COGHLAN FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2018

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Shelly Wutke, Melinda Penner, Clare Player, Miranda Tracy, Ainsley Beattie, Lisa Falk, Joanne Friesen, Trisha Tidball, Brenda Savage, Melanie Hebert, Cathy Gracie, Miranda Tracy, Brenda Savage

Called to order at 9:09 am

Welcome and introductions

Additions to the Agenda: Miranda Tracy asked that she be added to the agenda to discuss the Wix Brown transition

Motion to adopt agenda. Motioned by Clare, Seconded by Lisa

Declaration of Quorum

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes from January 23rd, 2018. Motion by Lisa. Second By Ainsley

**President’s Report**

There have been a lot of meetings lately so the focus has been on the Wix Brown proposal. Shelly has also begun the process of building the yearbook for 2018 and Melinda Penner and Melanie Hebert will be helping with that.

**Principals’ Report**

* 1. It’s been very busy
  2. Two Fraser Valley teacher candidates have been working with Ms.Guild and Ms. Braun’s classes. They are here for a couple of weeks for their long practicum. Every teacher that did a practicum in Langley was hired in Langley after
  3. Up until last Friday there were two Kwantlen SEA students in the classrooms as well
  4. St.John Ambulance courses is a go for Friday. There will be a Stay Safe course for grades 4-5 and babysitting for Grade 6 -7. They are leaving the registration open and they can take more kids. Stay Safe course is from 9-2 and babysitting is 9-2:45 or 3:00 pm
  5. Kids and teachers are working on poems and speeches. Next week is in-class competition for oratory. Oratory used to be in May but now it’s early so the kids can participate in district speech awards. They will compete in the gym and then go to the regional at LFMSS. Good opportunity for people to see the work the kids are doing
  6. Ordered 30 new iPads so that’s exciting. 5 for Ms.Guild’s class and a new class set for the school
  7. Every class will be provided with 5 iPads by the District so they can do a ‘Daily 5.’
  8. The teacher that was going to retire is planning on staying so Mrs.Gracie is happy about that

Fun Food recap: Clare will have a new set of Fun Food being uploaded after spring break. She’s open to any ideas for Fun Food. She asked the teachers to get back to her if they would like Triple O’s again. The teachers were requesting a hot dog or smokie day.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Movie Night**: We’d like to hold a movie night but the first available date will be April 20th, 2018. We have tentatively booked it for that time, and we are planning on showing Coco
2. **Pub Night is April 7th, 2018** at 7pm. We will be ordering 80 tickets and we have to pay for them up front. We’ll charge $25 for each ticket and have a silent auction, 50/50 draw, and a wine wall. Miranda may have concert tickets to donate. Clare is going to donate a $500 gift card. We will be sending out a letter to parents to give them an option for what they may want to donate
   1. We will be auctioning off the principal for the day and secretary for the day at Pub Night. We will auction off the parking spot at Fun Fair
   2. We need to get a gaming license
   3. Shelly will write a letter to send home to parents for donations for both pub night and Family Fun Night
3. **Vote for K – 2 on Wix Brown** 
   1. Miranda Tracy has spoken with many parents and she feels that a lot of people want a vote. A fair chance for everyone to put forth how they are feeling. She has no problem setting up a desk in the morning and spend two or three days giving people a chance to have a say. In fairness it would be K – 2 because that’s directly who this move is going to affect, but we could possibly open the vote to the wait list for K – 2. She thinks people will feel better that they’ve been heard and counted
   2. Cathy has received several emails and people are explaining their feelings about the possible move. She has some reservations about having a vote. The people who have been invested in the idea of moving are making an effort to be educated, and her fear is that some people will make their decision based on issues like parking or the drive time and not focus on the educational opportunities such a move would present
   3. Clare discussed the possible move with Gord Stewart, Superintendent, and she said his concern was how this move will be decided. Consensus is difficult to obtain. Gord is not interested in having a vote or a letter writing campaign, but they need to have some way to gauge the thoughts of the parents.
   4. Miranda feels a vote is the most fair and accurate way of getting numbers, and although unofficial, this information could be shared with the board at the meeting
   5. Clare feels as though having Coghlan in Aldergrove is an asset to the Aldergrove community and it is the only choice program in Aldergrove. She doesn’t believe taking it away is a good idea
   6. If a vote takes place, the staff can also take part in the vote
   7. It’s been proposed that we hold an unsanctioned vote to get an idea of what the parents are thinking, knowing that the board may not take that into consideration
   8. We could also add to the vote and ask the parents to explain why they made that choice and whether or not they would stay at Coghlan if the vote was yes
   9. Brenda mentioned that she’s concerned that Coghlan may not look the same on the other side if 100 kids withdraw and move
   10. Trisha Tidball mentioned that if parents love the community, and if we’re all going there, why is there an issue with moving facilities. If we all go, we’re all there
   11. Mrs.Gracie: there are all kinds of contributing factors, and although they follow a general curriculum, every school does things a different way. If Coghlan were to move the fundamentals teaching principals would follow. Coghlan’s program will move as a whole.
   12. Brenda Savage is concerned that the transition period will be difficult

The Grade 7 class required the library to exchange books, so the meeting was abruptly adjourned at 10:20 am.