

Members in Attendance: Cinda Wootton (Chair), Samantha Harrison (Vice-chair), Jon Lee (treasurer), Leanna Sano (secretary), Jane McFadyen (Principal), Dionne McFie, Jacqueline Chang, Kristy McLeod, Helmut Daiminger, Carol Clark

1. Adoption of the Agenda: Kristy – Dionne

2. Adoption of the Minutes: Jon – Cinda

3. PAC exec update

- a. The future PAC date meetings are November 20, January 15, February 26, April 16, and May 28.
- b. The PAC executive welcomes Samantha Harrison as vice-chair.
- c. The co-secretary position is still available if anyone is interested.

4. Principal's report

- a. Interim reports will be going home October 25. They focus on student work habits, which correlates with achievement. Many teachers use a formative assessment now, which lets students know what they can improve on for the summative assessment at the end. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 7th and 8th.
- b. Grade 12 Parents evening was held on September 25th. Almost 200 parents attended to hear about important Grade 12 requirements, post-secondary admissions, scholarship applications etc. The dry after grad committee held a meeting afterwards.
- c. The Canadian Universities Event was held on October 3rd, and was well attended.
- d. Screenagers was shown at McMath on October 11th. This documentary examined teenagers screen time and its effect on their lives, offering good suggestions for setting screen time boundaries for both teens and parents. Thanks to RDPA for organizing the showing of this movie at our school. Approximately 250 people attended.

- e. Grade 8 Camp will be held October 29th to October 31st. 95% of 233 Grade 8 students will be going to Camp Stillwood, near Cultus Lake. 17 staff members and 30 student leaders will accompany the group.
- f. There will be a junior dance for grades 8, 9 and 10 on October 23rd. We hope to see lots of Halloween costumes on October 31st which are school appropriate – not too sexy and no weapons.
- g. Firecrackers are illegal – and there will be serious consequences if they are brought to school.
- h. There will be 2 Remembrance Day ceremonies on Friday November 9th. Parents are welcome.

5 Treasurer's report:

- a. The general account has a balance of \$337.18. The key expense for the general account is the staff lunches. A fundraising letter asking for monetary donations has been put up on the school website, and was put out at the Meet the Teacher night. A suggestion was made to have a collection bin for PAC donations in the office.
- b. The gaming grant we received this year was \$31,416. The amount per student was raised from \$20 to \$24 this year.
- c. The amount set aside for the scoreboard is \$10,000.
- d. Jane, Jon and Cinda have signing authority for the bank account.

6. New business:

- a. The PAC Wishlist items total requests came to \$29,020. After discussion, all items were approved except the Home economics/textiles request for \$500 (the money was for materials which would have been sewn in class time), and a \$200 scholarship request from the Multicultural Club.

A motion was made to approve the Wish List items (minus the \$500 for the textiles class and \$200 from the Multicultural Club for scholarships) by Jon – seconded by Dionne. All in favour.

- b. Staff Appreciation Lunch – The first staff lunch will be held on December 6th, and the other one will be in June. It is the PAC's way of saying thank you to all of our teachers, administrators, and support staff. Any help is appreciated.

7. RDPA Report:

- a. Screenagers was a big success.
- b. Pac 101 will be held on November 1st for the executives at the PAC level for Chair and Treasurer. The DAG chairs come to **collaborate together and network about re using decorations etc.**
- c. At the next RDPA meeting the treasurer will talk about lead in the water.
- d. At the district level there is one person overseeing the emergency kits for schools. We should know more by next month.

8. SOGI Policy (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity):

- a. The SOGI policy was written to be very inclusive of all members of the school community. The LGBTQ+ community is a vulnerable population right now so the SOGI policy makes sure they are safe. There is a 7 x higher increase in suicide attempt by this community. Examples of types of things SOGI looks at are gender neutral washrooms, as well as gender neutral and inclusive P.E. classes and Extra-curricular activities. The policy is not about the school doing anything to the students, but empowering kids and making them feel confident.

9. Meeting adjourned 8:37 pm

Next Meeting is November 20th @ 7:00pm