

Minutes
Yale Middle School Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Present: Shari Wetmore, Rose Short, Paula Schieven

Admin: Jay Pankratz (Principal)

Staff: Doug Primrose, Clayton Radons, Greg Byron

Presenter: Brooke Rideout

Call to order at 7.05pm in Yale Conference Room

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 16, 2013 adopted as circulated.

- Rose Short motioned, Paula Schieven seconded

Chair person's report by Shari Wetmore

Nothing to report. Call to keep thinking of ways to fundraise to get extra funds into General Account. Shari to contact Vice Chair Amy Brake (absent) to inquire about lollipop fundraiser and Shari to contact Doug Primrose to invite few Leadership students to come up with additional ideas and to inquire about any help at the school to make this happen. Also Shari to look into ice cream sandwiches, pricing them out between Thrifty's, Save On, Costco and maybe Sysco through Yale.

Principal's Report – Jay Pankratz

Today was announced that Jay will be leaving Yale to start work at Mouat Secondary after Spring Break 2014. Lance McDonald will be taking his place at Yale Secondary. PAC sad to see Jay go, but also excited to meet Lance.

Jay presented the new Yale app for smart phones, tablets and android devices. Feedback from students and staff are all very positive. Many additions still made to this app. Parents are encouraged to install and use it. Old agendas are considered obsolete now, cost of agendas \$10,000 per school year. App costs \$3,500 initially and \$1,000 every next year.

Treasurer's Report – Rose Short

Financials as presented.

Requests by staff

Greg Byron: Basketballs for Jr and Sr teams for \$780 (9 pract. balls and 3 game balls)

Greg Byron: Olympic Weightlifting bars \$265 for 2pc. Used for Rugby team pract.

Both items are considered non curricular and would be paid through gaming account. Motioned by Rose Short, seconded by Paula Schieven. All in favor.

Greg has also addressed previous purchases. For the next two school years no requests will be made for any Rugby Jerseys. No Field Paint is required for the 2014/2015 school year either.

Doug Primrose: Sr Boy Rugby Jerseys \$2,100

Jerseys worn now are 6 years old and in dire need of replacement. Games start in March. Currently 30 students signed up. Team won Bronze in 2012/2013 school year. Expecting another successful year.

Item considered non curricular, paid out of gaming account. Motioned by Rose Short, seconded by Paula Schieven. All in favour.

Presentation on career and technical programs
by Clayton Radons and Brooke Ridedout

Clayton is not only a teacher at Yale but also the career program facilitator and he promotes the program through the district. Brooke is a 2013 Grad who has experience doing one of the programs as well as being able to promote it.

Watched video and brochures were handed out.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByZhXRPw4x8>

Program is quite unique for North America. Students not only get a hands-on approach in learning, they still earn Grade 12 credits. Students do their program in Abbotsford, Chilliwack or Langley. Different programs work with different schedules. Any student or parents can always get in touch with Mr. Radons for more information. Presentations are also given to all students at Yale. A 50% of all Grade kids apprentices are from Yale! This program is proven to be very successful.

Brooke's story: Sign up is in Grade 11, some programs get quite full. Mr. Radons helps with all paperwork and all that is required is a \$20 sign up fee. You have to take a "basic trades test" similar to a Grade 8 level Math test. For Grade 12 you still come to Yale for all your Grad requirement courses one semester. You then get accepted into an apprenticeship program which is also sponsored by Yale. Brooke needed to finish Grade 11 Math, Chem and Bio to be accepted into the Horticulture program. She was enrolled in a 6 week program at Kwantlen College. She then got a job at Devon Greenhouse a week after graduation! Brooke is continuing her Horticulture study.

Meeting adjourned at 8.15pm

Next meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2013
7pm in Yale Conference Room (across the office)
(meetings will usually take place every third Wednesday of the month, unless posted differently)