Inquiry Hub Secondary School – commons room

Attendees: Jason Turner (Chair), Arlyss Turner (Secretary), Michelle Unrau (Vice Chair), Cathy Hoy (Treasurer), Connie Silas, Sandra Baker, Lorna Wou, Dave Truss (Vice-principal, lead administrator), Sarah Husband (Principal)

Minutes recorded by Arlyss Turner.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

1. Previous Meeting Minutes for meeting of October 21, 2013

Motion to approve as drafted: Connie Silas

Second: Sandra Baker seconded.

* Draft minutes accepted as drafted.

1. Principal's Report

* Dave provided the following updates:
  + Decorations went up today by group of students.
  + A donated drafting table arrived at the school today and some students were involved in getting that in place and setup.
  + The science room is coming together.
  + Photos of the students decorating are on the school's
  + Thanks to the parents who came to the teacher conferences. Also thanks to those that brought their students along as that allowed for some very rich experiences/discussions.
  + Thanks for the Hard Drive. It is in use to share videos for improved streaming.
  + Mr. B has just made a PE order and coming soon will be Intramural floor hockey
  + Mr. Soiseth is going to be starting the Inquiry Hub reads program which is where the students read a novel and then make a case for inclusion of that choice into the reading program.
  + The temperature in the school is much approved over last year.
  + Mr. Sarte is currently teaching about circuitry and programming.
  + Mr. K has started a debate program. One topic was 3D printing donor program. It is an interesting program that occurs during lunchtime and sometimes goes over after into early afternoon.
  + PE has been moved to last block of the day.
  + For the PAC funds request, Dave showed the new request form. He went over the request and approval process. Parents will need to subscribe to the request site. Dave will send an email inviting parents to do so once the site is finalized. Dave noted there is one request so far and it will be used as an example on the site.
  + Reviewed the Parent page and noted that he has been updating this up to this point. He is looking for parents to take over maintaining and updating this page. Parents can set up a subscription to this page if desired. Michelle offered to be a parent contributor to the page. Lorna asked if a counter is available on the page. Dave showed that there is a global tracker gadget that is utilized. Edublog has listened and now all Canadian school materials are on a Canadian server.
  + Inquiry on SPC effort. Sarah and Dave will plan a meeting for the SPC. Anita Whitfield (is an SD43 employee and may not be able to participate on an SPC), Brent Ward and Michelle Unrau. Jason noted that he will fill the third spot if no other parents come forward.
  + Haney School was visited by Dave and Kim. They are doing an amazing job at that school.
  + They are considering taking a school trip so all the teachers can see this. Thomas Haney School in Maple Ridge. The principal there was a prior teacher. They are considering combining a physical activity together with a trip to see this school (perhaps bowling). Thomas Haney is holding a conference called DisruptEd next October.
  + The students are planning a ski trip. They will likely connect with another school to get the economics
  + The student leadership group is planning a Christmas party.
  + There are two fieldtrips being considered. One which is for Cliff Hanger.

1. Priorities for 2013/2014

* Hard drive was purchased and is now in use at the school.
* PAC has provided cheque to school for the UBC fieldtrip

1. Old Business

* Survey monkey has not had any additional responses. Survey went to all parents. There were 12 respondents and 60% of survey respondents were in favour of donations in lieu of fundraising efforts. Most popular amount was $30. Discussion is to request $30 and parents who want a tax receipt should write their donation ticket to the SD43 with a notation on it for "Inquiry Hub". The executive will draft a message to be placed on the parent site.

1. New Business

* Inquiry on provincial exams. There are January, April and June dates for the COL and Inquiry Hub will be included in those dates. The student needs to notify their teachers soon (prior to Dec 16th) to enable their names to be included for the January exam sitting. Grade 10's have three exams which are 20% of final grade.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm

Future Meeting scheduled for February 3, 2014 at 7 pm