**Coghlan Fundamental Elementary School**

PAC Meeting

January 23, 2018

Called to order: 6:04 pm

In attendance: see attached list

Additions to agenda: None

Motion to adopt agenda: adopted Brie seconded by Lisa

Declare quorum: declared

Motion to adopt meeting minutes from November 2017: motion seconded Michelle seconded by Brie

President’s report

* Thank you Jennifer for putting together the craft fair - $1700 total raised
* Christmas raffle - $2400 total raised
* To the parents who volunteered for the pancake breakfast - Thank you!

Principal’s report (Mrs. Cathy Gracie)

* a lot of info and time is put into the newsletter, please read to get any information you might need regarding upcoming dates, activities, events etc
* the Christmas concert went well at Poppy
* basketball season up and going
* topics for speech/oratory in full swing
* for oratories we start with the class competition, then chosen students will go on to compete at the district level
* thank you PAC executives for all the time put in to events, organizing, meetings
* please remember we are here for the same reason, we all want what’s best for our learners, our kids, lets keep this in the forefront
* change can be scary let’s listen to information to make a well informed decision

New business

* Motion to add Ainsley Beattie, Shantel Haber, Mel Hebert to Coghlan PAC in positions of Members at large - Motioned by Lisa seconded by Michelle

Possible move of Coghlan Fundamental to Wix Brown

* Woody from the School Board in attendance
* middle school transition
* maximize potential for programs
* building community for middle secondary
* maximize for elementary as well
* this region isn’t growing quickly, what’s the sustainability long term?
* why Coghlan? this school doesn’t have a lot of flexibility regarding growth and useable space
* we want the Fundamental family to grow
* Wix numbers will go down after middle school transition
* some kids in Wix area are already going to Coghlan
* Wix is not at risk of closing as of right now
* if Coghlan is not interested or doesn’t happen, they will look at other options for Wix
* many grade 7s leaving are going to poppy, therefore they are transitioning in with Wix students
* if both communities decide to join together we will work together, PAC and Principals
* enrollment and programing to be strong, we both want that inside and outside the school
* combined communities projected numbers: 2020 is projected 153 students at Wix. Blended we would be 260-280 total with 12 divisions
* this means more balanced classes and 2 full k classes and less split classes in higher grades
* more opportunities: garden, outdoor ed, kitchen between kinder classrooms
* considerations: bussing will be removed, keeping our small school feel, inventive play(forest), distance, parking, soccer field grass to gravel, staffing, naming, daycare: before and after, grade 5, will they still get an opportunity for Poppy?
* no difference in seismic concerns
* asbestos, any school before 1990 would be the same
* septic: here we have issues, Wix has no issues
* powerlines, they are a safe distance 5-700 metres
* wheelchair accessible - yes

From Cathy Gracie

* some limitations currently:
* library is the only other large teaching space besides classrooms
* It is used for band as well as library
* band is amazing but holding it in the library has a ripple effect: affects resource, Mrs. Laycock etc
* We will have the opportunity to go from 10 divisions to 12 at Wix and all be in one school under one roof
* There are currently no washrooms in portables, some issues: kids are wasting time, safety concerns, the weather
* There is a multi purpose room at Wix – the location is always set up, they have risers, designed for acoustics, tucked away to not interfere with other learning
* The gym is newly painted and is twice the size as ours
* PAC kitchen with rolling window for concession in the gym
* resource hub there, main room with four rooms off that
* all in the same area, this would make space we don’t currently for counsellor, speech and language, OT
* some limitations: loss of forest but it currently comes with some issues such as supervision, there’s a lake out there right now which is a huge safety concern. The drive may be farther for some families

Meeting adjourned 8:06 pm