TVA School Council Meeting – January 12, 2016

Regrets: Sean Moor, Sue Kovach, Deb Langlois, Diana Fratarcangeli, Beth Stockford, Maria McCann

1) Call to Order by Brenda at 6:36

2) Approval of Minutes – Minutes of last meeting to be sent out later this week.
   - MOTION to defer by Tracy; SECONDED by Jean; All Approved -> Minutes of last meeting to be emailed out for approval

3) Treasurer's Report - Balance 52,117.22; Unallocated Funds balance $34,553.74
   - MOTION to APPROVE by Chrisann; SECONDED by Samar; All Approved

4) Elementary Report – Mr. Bisson – Thank you to the Cookie Dough and Bookfair committee’s which were both very successful. Tecumseh Parade was cancelled due to the weather this year. Grade 3's have been participating in a Grandpals program which have been supported by a local Unifor union. Their support was vital to the success of this program. Thank you to the PAC for supporting the Christmas giving program which supported several families in our school community. KissnRide program received new vests to wear in the mornings during drop-off.

5) Secondary Report – Mr. Towes
   - Grade 8 Information night – it was held before the holiday’s for the first time; it was a success and well received. The student group stations in the cafeteria were especially well received.
   - Over 7000 cans were collected for the downtown mission
   - A few new courses being introduced next year; communication technology & engineering robotics coming next year
   - Athletics – basketball, hockey, Disney marathon, wrestling are all in full swing
   - Award given by Microsoft for integrating technology into instruction; won $1000 for Staples and coffee pods for the teachers
   - Arts Night – was held in December. Production of Alice will be performed
   - New PD day added on Feb 4 and new Semester will start Friday Feb 5
   - Construction Update – North wing is open, South wing to be open in February. Some work will be done after to finish up the interior. Portables to be closed Feb 5 with all of the classes moving into the building. The new activity room will be done about a month later. An official “re-opening” will be scheduled in April
   - A possible change to the secondary schedule to move the lunch period to period 3 instead of period 4 (10:55 start time). To be communicated to students and parents once it has been finalized.
   - Semi-Formal – Friday Feb 19 at Torino’s; tickets are all on sale now for the students for $40
   - Build a Dream – grade 9, 10, 11 girls – an event at St.Clair College for information regarding possible career paths – being held Thursday Feb 11

6) Review PAC Policy – if money collected is not going directly to the bank it can be counted and stored in an envelope; signed off by those who counted it and then stored in the school vault. Going forward we will be implementing the GECDSB automatic payment program...we will start the implementation this school year with full implementation in September. Training has started with the office administration.

7) Cookie Dough / Magazine Fundraiser Report – total profit to date is $11,614.81; Cookie dough profit was $7736 with magazine sales down this year compared to previous years

8) Hot dog Day Fundraiser Report – total profit of $1445
9) Resiliency/Mental Health Awareness – Justin Bisson is working on having our school designated as a “healthy” school by the government. He is requesting that the PAC get involved in the program by supporting an event. Suggestions welcome! Details to be worked out as plans are finalized.

10) Allison Azar – Dance Club; Presentation on behalf of the dance program who will be participating in Dance Fest. Requesting $500 for Dancefest to help cover the expense of the supply teachers. Cost is $133 per student for entry fees which they will be raising funds for. Also requesting $250 for a stereo system or speaker system for the dance class room.

Table the request for the $500 and suggest that they come back to us with a fundraising plan to support their event.

- MOTION from Gloria to approve the allocation of $250 for tech equipment for the K-12 Arts Program; SECONDED by Samar; All Approved

11) Book Club Committee – website was created but no follow-up. Mr. Bisson suggests we meet with him to set up a committee meeting to get things going.

12) Upcoming Events

- Alice Production - this Thursday January 14; the dance team will also be performing

13) New Business

- JK/SK registration is February 17 – parent volunteers needed
- Hosting OFSSA Wrestling– March 1-2 – Parent volunteers needed. Last year PAC supported the program with $400

MOTION to buy a spot in the OFSSA program for $400 by Kathy; SECONDED by Tracy; All Approved

- Can Drive to be scheduled on the Elementary side to support the Downtown Mission – possibly a door to door drive.
- Celebration 5 – TVA 5th birthday! Celebration being scheduled Feb 26. All of the elementary students will receive a little gift. The mayor and other community members are invited to celebrate. Scheduled from 11:30-12:30 on Feb 26. All are welcome!

14) Mr. Bisson- JK-12 Model – Study being done in collaboration with the University of Windsor

- There are only 8 schools in Ontario with the K-12 Model and we are the only one that is French Immersion.
- The Ministry has supported the idea to do a study on the success and experiences of this program. They will need “voices” of students, parents, teachers, administrators. Mr. Bisson is asking for PAC input. We will meet again to discuss the following questions:
  1. What did you think about the K-12 school before you attended?
  2. Now that you are in the K-12 what are your thoughts?
  3. What’s next?

ACTION-> Please email paul.bisson@publicboard.ca by end of January and he will present a summary at the next PAC meeting

15) Next Meeting March 8

16) Adjourned 8:31