

PCC November 3, 2015

In Attendance: BCSD- Lisa Menien, Margaret Paris, Christine Ehrlich-Brady
Parents- Charlie Coyle, Heather Ratzlaff, Marcela Kline, Liz Cooney,
Gwen Wong, Laura Batista

Regrets: Jennifer Zuvic (BCSD), Jascine Peterson, Joy Santos

Admin Updates- BCSD Elementary Program

45 Students from K-7. Most primary students are in 2 grade splits while intermediate are in 3 grade (5/6/7) splits. Some intermediate students are mainstreaming with South Slope classes, which tends to be established the year before so South Slope staff, students, and additional staff supports can be arranged. Alana Haller is Learning Supports Services, Jennifer Zuvic is Head teacher.

Some of our new (& not so new) Support Staff:

*Anne Ross is the new Occupational Therapist. She lives in Kelowna and works .5 for K-12. She works 2 weeks per month as she lives in Kelowna. Goal is to do assessments and train EA's to support during the school day. OT works with home plans already established by families OT/PT if there is one.

*Tatiana Sitar is a Certified Behaviour Consultant who works .5- K-12. Her responsibilities are (upon referral) to observe students in class, assess & help to develop behavior (& safety plans where needed) to support students in social/emotional skills, behavior regulation, communication etc.

*Sydelle Murphy is the SLP - her role remains the same as last year (.8)

*Russ Ward - one of our EAs, who is an ASL instructor, will be working part of his time teaching 2x's/week (30min each) - "ASL Café" to South Slope staff and any other new staff interested in learning ASL. He will also be starting ASL classes with the SS students and hopefully a parent class as well (if time permits). In addition he works as an EA to support students in one of the Int classrooms.

Referral processes for in school services can come from parent or teacher. All referrals go through Alana, and forms will be sent home outlining services requested.

BCSD admin. thanks all the parent volunteers who supported the 100 years celebration of Deaf Education. Admin is hoping to have monthly events and any further support would be appreciated.

There will be a Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov 10th. It will be collaborative with BCSD/South Slope. Theme is "Peace is in our Hands".

BC has a new curriculum roll out. Links below explain key points.