



COWICHAN SECONDARY PAC MINUTES

January 14, 2015

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Lowe, Christine Cools, Mary Noakes, Caroline Kirman, Dana Cowan, Lee-Ann Berard, Charlie Coleman, Jamie Doyle.

Guest: Elizabeth Croft - School Trustee representative for Cowichan Secondary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from last meeting approved. Caroline Kirman, 2nd Mary Noakes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved - Mary Noakes, 2nd Caroline Kirman.

REPORTS:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Charlie Coleman

- Awesome elective showcase for performing and visual arts was held.
- Lots of sports up and running.
- Hosted a huge wrestling tournament.
- Odd Couple play starts this week Wednesday to Saturday at Quamichan Campus theatre.
- Steel Magnolia play will start next week Wednesday to Saturday at Quamichan Campus theatre.
- Curtains at the Quamichan Campus theatre are starting to show lots of wear. Charlie will look to the school district for funding to replace the curtains.
- End of semester in 3 weeks.
- Next week is "I week" all classes running as usual with extended block rotating each day.
- "I Day" will take place during the week of Provincial Exams for Grades 10 - 12 Monday - Thursday.
- Friday after the Provincial Exams is the first day of the next semester.
- New teachers may be starting in the new semester.
- Try a Trade is getting ready to go. Every Grade 7 in the district will come to

- Cowichan Secondary to learn a bit about the trades.
- Course selection forms will be out in February
 - Grade 10 will be offering lots of different PE options.
 - Baking class may be introduced.
 - "On Your Own" foods will be a new class.
 - Advance Placement Calculus and Physics may be applied - University level.
 - VIU trades talk will be held at 4:30 on 05MAR2015 - free event. Check out Chamber of Commerce website.
 - Superintendent Joe Rhodes is retiring.

CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Jamie Doyle

- Lunch time activities - basketball (finished), hocked (running now), field hockey - indoor (Spring).
- Extended blocks next week.
- Western Day 21JAN2015.
- Did Christmas Follies and other fun activities and challengers for house colours.
- Winter Activity Day 13FEB2015. Some of the activities: Skiing, Stellies highrope, Vancouver shopping, BC Place and Rogers Arena tours, Bowling and billiards, Swimming, Imax.
- Climbing team competed in Victoria and did very well.
- Have had construction issues with new climbing wall.
- Climbing Academy is running full and can get credits for Thompson River University.
- New French Immersion teacher has been hired at Quamichan Campus.
- Advisory system does not run quite the same as in the past - work in progress.
- Whistley trip for Grade 8/9 will be 08APR2015 and 09APR2015.
- Possible Band trip to Seattle.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Noakes

- Gaming \$26,138.19.
- Revenue \$6,795.36
- Motion that \$1,639.34 cheque be issued to cover 2 Duncan Dabber Bingo Society cheques that were deposited into the Gaming Account in error made by Mary Noakes, 2nd Caroline.
- Gaming licenses discussed.

CHAIR REPORT - Sara Lowe

- Bursaries discussed. Funds are disbursed among those students who have applied for PAC bursary and do not receive anything from other sources. The

decision is made by school counsellors.

- Motion to so deal with bursaries the same as in the past and explained above made by Dana Cowan, 2nd Christine Cools.
- PAC only has a filing cabinet for storage of paperwork.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC REPORT - Caroline Kirman

- EResolution put forward to School District about the teacher hiring process in this district.
- Policy on Code of Conduct tabled for Reps. to talk to their PACs about roll of how parents conduct themselves in schools - looking for input.
- Meeting next Thursday 22JAN2015.
- Community Nutritionist doing presentation at 6:30 PM.
- Gary Anaka presentation 10FEB2015 - Teenage Brain. Location to be announced.
- Vancouver Island Parent Conference 07FEB2015 8:30-4:30 in Nanaimo. Snacks and lunch included \$75.00. Caroline Kirman will attend for our PAC.

Motion to pass all report made by Dana Cowan, 2nd Caroline Kirman.

SPC REPORT

- No report.

DRY GRAD REPORT -

- Two Gaming applications coming for 50/50 and raffle for adult dance.
- Dance will be held on 07FEB2015 at 7:00 PM at Eagles Hall with Maxwell Smart. Tickets on sale now for \$15.00.
- Next Dry Grad meeting is Monday 02FEB2015 at 7:00 PM in Cowichan Secondary Library. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- No report.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF) REPORT - Christine Cools

- Meeting was held 06JAN2015.
- Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.
- \$1000.00 was approved in the budget to honour a Grade 12 student for Top Student.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- Breakfast program - help is always needed. Liz McKinnon is running it.
- Awards Night - Grade 12's that paid \$50 fee last year, \$25 went towards Grad fee. Grade 10/11 that paid \$50 fee will only have to pay \$25.00 sport fee? More information is needed - Charlie to get clarity. Fee is only paid once no matter how many sports participating in.
- PIR - Charlie has heard a bit of positive progress - will check with the new Mayor if he has any suggestions what we can do. Suggestion that aerial photograph be arranged at CARNIVAL to try to promote a new school. CPF indicated it would be too difficult to fit that in at CARNIVAL as very full schedule. Charlie will try to arrange for aerial photograph in the better weather (1550 students in both schools).

NEW BUSINESS

- BCCPAC nominations - None submitted
- 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.
- Sara to email Mr. Drew to see if he needs people on committee from PAC regarding awards.
- CARNIVAL - will take place on 12FEB2015. Approx. 715 students attending and participating. Grade 9 students will do a cooking demonstration making crepes.
- French Immersion - could there be a place at lunch for FI students to meet to speak French. Charlie will speak to Carmen to try to set something up.

NEXT MEETING

- Subject to change next meeting dates (7:00 PM in the Library):
- 11FEB2015
- 04MAR2015
- 08APR2015
- 13MAY2015
- 10JUN2015

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____

