

COWICHAN SECONDARY PAC MINUTES

October 8, 2013 - AGM

The meeting was called to order by Sara Lowe at 7:05 PM.

IN ATTENDANCE

Dana Arthurs, Christine Cools, Sara Lowe, Dana Cowan, Angie Szabo, Deb Foster, John Koury, Sherri Ross, Sandi Urquhart, Shauna Ellison, Tiffany Moreside, Shannon Porcher, Charlie Coleman, Geoff Drew

REGRETS

Lucy Hylkema

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 12, 2013 minutes approved, Dana Arthurs, 2nd Christine Cools.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved, Dana Arthurs, 2nd Sara Lowe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- None

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013/2014

- Adjourned to October meeting
- Request to not have meetings on Tuesdays or Thursdays

REPORTS:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Charlie Coleman

- Brad Skene, Athletic Director came to thank PAC for support of the athletic programs. Shared letters of appreciation from students. Discussed challenges for

teams with the start/finish times. Challenges for teacher/sponsor with respect to responsibilities in new positions as well as Teacher contract instability.

- News letter went out last night
- Information out today to Grads with important dates
- Code of Conduct was sent out to all in attendance at last PAC meeting. Discussed tonight. Updated each year with student and PAC input. It is more about what is expected rather than what not to do wrong. Search and seizure section, important to know can be searched at anytime by the school. Cyberbullying is so difficult to know about and to prove. Electronic devices, trying to keep up with the times, many teachers encourage using phones for thesaurus and agenda.
- Dual campus all settled in well. Approximately 1500 students, 144 Staff and 55 international students. Make up 20% of School District.
- Terry Fox Day went very well on both campuses. Approximately 1700 in attendance. Great weather and music playing. No issues with the highway.
- Canoe races were a great event at Duncan Community Lodge (previously Moose Lodge). BBQ, sports and fun.
- Breakfast program running well at Quamichan.
- Hoping to keep Prevost-a-thon going.
- No Quamichan Vs. Prevost issues have arisen.
- Has attended every classroom on both campuses many times.
- J walking has been an issue on the highway. Would really like to stop it. Suggestions have been tunnel (safety concerns as not visible and flood area), overpass (probably wouldn't be used by usual offenders),
- Trying to get team sports for Grade 8's.
- First dances of the year will be held separately on each campus.
- The PIR (Project Identification Report) is being reviewed and revised to reflect the changes to school population from restructuring.
- I-week will occur once every term. Classes are shortened to allow a class for incomplete work. Block rotation every day for this week. Mandatory for students with incomplete work, optional for others. Has proven to be successful with fewer I's and F's on report cards.
- I-day will occur for Cowichan campus only at the end of each report card term.
- Picture re-takes coming up.

- Monday implementation day - morning was spent team building olympics lead by Mr. Doyle. Work done on curriculum and code of conduct.
- Performing Arts shows coming up.
- Leadership looking to have activities to involve both campuses.
- District Student Advisory Counsel - 2 students each campus.
- Student Counsel only at Cowichan campus, but looking to include Quamichan campus.
- Focus groups with staff now, but looking to have focus groups with parents in the future. Ideas such as closed vs. open campus, trades all grades 1 campus, French Immersion all grades 1 campus.
- Staff and parents want to revisit the block rotation as only happening 4 times a year. On table for discussion.

CHAIR'S REPORT - Dana Cowan, Vice Chair

- **No report**

TREASURER'S REPORT -

- **Gaming was received \$29,840.00.**
- **Motion to table treasurers report to next meeting, moved by Sara Lowe, 2nd Deb Foster.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC REPORT

- Next meeting 24OCT2013 7:00 PM Cowichan Library.
- Kerry Isham 21NOV2013 George Bonner - 6 must have conversations with teens.
- PAC 101 21OCT2013 Quamichan - PAC recognition and networking event with workshops.
- IEP Support Group 17OCT2013 Cowichan 7 - 9 PM.
- Safety in school zones with busses and student drop off by parents was topic of discussion - DPAC will speak with Board office.
- Motion to form a sub committee to get new school was tabled.
- BCCPAC membership is \$75.00 per year. Motion to renew membership to BCCPAC, moved by Christine Cools, 2nd Shannon Porcher. 1 opposed.

SPC REPORT

- PAC is School Planning Counsel for Cowichan Secondary.
- Trying to merge goals from 3 schools into 1.

DRY GRAD REPORT

- No report

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Constitution is on line to be reviewed.
- Mt. Prevost and old Quamichan constitutions will be scanned and distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A committee was struck to lobby for a replacement High School - Sara Lowe, John Koury, Dana Cowan, Angie Szabo. Dana Arthurs to send out PAC dates for all elementary schools to this committee to attend those meetings to get more interest on new school project.
- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2013/2014 - Charlie Coleman**
- Chairperson - Sara Lowe
- Vice Chairperson and DPAC representative (voting) - Dana Arthurs
- Secretary - Christine Cools
- Treasurer - Mary Noakes
- DPAC representatives (non-voting) - Christine Cools, Deb Foster
- SPC - CSS PAC as a whole, as per Constitution.
- Motion to form a committee to investigate options for solution to pedestrian safety on the highway (J walking) concerns. Moved by Sara Lowe, 2nd Deb Foster.

NEXT MEETING

- Subject to change next meeting dates:
- 13NOV2013 7:00 PM
- 11DEC2013 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____

Signing Authority discussed after meeting as not thought of until after adjourned - Sara Lowe (Chairperson) to replace Sheila Coogan, Mary Noakes (treasurer) to replace Lucy Hykema, Christine Cools (Secretary) to be added