

## Minutes for PCC Parent/Admin Meeting January 12, 2016

Present: Heather Ratzlaff, Gwen Wong, Laura Batista, Charlie Coyle, Marcela Kline, Jascine Peterson, Christine Ehrlich-Brady, Margaret Paris, Lisa Meneian-Cecile

Meeting start time : 6:40 pm

Charlie Coyle is the chair person and Heather Ratzlaff was appointed co-chair.

Updates from Christine re: High School

- training is ongoing for new curriculum
- new compass card transportation system
- VCC apprenticeship still ongoing until March, then students will have placements
- Winterfest lunch
- Jan 28th "stickboy" performance at 9:45am with interpreters for grades 8-12
- End of Jan boys basketball team wrapping up
- 2 contests coming up (Gallaudet writing competition and Flying Hands)

Updates from Margaret re: Elementary School

- Deaf history competition: There are 20 spots in the WA dorm for kids and parents who wish to participate (March 10, 2016) The plan is for grades 4+ to attend. The outreach website has more information on this
- Optimism speeches Mar 2-4
- BCSD is developing their own website
- UBC Research project: this is an 8 week project which involves Mike, Kenna and Marilyn's classes (Joanna Canon is the research coordinator for this project) The school will be getting a computer program called "Literacy Links" as well as "ixl" set up on 20 computers for participating in this research project.
- "Beautiful Hands" book chosen for literacy week (Wed- read my shirt, thurs-dress up as your favourite book character, Fri- pj day)
- FSA (functional skills assessment) for grades 4-7
- Breakfast club tues/thurs for kids who need it
- Teresa Fierro (South Slope music teacher) is putting on the Lion King performance,

BCSD will be involved, and could use parent volunteers

Lisa discussed they are going ahead with the accreditation, and she will be having a meeting with parents to discuss the process.

There was much talk about how can we get the BCSD families together and get more parents to attend PCC Meetings. We will be setting up an email account for all families to be apart of and connect with regards to PCC Meetings and any other topics we may have. We will also be sending out paper copies to go home with the children regarding upcoming meetings and events.

Jascine also came up with a great fundraising idea of a Bingo night and silent auction. This will be a community event so everyone is welcome to attend. We will be partnering up with a few other organizations. Date and details to follow.

We also had a brief moment to talk about our concerns with service requests regarding Speech, OT, etc, and discussed with admin that there needs to be more consistency on how this process goes. We were informed best to make sure these requests are brought up during IEP meetings and discussed with Alana Haller also.

Lisa plans to discuss further at the next meeting what shared learning, mainstreaming, and the new curriculum will all look like moving forward.

Meeting finished at 8:30pm