Inquiry Hub Secondary School – commons room

Attendees: Jason Turner  (Chair), Cathy Hoy (Treasurer), Arlyss Turner (Secretary), Brent Ward, Michele Barnabe, Connie Sillas, Daesik Jang, Katherine Isaac, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Lorna Wou, Dave Truss (Vice-principal, lead administrator)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

* All were welcomed to the meeting.  Round table of introductions was made.

1. Previous Minutes

* Minutes for meetings of February 3, 2014
  + Motion to approve as drafted: Brent Ward
  + Second: Daesik Jang
  + Draft minutes accepted as drafted.
* Minutes for meetings of March 10, 2014
  + Motion to approve as drafted: Connie Sillas
  + Second: Brent Ward
  + Draft minutes accepted as drafted.

1. Principal's Report

* It’s been a month of fieldtrips with the ropes day occurring same time as teachers went to visit self-directed school in
  + Space center
  + Skiing
  + Walking trip to movie
* Students presented to SFU symposium. Also, Stephen Whiffin and Dave Truss presented at the school trustee's conference.  Wanted to take students. However, the garden girls were booked to help with other Inquiry students at the Maillard Greening day. Pablo had helped to create a video of them which was presented. Joey and Josh attended and did a really job with the presentation. Lots of positive feedback from the trustees and our superintendent was received.
* Reporting software is archaic and the have been challenges with it. They decided that they weren't going to invest in detailed report cards this term and decided to go with student-led conferences during which the students did a one-slide presentation. The sign-up sheet worked better than the previous method of phone calls booking.
* June 2nd is the AGM. The students are planning that day for the incoming students. Expecting to have 13 or so incoming students. Cannot go over 60 students.  So, with the added 13 or so we will be likely in the low 50's for enrollment next year.  Dave is hoping that after school, to do hamburgers and have current PAC members bring a potluck dish to serve 5 or 6. Plan is to start a movie for the students at 5:30 pm.  PAC meeting to start at 6:30 pm. Eileen to bring her popcorn machine.
* The model here is about students having an inquiry and trying to improve their learning.  The staff is trying to improve their model as well as they are not happy with how the courses are so separated. Executing this through a process of inquiry.
* Identify - yourself and social awareness is the center. Stewardship - caring for each other and yourself. Communication. Design.
* They have experimented with this during this year. They are looking at the curriculum to see how they can adopt this model to bring the teaching themes together across the grades.
* Gmail, hotmail and yahoo have identified that SD43 is spam due to an issue with spamming.

1. Treasurer Report

* No report at this time. A couple of cheques have arrived to be deposited.
* Donations made to the SD that are above $20 will get a tax receipt. It takes time to get to Inquiry Hub. If you do this, let Dave know so that he can track and confirm it gets received by Inquiry Hub accounts.
* Donations made directly to the Inquiry Hub PAC are not eligible for tax receipt.

1. Priorities for 2014/2015

* Question to Dave on tutorial on how to use the grant review site.
* Food safe for the school? PAC had hoped to use the grant funds to pay this. Dave is investigating booking this.

1. Old Business

* Update on volunteering - those students that helped out at Maillard will get 7 hours for their help at that event.
* Have the teachers decided on how they will do their hours? Dave went to a flexible school's meeting. What most flexible schools are doing is include in their instructional time. Thursdays before PE will have a work block that the staff can have a collaboration time when the students are in a study block. There isn't an opportunity to enable common prep time.

1. New Business

* Dave asked for a parent to help coordinate the pot-lunch. Lorna volunteered to coordinate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm

Future meeting scheduled for June 2, 2014 at 6:30 pm which will be the AGM.