

Inquiry Hub Secondary School – PAC Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

Inquiry Hub Secondary School – commons room

Attendees: Jason Turner (chair), Michelle Unrau (vice-chair), Sandra Baker, Anita Whitfield, Cathy Hoy, Connie Silas, Sarah Husband (Principal), Dave Truss (Vice-principal, lead administrator)

Minutes recorded by Brent Ward, Arlyss Turner was away.

1. Meeting called to order @ 7:04 pm.

2. Welcome and introductions

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

3. Acceptance of previous minutes for meeting of September 21, 2013.

Motion to approve as drafted:

- Meeting minutes from September 21, 2013 PAC general meeting were accepted as drafted.

4. "Principal's" Report

- Dave provided the following updates:
 - o Ropes course was a success although weather was cool. Course consisted of team building, problem solving and was entertaining as well. Students challenged to climb ropes and cross zip lines. Dave felt it fully met expectation. A lot of photos were taken and there will be some sort of a slide show will be produced by the students and hopefully posted.
 - o Photo wall is up. Everyone encouraged to check out all the students and staff and their insightful comments.
 - o Science room is to be turned into "maker" space, an area to design and make different curriculum elements and inquiry projects. Walls will be filled with tools with the chalk boards being replaced with peg boards. Wish list will be coming up for tools....
 - o Parent page – wiki's or moodles; notes on program. At parents.inquirery.org. Can subscribe on top right hand corner to get notices when people post on it.
 - o There is an expectation that students need to work at home for about 1 hour a day on average. Often not a lot of assigned homework, but there is always a lot to do. Parents can get them to log on and check progress on specific courses.
 - o Grade 9 take your kid to work is on November 6th. Forms for this going out this week. Some restrictions on work sites that need WCB coverage.
 - o There are quiet reading periods, 2 days a week for 20 min. Students should be bringing books on these days.

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5. Priorities for 2013/2014

General discussion of priorities for fundraising and potential events.

May try to organize a social night of some type - change from a dance.

Technology – need a large drive to store photos and download teaching videos rather than streaming.

6. Old Business

- <http://parents.inquiryhub.org/pac-minutes/> includes links to the iHub PAC Constitution and our Code of Conduct.
- School web site is being updated.
- Treasurer position – Cathy Hoy
- Student inquiry website – started will be visible soon.
- Blogs are now on Canadian servers

7. New Business

- Will post dates and forms for upcoming events so people can plan.
- A parent teacher night is coming up, more details to follow.
- 53 students are now registered with 17 only coming two days a week

8. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 2nd, 2013 at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn 8:33 pm. Sarah