



COWICHAN SECONDARY PAC MINUTES

2017-01-11

The meeting called to order by Sara Lowe at 7:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Lowe, Dawn Butler (dfbutler71@telus.net), Sandi Urquhart, Charlie Coleman, Elizabeth Croft, Laesha Berry, Naomi Barclay

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved. Dawn Butler, 2nd Naomi Barclay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- CSS PAC Minutes from approved with amendments. Dawn Butler, 2nd Naomi Barclay.

Special Presentation:

Celeste Borjeau submitted a request for funding to help cover the expenses for an educational program in Ottawa; *Forum for Young Canadians*. Celeste would be happy to present to the CSS students upon returning on the process of government in Canada. The total trip is \$895 and Celeste is seeking sponsorship from various sources. CSS PAC will consider her request once Caroline, the Treasurer, is able advise the PAC.

Motion: The CSS PAC will sponsor Celeste Borjeau for a total of \$100.00 towards the cost of the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa.

Dawn Butler, 2nd Laesha Berry. Caroline Kirman approved through email 2017-01-27.

REPORTS:

CHAIR REPORT - Sara Lowe

- We have been approved for \$200.00 to show the digital Hallway by Sean Smith. This is a video to promote internet safe.
- Supreme Court letter was sent to all parents from the School Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Caroline Kirman (absent)

- Gaming Account balance \$35,391.46
with approximately \$1600.00 in payments pending and \$19420.00 in approved budget for 2016-17.
- General Account balance \$11,753.03

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Charlie Coleman

There is a lot going on at both campuses:

- There are more opportunities for the students to blend within activities, grades and campuses.
- Drama Production of 'Rumors' is beginning this weekend.
- Performing Arts Electives Showcase
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Rugby pre-season training

- Dry Grad fundraising events
- Student Leadership activities
- Whistler Ski Trip
- 2nd Semester preparations
- Coast Capital has provided \$30,000 for technology (4 carts of 15 iPads) through Community Donation for Central Island Youth.
- Timetable Committee - have been looking into 'Flex Time'. The committee has been to Walnut Grove Secondary to view their interpretation of FB. The new schedule will be 70 minute blocks for 4 blocks with 40 minute flex block each day.
- Independent Directed Studies - is a 4 credit course where students choose their own course of study with a mentor teacher. It has been very well received.
- Carnival will run this year, probably in March.
- Court ruling - CSS will know with in a few weeks there will be about 15 full time teachers to be shared throughout the district. This will not influence the new timetable for second semester. However CSS should be able to hire more support staff.

QUAMICHAN CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Charlie Coleman

Ms Bouchier is in Whistler on the Ski trip.

Ms Hurniuk is on medical leave for a month.

- The Quamichan Hockey League is in full run.

DPAC REPORT - Sara Lowe

- Vancouver Island Conference tickets are available for the parent conference as Royal Bay. 2 tickets are available and 3 people are interested in attending. Laesha Berry, Christine Fagan, Juileta Harris are all interested in attending.
- BCCPAC sent a note to DPAC that the chair has had to resign. The vice-chair will take over.
- Thursday, January 19 at CSS is the next DPAC meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DRY GRAD COMMITTEE REPORT - Julie Winter

- No report.

CSS PIR News/Action - Elizabeth Croft

- Meeting with the Trustees, superintendent, Cowichan tribes, VIU, Mayors of the community with Education Minister Mike Burnier. Cowichan has a significant growth in first nations population. He spoke in favour of keeping our youth in the community through post secondary.
- By 2025 the ministry has a commitment to make all schools safe.
- Cowichan has community agreement, the land, and a school that needs to be replaced. There will be announcement sometime in January and then again in June of the proposed new schools.
- Steve Houser the Liberal candidate also supports the new school and has put forward our school.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF) REPORT - Mona Kaiser

- No report.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM REPORT - Sara Lowe

- The Quam campus has the funds from PAC for upgrading appliances and now that Coast Capital has provided some funds they are in good shape.
- They continue to use students and parent volunteers for the morning rush between 8:30 and 9:00.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- No DSAC student report or rep is available.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Ian Macy has enrolled in post secondary and will use \$300.00.

Motion to accept all reports. Dawn Butler, 2nd Laesha Berry.

OLD BUSINESS:

Youth Homelessness Committee - Elizabeth Croft

- There is continued support for creating a solution for Cowichan. There is a major study to get a sense of how to move forward with social housing. There is funding available from the Federal government for communities who have a plan.
- There have been 0 incidents with the homeless by the Quamichan Campus. The administration continues to walk between campuses. There has been no negative interaction between students and homelessness.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Films Video: Laesha Berry

1) "Over 18" a documentary about porn addiction in youth. A very powerful film - 90 minutes. It is for students and parents.

DPAC might be interested presenting to the district. They will have funding.

2). "Screen Ages". Growing up in the digital age documentary.

Laesha will email Sara who will get in contact Caroline to see if DPAC will sponsor the event.

FUNDING REQUESTS:

1) \$650.00 - Taralee Tannous - 'English Field Trip' for 140 students to attend a Poetry Slam.

MOTION: To approve up to \$650.00 for the Poetry Slam English field trip.

Dawn Butler. 2nd Naomi Barclay.

2) **Motion:** The CSS PAC will sponsor Celeste Borjeau for a total of \$100.00 towards the cost of the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa.

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ACTIONS – Follow up/TBD

1) Sara who will get in contact Caroline to see if DPAC will sponsor the "Over 18" and "Screen Ages" films.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.

Next meeting: February 8, 2017 at 7pm in the CSS Library.