

PCSS PAC MEETING

Minutes

Oct 13, 2020 9am

1. Attendance: Crystal Stankevich, Kelly Fitchett, Sherry Harder, Brian Hamm, Tania Wiklund, Amber Riel, Justine Keirn, Carmen and Adrien, Christie

2. Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Motion to approve, Sherry H, seconded by Crystal S. Approved.

3. Old Business

- a. Mrs. Shreeves retirement gift - \$100 to Morris Flowers. Kelly to purchase this.
- b. School Planning meeting PAC – Pam Kriese and Crystal Stankevich represent PAC – parent survey – working towards better communication, culture and well-being – 52 responses so far – will share results with PAC
- c. Scoreclock – Sherry checked with gaming – cannot update main clock – can pay for shotclocks out of gaming – Mr. Hamm to provide total for them in CAD. (\$2423 CAD) and PAC to reimburse.
- d. Chromebooks Carts – can't pay out of gaming as it is ineligible – can ask DPAC for funding.
- e. Hub is reopened. Both days were very busy. Public Health unable to take part at this time. Looking at ways to increase Dr. involvement. Hub service providers attended a safety/protocol onboarding session.

4. Treasurer's Report

General account:

(will get refund for BCCPAC membership from DPAC of \$75.00)

Balance: \$2,531.33

Gaming:

(will be getting gaming money in next month)

Balance: \$ 12,488.41

5. Principal's Report

Schedule change – asked teachers for 3 different schedules and allowed kids to vote on the one they want – close but went with student choice. Any further changes will start with student trustee group.

Volleyball has started. Grade level teams. Mr. Meyer exploring alternative sports ideas.

Student compliance is really great (masks, cleaning, sanitizer) – custodian schedule is increased –changing hours.

Teaching schedule is big shift for teachers as well as students. Mr. Hamm interviewing teachers – creative breaks – adjusting to meet student needs (breaks outside).

Mr. Hamm to engage more actively after 30 days of observing and gathering information - communication in next 30 days then focus on change at 90 days. (so far hearing need to communicate more successes to parents/community)

Broad course offerings. Art/ murals around doors and lockers – connection between areas of school (eg. Shop class) –

Grade 10 to 12 Students being allowed to leave campus to vape. – discussed ways to stop (Hub-shoppers patch)- were doing it behind teacher's backs– students brought forward a proposal – vaping area by bus loop – stays tidy (students even asked for garbage can). Don't like visual – but not allowed to have it on campus. Don't want nicotine addiction to be a barrier to learning. – grade 8/9's now looking to have this. Considering giving them a separate area with parental permission. – anti-vaping program in future.

Grade 12 asking to go into their cars (really wanted smaller seating area to be together) – not equitable as some do not have cars – allowed to sit outside their cars (bringing lawn chairs) – cannot idle and cannot be in their cars. Want them to learn to advocate for all students.

Confirmed that on school property, students need to be within cohorts or wear a mask.

Question about healthy eating: Classes cover nutrition – healthy options available. If an emergent need around more nutritional information then will look at targeting students.

6. New Business

-Vending machine prices –parent asking why price has increased and where is money going. Mr. Hamm to discuss with provider. Cost sharing program – 13% back to kids. (few thousand dollars per year) – provider increased costs this year.

-External Food/Hot Lunch Program – Pam Kriese has gone to various restaurants to get lunch for kids – Panago, DQ, Golden Flour, Buffalo Trails. \$6-\$8 ordered ahead – PAC parents volunteering picking it up and distributing it. – concern about providing extra lunches so those that don't have money or forgot to order can still get lunch. PAC can fund this. Brady providing extra forms to students whom we know need it. Mr. Hamm to look at numbers to determine how many. (10 to 20 students) – will cost share with PCSS.

-Lockers – Mr. Hamm reports easing restrictions with time – main issue with lockers is custodian time – this will be brought up at next School meeting. – - Student trustee group – will identify more student emergent needs – lockers will be put on their agenda to discuss.

- Christie offering help – Mr. Hamm suggests ideas are coming from design group – Standing invitation for parents to join meetings.

Funding Request from Drama department: - 2 fog machines - \$650. School has already purchased video equipment – gaming does not allow for equipment to be used in class – only extracurricular – will pay for one out of gaming and one out of general.

Anonymous group – want to donate money to support students who are hungry. This money will go towards food that is available throughout the school.

Study Hall – Mr. Hamm suggests students connect directly with teacher to get specific support. Have not explored formal study hall in the current schedule (due to needing so many minutes of teaching time per day). Discussing alternative programming within the schedule.

7. PAC positions

President and Treasurer up for re-election:

Nominees:

President: Kelly Lee Fitchett

Treasurer: Sherry Harder

Ask for additional nominees for voting next meeting: let others know why they want position and background summary.

8. PAC Meeting Schedule

Oct 13 -9am

Nov 10 - Evening 7pm

Dec 8 -9am

Jan 12-9am

Feb 9- Evening 7pm

Mar 9 -9am

April 13- 9am

May 11- Evening 7pm

Jun 8 - 9am

9. Adjournment: 10:01 am – Next meeting by zoom at 7pm Tuesday November 10, 2020.