TECUMSEH VISTA PAC Minutes

September 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Paul Bisson, Elementary Principal at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance
Paul Bisson, Jen Kepran, Jennifer Lira, Bill Toews, Graziella Stokes, Melissa Barron, Jennifer Cote, Concetta Di-Cesare Cafueri, Kathleen Boice, Maria McCann, Alan Beemer, Teri Zanganeh, Diana Fratarcangeli, Samar Jasmin, Sean Moor, Gloria Moor, Amanda Schweyer, Mary-Anne Panek, Duda Zutic, Jan Eyraud, Heidi Hotz-Nourse.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes were not read from the last meeting as we are forming new electives to Council.

Board
The 20 Members who submitted nomination forms and are in attendance or submitted regrets are approved as voting members of council.

Election Results - Executive Members
1) Co-Chair Elementary – Alana Beemer
2) Co-Chair Secondary – Maria McCann
3) Treasurer – Teri Zanganeh
4) Secretary – Diana Fratarcangeli
5) Teacher in Attendance – Mme Stokes

Budget
- Concetta Di-Cesare Cafueri, past Treasurer requesting clarification on some o/s budget items; Paul reports current balance as of June 2016 was $19,904.60;
- all grant monies have been spent;
- discrepancies will be revisited separately with Concetta, Paul, & Bill; proposal that at next meeting October 17, parent council will revisit accounting of these discrepancies;
- discussion of cheque writing vs. signing authorities; treasurer would solely be responsible for writing cheque & depositing monies;

Principals’ Reports

Elementary Report – Paul Bisson/Jennifer Lira –

- notice of request for monies:
  - Samar asking for $3600 on behalf of Chris Lawler, Physical Education EY-8 to purchase equipment for DPA to be dispersed & kept in a bag for each grade;
  - TVA stone aka “Paul's tombstone” at front of school driveway cost $1000 already paid for but Paul asking for PAC to consider covering cost;
  - $1700 for outdoor garden for mulch;
  - computers $4000 to replenish supply to portables;
  - $1000 USF for Junior Robotics spent;
Secondary Report – Bill Toews –

- notice of request for monies:
  - asking for P.A. system $5000-6000 (initially presented in June 2016),
  - asked for Halloween for Kids, c/o Mrs. George, to collect money for costumes in support of kids in the West End, she already has business and financial support, this event will not directly benefit our own students but in greater community;
  - Melissa Kraus asking for Robotics Program to compete in regional events at cost of $7500 each tournament, travel, established fundraiser with local theatre in motion high costs of operating could be offset by any donation made by PAC, Kathleen Boice offered to resend promotional material presented last year by Robotics team which we never did approve spending on;
  - money for STEPS program with 10 students currently enrolled, board has been generous with donation of equipment but specialized equipment is always needed & appreciated;
  - Jen Kepran notice of request for $500-600 from Mme Muscedere, Secondary Librarian

New Business
- New Business welcome, send for next meeting via email to Alana/Maria, Chairpersons

Committee Reports
- **Aviva Funding** – Heidi Hotz-Nourse asking for volunteers to organize the competition – wants to enter the “community resilience” category this year; needs equal amount of votes to last year to win, needs team/subcommittee, school, & community behind us; a handful of volunteers (Samar, Heidi, Teri, Maria, Duda, and Paul Bisson), drafting a letter to parents will be needed, Heidi is in consultation with ERCA to help with planting native species of plants and trees as well as creating a natural habitat for insects and animals; concept includes natural classrooms (2-4); involving Unconquered Sun to illuminate areas as well as create electronic recharging stations using solar power.
- **Cookie-Dough Fundraiser & Delivery Night** – October 2nd is kickoff date; Paul has paperwork ready to go out & if we don’t step up, it will be exclusively Paul’s fundraiser, subcommittee includes Kathy Boice (Chair), Heidi Hotz-Nourse, Jean Camlis, Concetta Di-Cesare Cafueri.

Announcements
- Received $1000 PRO grant fund for each Elementary & Secondary;

Next Meeting 6:30 start (6:00 Executive members only)
- September 26, 2016
- October 17, 2016
- November 14, 2016
- December 12, 2016
- January 16, 2017
- February 13, 2017
- March 2017 – skipping this Month
- April 10, 2017
- May 8, 2017
- June 12, 2017

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:34 and was passed unanimously.