

PCSS PAC MEETING

Minutes

February 9, 2021, 7pm

1. **Attendance:** Brian Hamm, Crystal Stankowich, Kristi Wray, Kelly Fitchett, Sherry Harder, April Parsons, Mike Nelson

2. **Call to order at 7pm.**

3. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes of January 12, 2021**

Correction to Minutes of January 12, 2021:

1. Ventilation Upgrades: Greg advises the District has received funding for upgrades and he was looking for project allocations in Creston.
2. Parking Lot: instead of "other parents have not noted this", it was noted among a minority of all users (students, parents, and even a bus).

Motion to approve by Sherry H. Seconded by April P. Carried.

4. **Old Business**

- a. **Hub update:** Advance Newspaper had article to celebrate 3 year anniversary – PCSS has opened other offices for services. Article has been distributed throughout the district. Error in that HUB serves students in grade 8-12 from PCSS and Homelinks(not Wildflower as was reported).
- b. **Lunch Program update:** Very well received. Good variety and consistency of food being provided to students. Mr. Hamm advises just need to ensure student traffic is minimized and congestion is avoided.
- c. **Bathroom (locks and gender neutral):** Student trustees have taken over this initiative. Have met with GSA Club (Gay Straight Alliance). Will be picking a bathroom and providing signage. District looking at changes over the summer to bathrooms in general.
- d. **French Immersion:** Kristi W. spoke with District and there is discussion and may be possible in future at PCSS.
- e. **Outdoor seating:** PAC looking at purchasing seating for students. Looking at picnic tables and benches. (maybe 6 tables and a couple benches to scatter around school) Looking at ways for students to install them. Mike advises that district does not charge for installing these. Mike will look into this to ensure

that there is not a charge (as there was for installing the supernova in the past). Mr. No and Mr. Hamm discussing benefits to students to assemble and install. Mr. Hamm in support of PAC purchasing this seating. Student trustee noted this as an identified need as well. Mike also advises that location needs a bigger discussion due to plans for outside learning with AB Ed program by West entrance outside the art room. Can also look at DPAC funding for this.

f. School Ventilation: Mr. Hamm received following responses from District:

Messages from Bruce:

1. "This project is for a new air handler (AHU) for the Fieldhouse – design is complete and project should be out for tender soon. Current system has no ability to provide air exchange or enough fresh air to meet regulatory standards.

Last August, as we were making system adjustments to address covid19 concerns related to air exchange prior to schools reopening, we identified 3 sites across the district that we had no ability to control levels of fresh air exchange so are in process of upgrading these 3 systems."

2. "All district systems had been set to maximize fresh air intake (where possible) although with the recent change in temperature this is being adjusted to allow our heating systems to keep a comfortable range for students and staff. Systems are monitored with filters replaced on an approximate 3 month schedule. Filters used are a MERV 8 rating – our systems are not designed to operate with a higher rated filter (e.g. MERV 13)."

5. Treasurer's Report (attached)

General account:

Balance as of Feb 9, 2021: \$3,856.60

Gaming:

Balance as of Feb 9, 2021: \$ 17,865.71

6. Principal's Report

Ab Ed program:

Teepee Proposal – as mentioned above – learning area being developed at West entrance

Moose Hyde Campaign – conversations about abuse against women and children

Covid-19 Updates – PCSS post to links to all new documents in newsletter

Biggest changes – masks required unless they are at their desks (stationary) and within their learning groups

Must wear masks while moving around. Hallways: masks required – cannot eat and drink while walking around.

PE – optional masks for high intensity. Low intensity masks optional and need to maintain physical distancing.

From BC Government website K-12:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools>

Even when wearing a mask, staff and students will still be required to maintain physical distance from people outside of their learning group. Even when wearing a mask, staff and students will still be required to maintain physical distance from people outside of their learning group.

FAQ page added to forum from newsletter.

Curriculum News:

Staffing hired for elective courses this quarter for lower grades. Trevor Marsky and Morgan Jones – pulled some kids from Grade 8 elective classes (mostly woodwork and drama) to get class sizes down. Offering a course to get them engaged in school and develop relationships with these grade 8's. Explorations course. Marsky connecting kids to outdoors/nature. Jones using strategic gaming approach (D&D and other games). New initiative to increase their sense of belonging to the school.

Course offering guide coming: Morgan Jones is mapping a potential music program for K-12. If there are music connections in the community please let him or school know.

Timetable meetings happening.

Basketball, cross country running currently underway.

Student trustees have an initiative to grow clubs: Mental health club (student led), Dungeons and Dragons Club, etc.

Report cards hopefully published tomorrow.

7. New Business

- a. **Funding Requests** - none
- b. **Skiing trips:** PAC might be able to support students who cannot afford to go – Mike advises that school has budget to support students to go.

- c. **Tables:** 3 picnic tables and 3 round tables – Uline estimate - \$8607.84 (including shipping)– From Gaming: Unification of common spaces – enhancements. -- Mike and Brian suggest that shop classes could make these tables instead and this would benefit those students as well. Mr. Hamm to speak with Shop teachers about this idea/timeline and bring back to next meeting.

8. Next Meeting: March 9, 9am
Adjournment: 7:54 pm.