PAC Minutes Tuesday April 2, 2015

-Julie Paris introduced as Staff Committee Chair

-Minutes from the last two meetings

-Nicole motion, Juliette second for Feb. notes

-Sharon motion, Sophie second for March notes

-Principal’s report

1. Lunch Program – we will lose program very likely, will hear next week

-160 enrolled, 128 envelopes collected for lunch in Feb. , of those collected 95% do not have full amount

-there are 10-15 families who really need assistance in the school

-lunch-to-go might be an option still

-Sharon suggested idea of “normalizing” the lunch containers for these kids in need

1. Preliminary budget is out

-band program affected, possibly only grade 6 and 7s next year

-can look at budget online

1. Sports Day

-Tuesday June 23rd

-grade 7s will run stations

-can use PE time to work on this

1. Code of Conduct

-3 Bs rather than ROARS

-needs to live and breath outside school walls

-embedding the language in announcements etc.

-Treasurer’s Report

-April up to March 31st: $7233.66 balance in General Account, $1182.08 balance in Gaming Account

-Saleema Noon sexual health educator April 30th parent talk, May 1 kids groups

-Communications – would like to work on blog, get students to write etc.

-Teacher’s Wish List

-PAC allocation of funds discussion

-Traditionally we have given funds early in the year for teachers’ wish lists

-different ways to allocate funds

-certain amount to every class suggested

-fundraising drive for big ticket items asked for

-give to those who ask

-looked at Teacher’s Wish List document

-$11000 asked for from curriculum to ipads

-unless we get another $10000 next year we won’t be able to do this again

-gaming grant is $20 per kid, $6000 is what we may get next year

-money from gaming fund cannot go to curriculum

-PAC fund can be for whatever we wish

-Ms. Paris – teachers decided if request was made to the PAC they need to let staff committee know about the request

-teachers only want outside people coming in once a year (to supplement learning – gymnastics for ex.)

-Vanessa – fundraising suggested for larger items

-Sharon – we need to think about what we want to do as a PAC

-Nicole – doesn’t need to be either or, give $200 to a class, they can still come ask for bigger requests

-agreeable platform to start from, transparent communication

-fundraisers for something whole school community is behind and excited about

-Hans – agreed having a goal attached necessary, best by beginning of the year

-Julie – balanced approach

-Fiona – sending out an envelope beginning of year, fundraising done

-Naomi-fighting for supporting smaller items that are asked for, but if teachers would be happy with $100-200 would like to know

-they get $200 from the administration as well

-Juliette – she’s a teacher, if school is already giving $200, excessive for PAC to give $200 as well; suggest smaller amount from PAC

-Makeesha – we are just deciding what we want to do for next year (not forever), how do we want to spend our money? What do we value? Suggested end of year donation or at least a notice notifying parents of upcoming donation opportunity early in the fall

-Nicole – how do we want to function financially? Let everyone in September know, roll it out in October; we need a policy

-Darren – equity amongst teachers and resource staff needed

-**Bring proposal back to May meeting regarding policy and procedure for Teacher Wish List**

-Multicultural Night

-need volunteers

-Ms. Paris doing fashion show

-Ms. Presley doing choir, band, talent

-raffle prizes look good

**-if to be changes for next year discuss at May meeting**

-Recycling/Stephanie – need new person for September; contest starting next week, needs help now with

-Cara – Recycling Day suggested