

5. **Student Services** Announcements:

- Parent's night to look into scholarships and funding for post-secondary

6. **Gryphon Gala** – December 4-5, 2015 → Tea, Coffee and Deserts → Fundraiser for the Music Department, well –attended – tickets in advance or at the door. Dress nicely; some dancing.

7. **Ontario Prospect Challenge** – football – talking to the jr and sr football team. Top 100 in Ontario – get cut down to 44 – connected with CFL. January 3rd

8. **Bingo Report** -- cash in \$9652.05 out 9493.01 – clothes, annual member fee, buses, banking fees

9. Safe Schools:

1. door dilemma – handles have been ripped off 3x. Should it remain locked? Access to 2nd level so it will remain locked. Doors are locked manually 10-15 minutes by the custodians. Lunch is the most “interloper time” at lunch, so unlocking it at lunch means it should be locked.
2. Hats - staff is divided on the issue – staff, student and parent survey on issue should occur (questions will be carefully worded and considered at a variety of committee levels)
3. Paper towels – petition – now are in the bathrooms for students

10. **Student Senate** – all gender washrooms – problems at other schools with advertising them. Signs are on the door on each floor. We will advertise on the announcements that we have two single stall all gender washrooms (1 on each floor) SCVI is adding a second washroom this year

11. PIC Meeting

12. Can students acquire an **extra locker** for their sporting goods?

- Yes, students can come to the main office and be assigned a second locker.

13. **Gym Wall Mat coverage** – SSSAA will have to pay for one matt on each side, as we don't meet the minimum requirements. Good news that we will save money at the school level.

14. Next meeting – Monday, January 18th for School Council