

Minutes Parent Council
March 15, 2011
Matthew Halton School
Pincher Creek, AB

Attending: Michelle Spencer, Lindsay Dyer, Janet Elder, Muriel McPherson, Joanne Cyr, Shannon Scherger, Sandy Treit, Diane Bowen- Oczkowski

1. Welcome and Introductions – Michelle welcomed those in attendance
2. Review and Approved Agenda – no additions or deletions
3. Budget Report – (Shannon S)
 - Timeline for the shop reno is June - September
 - Updating the tech requirements for high schools (IT)
 - In order to cover the 4.4.% there will be other cuts
 - Potential inequity amongst the schools
 - When we know how the cuts spin out then that might be time to write a letter and express our concern.
 - Discussion about how to increase involvement of other parents
4. Principal's Report: (Sandy T)
 - Two PS2 teachers
 - Pinnacle Viewer
 - Parent teacher Interviews April 5th or 6th
 - FACES presentation to Grade 9 students /spots are already being filled (15)
 - 4 day trips to the ski hill
 - Sun Dog glasses are on sale as a fundraiser for Booster Club
 - Newsletter out next week

OPTIONS

Students in Grade 9, 10 and 11 classrooms are being polled on their option preferences for for Grade 10, 11 and 12.

(Rock Band, Aboriginal Studies, French, Welding and Construction) – pretty low numbers for options) Asking the kids to rank their preferences. Hiring for cooking this week – teaching French by videoconferencing.

INTERVIEWS

Grade 9 Progress Interviews 2010/2011 went well - next step is to share with Grade 9 teachers

Sandy will post the interview guides on the website as a parent resource.

TIMETABLING

Sandy introduced the timetabling issues facing the school i.e. music can only be offered in the mornings. Parents were then able to record their feedback on various timetabling considerations such as semestered vs. year long classes, mandatory options, keeping the music program etc...

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm

Next Meeting Monday April 11th 5- 6pm