

## Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Meeting- Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Call to order – Deannie Zahara, PAC President 6:30 pm

## 1. Introduction of PAC Executive and PAC Members- 7 parents in attendance

## 2. Reports

## a. Principal's Report – Principal Sue Bergen

*Please hold all questions until Question and Answer Period.*

- i. Library Clerk update – Gwendolina Langvin started 2-3 weeks ago.
- ii. 2015 SD23 proposed Budget – \$1.5M shortfall in SD23 budget. Superintendent Gloster will take input from administration and return to board with cut recommendations. Cuts largely expected in operations, technology, school office/clerical, and cross-departmental budgets. Administrative cuts essentially anything outside of class. Increase in transportation fee will see costs rising to \$20 from \$10 – currently Raymer only has 1 bus student.
- iii. Raymer Registration Update – Currently 245 students (projected 250 for 2015/16 – projected 37 kindergarten, currently in the 20s). 4 new Grade 6 in 1 week
- iv. Forecast for next year – Flexible plan in place. We will be funded for 11 classrooms or 10 classrooms plus 1 teacher in a collaborative role. There will be many combined classes again to maintain balance within classes. Balance required in class composition to meet needs of students with designations and other learning needs.
- v. Bill 11: *“gives minister new powers to force underfunding agenda. Bill 11, if passed, will have broad implications for how school boards operate, how student data can be used, and how teachers improve practice with professional development.”* (Source: BCTF website) – This enabling bill has 4 main objectives. It has the potential to give Ministry power without going through the Legislature. Currently there is a legal process for any policy change. There still has to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.
  - o Teachers professional development- **How does this affect Raymer teachers?**  
Bill 11 will likely change the structure of Pro D Day with the Minister of Education being able to direct the framework more. This may translate into less choice and flexibility for teachers.
  - o SPC- will be removed from School Act - **How will this affect our school?**  
School Planning Council will no longer exist (as it is now). The responsibility will pass onto the PAC. For Raymer Elementary there will be minimal impact as our SPC has 1 current PAC elective, 2 past PAC electives and SPC issues are often discussed with PAC as well.  
*Action: Deannie to link previous SPC reports to PAC website for reference.*
  - o Budgetary – Promotion of shared services. Less impact on SD23 as we currently do a great deal of sharing of resources eg Health & Safety. This will have more impact at District level than within the school
  - o Student privacy- **how will Bill 11 affect student privacy?**  
It is believed the student achievement data will come more in line with the Freedom of Information Act. Possibly stricter privacy guidelines – privacy issues are taken very seriously despite rumours of student information being sold/distributed
- vi. Adam-VP Speak on student Privacy (tabled due to lack of time)

## b. Spring Fair Report –

- i. Park and Play will be setting up some games- *Giant Cups, Parachute etc*
- ii. *Action: Volunteer Coordinator Denise will be contacting everyone who volunteered in May.*
  - Deannie has been in contact with K.L.O., we will have a few W.E.B.B. Student Leaders working carnival games (so far 8 kids from KLO Middle School have volunteered).
  - Still need about 20 more parent volunteers in order to successfully run Fair
    - o *If we do not have enough volunteers- games will get sacrificed!*

- iii. Changes to Raffle tickets going home as per BC gaming rules- *books must be requested by the individual family/student selling*

- Only 40 families requested Raffle books initially
  - o *Should we look at an alternate way for requesting raffle booklets?*

*Action: Deannie to talk with Principal about adding notifications from PAC when permitting school to contact via email lists (or school can email a link to PAC website in communication)*

**3. Field Trip Funding Requests- 4 out of 11 teachers have submitted field trip requests so far**  
PAC allocated \$15/student for field trips

- a. Lightfoot/Willms: Kindergarten – 34 students x \$15 = \$510 total
  - 1. Little Travellers Safety Village- \$3 pp    2. Kangaroo Farm & Water Park (yearend) -\$5 ppAll those in Favour:   7                        All those against:   0
- b. Hertz/ Carr: Grade 5/6- 55 students x \$15 = \$825 total  
COSA Sailing- \$14.55 pp  
All those in Favour:   7                        All those against:   0

**4. Parent Education** - Connecting with our community resources

- a. BCTF - Parent Presentations (*Booking problems so this will be tabled until 2015/16 year*)
- b. "Parent education through BCTF- they have some parent education workshops. [Parents are always welcome to attend Pro-D day education workshops- fee is \\$35 for parents](#)" (source: 6.3 COTA <http://www.copac.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/Oct2014Minutes.pdf>)  
*Action: Deannie to put notice on PAC board to publicize this.*

**5. Old Business-** Deannie

- a. Smart Trip art initiative- Electives will choose 1 winner per class- student art will be placed onto school fences on May 15<sup>th</sup> (*date is dependent on work order by SD23 maintenance staff*)
  - o *Any volunteers to assist in art selection on Friday, April 17? 6 volunteered for this*
- b. Raymer school sign- *No Updates re sign: still waiting on quotes from sign companies*

**6. New Business-** Raymer Elementary Annual General Meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup> - PAC ELECTIONS

Your attendance is vital to elect who represents your school. PAC positions available for 2015/16 school year will be posted on the PAC board (*front entrance of school*) end of April. (PAC descriptions of roles will be on PAC website)

**7. Traffic Report-** Adam Clarke/Deannie Zahara

- a. Central Okanagan Speed Watch Program- Reminder PLEASE report all vehicles who appear to be going over 30k/hr *This program will set up portable radar devices (flashing sign) once calls/reports are made about safety and speeding in a certain area. COSWP will only follow up if reports are made, in essence the squeaky wheel gets the grease! Call in all speeders (better if you can get license) – the number for RCMP Traffic Division is on the PAC board. More reports improve our opportunity for the program and change*
- b. School Travel Planning Council  
Need 2 -3 volunteers to participate in this council. It will involve many city stakeholders and this analysis will assist our school in establishing a safer neighbourhood regarding traffic! [This council will trigger the necessary traffic studies done by the City to get the improvements we need for our school \(and area\).](#) Walkabout with city stakeholders, city staff and SD staff will occur end of May. This is a 1-2 year long commitment.

*Action: Deannie to put link on PAC website to more details about STP Council.*

**8. Next Meeting: May 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30PM**

**9. Adjournment 7:30**