TECUMSEH VISTA ACADEMY
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 14th, 2016

Regrets: AJ Schweyer, Concetta Di-Cesare-Cafueri, Gloria Rey, Jennifer Cote, Heidi Hotz-Nourse, Brenda Fletcher late, Chrisann Lafontaine is late

In Attendance: Paul Bisson, Samar Jasmin, Graciella Stokes, Sean Moor, Teri Zanganeh, Mary-Anne Panek, Diana Fratarcangeli, Maria McCann, Bill Towes, Melissa Barron, Dubranka Zutic, Jan Eyraud, Kathleen Boice, Alana Beener.

CALL TO ORDER @ 6:35 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Correction to spelling of Ms. Barrone name. It was spelt Lisa in the October minutes instead of Melissa. Correction to chair for bursary committee. It is Janet not Katy. Alana passed, Samar seconded.

GUEST – OFFICER KAREN SINNAEVE, TECUMSEH OPP, Distracted Driving Campaign – A campaign is being organized by the Tecumseh Community Policing Committee on creating awareness in the community on distracted driving especially cell phone use. It is a year long initiative which hopefully will have its kick off in April. 4 schools have been approached: Vista and L’Essor in Tecumseh and St. Anne’s and Belle River in Lakeshore. The media arts department and Students Councils of all 4 schools have been approached and asked to create a logo that can be used on banners, road signs, window decals. Each school can submit an entry which will be judged by a panel of people such as the mayors for each town, Inspector Millar, radio personalities, etc. They are hoping to have the entries in by December 15th. There is a plan to also create a youtube video that can be used on the radio as well as posted on our website as well as radio stations that will be produced by our students. Another feature of this campaign is the testing and advertising of the app called One-Tap which has been launched and advertised by the Calgary police. One-Tap is a program that is downloaded to your phone. Once the car moves more than 5 km/hr, it turns on and anyone who calls or texts will be told you are driving and that you are not available. It will also give the other person a code to text if it is an emergency. If the person presses the 4 digit code, a voice will come on the phone and tell the driver that there is an emergency call and the name of the person who is trying to get a hold of the driver. One Tap will ask you to pull over at your earliest convenience to make the return call. Target audience is students. The print and radio ads will serve as constant reminders. Hoping to bring down a production company that will make a demonstration on distracted driving and drunk driving on either April 25th or 26th. Target is grade 11 and 12.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – Sophie Campbell, Deputy PM, Kailey Cabrera (not present), Krystalann Bechard, grade 9 rep – one event to discuss is can drive. There will be a dodge ball tournament and you need a canned good. Another thought is to include the elementary panel which already has a running can drive; Paul referred girls to a teacher-staff on elementary panel. Already had first-ever grade 9 day, tailgate event with chilli cookoff and bbq leading into a football game, costume for kids was very successful, pink-day in October, intermural just finished, badminton starting, going into basketball, for Halloween ran best-costume, literacy night, arts night & grade 8 night;

FINANCIAL REPORT – TERI
Going forward, board requires us to have 4 accounts, grant accounts for each panel and fundraising accounts for each panel; funds remaining following allocated funds approved to spend last meeting is $7911.34; currently no money left in parent council account, has been transferred to school account; total allocated to elementary is $6462.80 and to secondary $4641.00; cookie dough $ has already been received; Michelle/Kim will work all the accounts accordingly; approved by Kathy, seconded by Samar

ELEMENTARY REPORT – PAUL BISSON
Madame Graciella Stokes, Teacher Elementary Representative offers her thanks to our council and appreciation from faculty; robotics team sent a poster along with her; Chris Lawler will send a formal thank you once equipment is received, cast for play has not been determined, play is Jack and the Giant aiming for March/April; Naomi Whyte from Eco team grateful for compost bins for 20 classrooms, & Terry Fox banner, Forest of Reading program brochure was
shared and again thanks for our contributions; Mrs. George, Secondary LST was grateful for $ toward Halloween costumes;

- Upcoming events
  - Parent/Teachers Interview this Thursday, Friday is P.A. Day, students not in school;
- Financial requests - none

SECONDARY REPORT – BILL TOEWS
- Upcoming events – Night of Excellence this Wednesday the 16th in evening, December 14th is grade 8 information night with signage election-style 40-50 purchased for advertisement, Arts night is December 20th combined with Christmas Concert; no updates on sound system installation; Talent Show is February 22nd during 3rd period at 11:40 am; we can approach band and arts if they need our support for their fundraising efforts during Arts night;
- New board website is up and running;
- Financial requests – none
- Mirrors are up for the dance team as follow up to last month discourse

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE – HEIDI – c/o Teri
We are finalists thanks to incredible team, 30,705 votes which is first place for our category; top-ranked broker-supporter, we have a great chance for winning grand prize or top-ranked broker-supporter prize announcing on December 6th, 2016, with on-site visit may be requested; if interested to become involved in committee for pathway, submitted proposal $3500 from Toyota evergreen fund, proposal accepted and will be announced in December, 2016; Mrs. Naomi Whyte is running the Eco Team with students as part of her committee;

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS November 17th from 4:30-7:30
  - COOKIE DOUGH COMMITTEE – KATHY will be in and out and has asked Brenda to oversee Cookie Dough distribution, etc. arrival of cookie dough anticipated between 1-2 pm; volunteers needed as many as possible;
  - PIZZA TABLE – JANET – pizza starts at 4:30, float for $200 expenses and $100 float totalling $300 float; Michelle will provide cheque for $300 tomorrow, a la carte will also be offered on the night of; food for approx. 12 volunteers is being covered; student volunteers to help where needed; baked sale for robotics team (both panels are joining), dance team fundraising with popcorn and cotton candy sales that same night;

Any volunteers needed for Danielle during literacy day set up 1:30-4pm or from 4-8 on literacy night also literacy week between 21st – 24th from 9am-3:30;

FUNDRAISING – KATHY – tabled to next meeting;

BURSARY COMMITTEE – JANET – nothing to add, put on hold since Guidance office has been very busy, postponed to January, 2017; will receive questions from Brenda or Simona or Mr. Bigley, panel includes Diana, Melissa, Shaun, Deb, and Janet;

MIND FORCE COMMITTEE – KATHY - table in Spring

BYLAW COMMITTEE – KATHY – talked and received bylaws from 2 other schools, still collecting and so far document is varying from 5-20 pages; simplest is what is recommended from board office;

FAMILY PASTA NIGHT – MARIA – meant to be a fundraiser, Paul asking if it is intended to combine this with multicultural night which is more of a celebration than a fundraiser; Teri and Chrisann wanted to share some great ideas regarding pasta night; venue being considered is one of the banquet halls (i.e. Ciociaro Club, Torino), pre-orders ideal, rsvp, etc. Maria felt if we decided a date, she could start planning; ideas were tabled about this fundraiser and were heard but not finalized; date was initially planned for sometime between valentines day or family day; Maria will send out some ideas via email and obtain a consensus on those of interest; the council asked which fundraiser belongs to elementary and which belongs to secondary so Maria felt more information was needed moving forward and fundraising committee will
convene to discuss; Kathy shared some personal experiences on how to include both panels, etc., Maria solicited feedback from Mr. Toews for insights on areas where students would be engaged in fundraising and work toward a student wish-list of sorts;

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT – MARIA – Janet asked if this event was for both panels and if so, secondary panel may not warm up to the idea as much;

GECPIC – MARIA/ALANA – use and ease of Edsby versus Schoology; can parents advocate replacing Schoology with Edsby; Bill spoke about the eventual adoption of Edsby; cannot be mandated currently, yet can be encouraged to be used by faculty, students, etc. but it will be an evolution; Edsby is only mandated for use with attendance;

PAC NEWSLETTER – tabled to next meeting

GRANTS COMMITTEE – Paul has already group of council members to spend $; Bill does not currently need council members; Bill will reach out, if or when needed;

NEW BUSINESS – Christmas get-together possible dates Friday December 16th at 5:30, location TBD; June 29th for secondary graduation; Paul does not have fixed date for elementary graduation at this time; parent council would like to request a room for our purposes, supplies, inventory, etc. – Bill may or may not be able to accommodate this request; he will consider the OSR room or other;

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:35 passed by Kathy, seconded by Janet