



COWICHAN SECONDARY PAC MINUTES

February 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Sara Lowe at 7:02 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Lowe, Christine Cools, Caroline Kirman, Charlie Coleman, Jamie Doyle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from last meeting - tabled (2014 printed in error).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved - Christine Cools, 2nd Caroline Kirman.

REPORTS:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Charlie Coleman

- Steele Magnolias play starts tonight.
- Carnival is tomorrow for all Grade 2 - 12 French Immersion students.
- Second semester started Friday.
- Course selection process starting very soon.
- Provincial exams and "I" week went well.
- Few new teachers have been hired.
- First group of Grade 7's started "try a trade" today. Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, drywall and painting.
- Highway crossing has improved. No reports of J-walking.
- Dragon's Den competition will be taking place again this year.
- Lots going on with Basketball.
- Rugby will be starting soon for boys and girls.

- Windows will be replaced as new school is too far down the road.
- Funding request for Basketball - Charlie will look into if already included in this years athletics. If not, funding will come from previous year allotted.

CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Jamie Doyle

- "I" Day was a success.
- Report cards have all been signed.
- Winer Activity Day this Friday. Skiing had to be cancelled due to no snow.
- QHL runs every day.
- QFHL starts after Spring Break.
- Grade 8/9 dance coming up.
- Compassion week - random act of kindness, Pink Day, Colour Day, Environmental Day.
- Rock Climbing Provincial Championship was held. One of our students will be competing at Nationals.
- Still working on addition to climbing wall.
- DSAC is trying to arrange for a room for mental health escape.
- Math for Grade 8 will be taught in French again for FI students.
- Planning a Battlefield Tour in Europe for Grade 8, 10, 11 and maybe 12 in 2017. Vimmy Ridge and Diep are on the tour.
- Also planning a 4 day trip to Ottawa for a Remembrance Day Ceremony in 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Noakes - Absent

- No financial report to review.

CHAIR REPORT - Sara Lowe

- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC REPORT - Caroline Kirman

- Date has been set for School Planning Counsel workshop on 30MAR2015.
- Healthy Schools Cowichan - Public Health (sex. ed.), Healthy Eating (dieticien) and Mental Health will be held on 13APR2015.
- Possible Kerri Ishlam coming as well.
- Traffic Safety Committee has been formed as concern with many Elementary School parking lots and drop off/pick up zones.

- Gary Anaka last night was well attended.
- Bussing question raised - if arrears not paid they will not be able to ride.
- Vancouver Island Parent Conference - 8 parents from SD79 attended.
- Robyn Grill presentation was recorded - Sara will post it on facebook.

Motion to pass all report made by Christine Cools, 2nd Jamie Doyle.

SPC REPORT

- No report.

DRY GRAD REPORT -

- Adult dance was very successful.
- Beer and Burger at Just Jakes is set for 12APR2015.
- Music Bingo Trivia at Duncan Lodge is tentatively set for 02MAY2015.
- Couple of reports outstanding for Gaming.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- No report.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF) REPORT - Christine Cools

- Last meeting was an Executive meeting.
- Discussion about how to get more parents as members - Could it not be mandatory to join CPF when enrolling in French Immersion.
- Suggestion by Charlie that perhaps the student fee for French Immersion be higher to cover the cost of CPF dues.
- Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you letter received from band for Vibraphone.
- University Village local area plan - meeting will be held at 1:30 on 24FEB2015 at Municipal Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

- Breakfast program - help is always needed. Liz McKinnon is running it.
- PIR - discussion about having a school picture done. Tentative date set for 27MAY2015. Charlie will contact Principals and media. Sara will contact PAC presidents and put word out looking for photographers.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of 3 year School calendar and 6 days of non-instructional days.
- Discussion on timing of report release and would it be better before or after parent interviews.
- DPAC to put request to Teachers Union to have Gary Anaka present on a Pro-D or district day.
- Suggestion - PAC to fund Gary Anaka to speak to Grade 7 students at Quamichan Campus. Possible date 27MAY2015. Caroline will check Gary Anaka availability and Jamie will speak to staff on their thoughts.
- Yearbook - Sara expressed a concern that the deadlines may not include key Grad moments.
- UBC Workshop "Geering up" - can we get it here. Sara to forward to Charlie and Career Centre. (not sure if it was to be sent from Sara or Charlie to request it).
- Awards Committee - want to set up a committee to see what should happen with past awards given out. There was a display set up at both Mt. Prevost and Quamichan for past receivers of historical awards when schools were closed.
- Date of next meeting to be 04MAR2015 as 11MAR2015 is during Spring Break.

NEXT MEETING

- Subject to change next meeting dates (7:00 PM in the Library):
- 04MAR2015
- 08APR2015
- 13MAY2015
- 10JUN2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____

