Beacon Hill Public School Parent Council May 26, 2015

<u>In Attendance:</u> Waleed Najmeddine, Selena Klapp, Andrea Popejoy, Jenny Ridley, Rhonda Blanchette, Christie Bryksa, Shelley Kellington

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm by Selena Klapp

Approval of Agenda: Andrea adds casino money allocation to the agenda, Selena Approves, Jenny seconds

Approval of April minutes: Shelley Approves, Selena Seconds

FNMI:

- Aboriginal week was very well received by all
- Angela Gladue presentation at Greely was very well liked by everyone, the older kids were especially interested with the topic and presentation
- Ms.MacDonald did a wonderful job setting up the Dr.Clark drummers and prepared bannock for the whole school
- Project of the heart artwork

Casino Money: Andrea

- Casino has been completed and no issues came up, the weekend went very well
- Parents Plus needs to spend \$38000 before Feb 2016, and would like to have it spent before December 2015 if possible
- Andrea suggested that the teachers and staff get together and try to find something to spend the majority of the money on
- Some ideas mentioned were, more iPads for each classroom, green screen/production equipment, upgrades to the library(will need to organize a committee for this), costumes upgrades to drama

Teacher Report: Rhonda Blanchette/Shelley Kellington:

- Jump Rope for Heart was a success, and many people were involved with it, the fundraising goal of \$5000 was not met, but the average amount of \$2-3000 was made
- Official Request from Mrs. Blanchette to parents Plus on behalf of the school, would like to have Motion in Science come into our school for 3 days, do classroom presentations, an evening presentation and have them do an assembly, will cost about \$2000 and need to be booked as soon as possible.

Principal's Report: Waleed Najmeddine:

1. Collaboration with Composite High School

- Transition planning has started with the south side administration
- Some ideas to transition were suggested were:
 - Spirit days
 - Student for a day Grades 6-7-8
 - Have feeder schools visit more frequently
 - Have information readily available about comp at schools and events
 - Open houses, one per semester

2. Staffing 2015-2016

- Provincial budget delayed until September 2015
- District needs to make interim plans and submit to Alberta education by June 30
- Our school has been given 0.8 Administrators, 1.58 CSI, 0.2 FNMI, 0.0 ELL, these numbers are based on the projection template recently received
- Need intent letters and registration forms returned asap to best project the budget

3. 2nd Annual Family Fun fair

- Saturday May 30th at Timberlea school from 11-3pm
- Free admission and open to the public
- Parent volunteers appreciated

4. Technology

- New laptops are in and are catalogued
- Imagine learning program available for classroom use
- Robotics club awards at the FMPSD Tournament
 - 1st place for programming
 - 3rd place for Mechanical design
 - 3rd place overall

5. Parent Council Request from staff

- Need volunteers to help set up the afternoon of June 3rd and June 4th for the fine arts extravaganza

6. Important dates

- Wednesday May 27- Mega Boyz at SSWC
- Friday May 29-Grade 7&8 at Comp for Spirit Day
- Saturday May 30- FMPSD Family Fun Day at Timberlea school 11-3 (Need volunteers)
- Tuesday June 2- Volunteer Appreciation day, Air Band in the afternoon
- Wednesday June 3- Junior High Track and Field meet at Holy Trinty
- Thursday June 4- Fine Arts Extravaganza 5-7pm
- Friday June 5th-Professional Learning Day-No Classes
- June 8-11-Circle Square Ranch (Grade 8 year end trip)
- Wednesday June 17- Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B (Multiple choice)
- Thursday June 18- Grade 6 Math PAT
- Friday June 19- Grade 6 Science PAT
- Monday June 22- Grade 6 Social Studies PAT
- Tuesday June 23- Sports day
- Wednesday June 24- Water park day Grade 1-6 at Howard Pew Park
- Thursday June 25- Lat day of classes, Year End awards ceremony