

**South Peace School Parent Advisory Council
Monday March 1, 2010 – 7 pm - Minutes**

Welcome & Introductions: Kim

Administration: Keith Maurer

- ❖ Grade 9's have done their course selection for Grade 10. The Grade 10s will be doing theirs this week and the Grade 11s will finish up choosing their courses for Grade 12 right away after spring break.
- ❖ 5 students were suspended for having marijuana on them or smelling of it. Police were involved.
- ❖ Amalgamation update: Trustees have decided that the amalgamation of CMS and SPSS will be done. The first step is to form the administration into one group. Who that group will be needs to be decided first and then the timeline for the rest of the process will be decided. Process will begin this spring.
- ❖ There are many benefits that could come from the amalgamation. Parents can get more information on the SD website where the research committees report is posted for viewing.
- ❖ There are discount cards for sale at the office – they are for local businesses (DC, GP & FSJ). They cost \$20 and \$15 of that is a fundraiser for the school. You will get discounts of various sorts at all kinds of businesses – the card is good until Dec 2011.
- ❖ Discussion about the fact that the band Offspring will be playing the same night as the Grad ceremonies. Administration is worried about the safety issues this brings up as well as the possibility that grads might choose to skip the ceremony. Suggestion to back up the ceremony by one hour. No decision at this time.
- ❖ Counselors are still working with some students to help with grieving in the death of Zach Friesen.
- ❖ As part of a larger project looking at improving Aboriginal students success in our school system, there is a group of folks interviewing aboriginal families to get their story of how the school system worked (or not) for them. All the info will be compiled and hopefully themes will emerge to show how things can be improved.
- ❖ The School District is trying a new way for schools to budget. Every school will start at zero and build a budget based on perceived needs. Every dollar will need to be accounted for. This will even out the budgets for schools as right now we have the larger schools with surpluses and the small ones with no money. This will start in September 2010.

Pac Business:

- Minutes of last meeting – distributed by email
- Gradfest meetings have started. **Next one March 24**. Prom committee has been formed. Scavenger Hunt committee too.
- DPAC Report: see attached Board report from February meeting.

Treasurer Report : Karen Thomas

- Bank account reports : attached
- Still to pay : Gradfest, Cap and Gown & Skills Canada
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District info / Trustee: Newly elected Trustee Is: Tamara Ziemer

- ❖ Looking forward to getting in touch with her after training.

Next PAC meeting: April 12, 2010 7 pm

Adjourn 8:00 pm

