



COWICHAN SECONDARY PAC MINUTES

March 10, 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Lowe, Mary Noakes, Caroline Kirman, Charlie Coleman, Elizabeth Croft, Susan Porter, Michell Cherneff, Del Morgan, Naomi Barclay, Carolyn Ronald, James Cutt, Lorna Cutt, Danielle Y., Katrina Grounds, Sandi Urquhart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from February 10, 2016 approved. Caroline Kirman, 2nd Katrina Grounds.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved. Katrina Grounds, 2nd Mary Noakes.

REPORTS:

CHAIR REPORT - Sara Lowe

- If a grade 12 has not received a bursary / scholarship the CSS PAC bursary is divided between the students who apply and have not received another bursary. In the past they have received \$250 to \$350. The CSS PAC will round off to the nearest \$50. The students must fill in the application correctly to be approved. This bursary is already included in the budget.

Motion: To continue to award the CSS PAC bursary with the established criteria for 2015-16.
Caroline Kirman. 2nd Katrina Grounds.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Noakes

- General Account: \$33,088.89. Gaming Account: \$7,477.76.
- The tuners for the Music are curricular and funding was previously approved.
- The Search and Rescue was budgeted \$500.00 and additional money was spent. There was a part for field trips, some for the course and some for the Earthquake preparedness. The Wilderness Club was budgeted \$500. The budget will reflect an adjustment between the two accounts.
- 1. Request for a field trip to the 'Choose to Lead' conference at VIU. The amount of \$300 is request from CSS PAC and the students will pay part of the cost. There will be 10 attending and will benefit the whole student body.

Motion: \$500 from the budget of French Immersion will be transferred to a new 'Leadership' category on the budget.

Caroline Kirman. 2nd Mary Noakes.

Motion: To fund up to \$300 for 10 Leadership students to attend 'Choose to Lead' conference at VIU. Caroline Ronald. 2nd Caroline Kirman.

- 2. Request for the Cowichan Interculture Society 'Youth Action Day'. The event they will draw from all the high schools to promote leadership. Students will return to the school to promote activities.

Motion: To approve for up to \$200.00.

James Cutt. 2nd Katrina Grounds.

- 3. Request from Mr Baker from Quamichan Campus woodwork teacher has requested 5 Orbital Sanders, he has only 1 working sander and could do more projects if they had more. Cost of up to \$600.00. Curricular –non- gaming. PAC previously approved a Lathe; this request has been put on hold.
- 4. Request from Mr Hutzler has requested consideration in a 3-D Printer/Vinyl cutter for a Floor Skills Canada- Maker Space Idea. Approximate cost he quoted is 6630.00\$. Chris Mallory Futurebook yearbook consultant was present and spoke of possibly selling a 3-d Printer to the school at a lower cost. Charlie said for Chris to speak with Mr Hutzler himself. Tabled until next meeting. Extra curricular.

- 5. Request from Performing Arts request for new radio communication devices from sound box to stage and all that entails. Approximate cost is \$2300.00. PAC has decided to wait until June or it will be put at the top of the list for next falls requests with new money. Considered extra curricular-curricular.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Charlie Coleman

- Course selections will happen after Spring Break.
- Music festival - the band has been asked to go to provincials.
- Basketball has wrapped up.
- Girls Rugby is just beginning.
- Another talent show was fantastic.
- Pink Shirt Day and Compassion Week were successful.
- Discovery day went well.
- There has not been a notice about the Parent Teacher interviews. One will follow when the Board has sent it out.
- Survey results: Current 8, 9, 10 received the paper copy. This is for information only for a choice of home base. There were 4 emails to be considered. There were higher numbers for students due to the receiving in class. One consideration is that there will be a possibility to provide more services for 10, 11 and 12 at Quamichan Campus. This survey is for information only so that the administration is able to continue to make decisions based on the best interest of the students. This survey has nothing to do with the current Board decision to consider two separate campuses. The CSS dual campus will continue to be modified with consideration to the students and staff. Discussion - Was there enough information from the survey. Some of the kids may have been confused as to the focus of the survey. The no preference box may have been misunderstood by the students or interpreted differently.

CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Scott Jackson

- QHL has wrapped up.
- Volleyball was a great success.
- Find Your Fit was an interactive tour of the trades.
- Spring Activity Day is May 14th.
- Over 220 students First Nations plus Non First Nations were part of a workshop for a motivational /hip hop day.

DPAC REPORT - Caroline Kirman

- The Vancouver Island Parent Conference was successful.
- Dr Yong Zhou was able to speak to the PAC groups. There was a good turn out from the community. There was a panel at the end with the parent, administration, staff and post secondary representatives. Most parents are concerned with how to get the children prepared for graduation.
- DPAC have not always been able to attend the board meetings. This is budget time and it appears to be very constricted budget. Caroline will be happy to take any concerns to the DPAC at the next meeting. DPAC has asked Katrina to be the represented for core French. They were looking for parents that have parents in both elementary and secondary students.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CSS PIR News/Action

- Jason is updating the form based on the new criteria. PAC has requested a form when the new form is completed. This may take some time as there is a 4 year wait for the funding for a replacement school. The review will not occur until the Fall.

DRY GRAD COMMITTEE REPORT – Sara Lowe

- Net \$23,000 at the moment with 2 dances, raffle earned \$10,400 which was over expectations. The information from the raffle report will be submitted through the CSS PAC. Any future 'gaming' will need to go through the CSS PAC. We are selling chicken and the BC meats and Mr. Mike on April 23rd for \$5 for a burger. We will share a bottle drive with the grads because there seems to be some difficulty with fundraising.

- The grads can send things to the PAC social media to advertise for them.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF) REPORT

- The Quebec trip was a fantastic trip. Thank you to the teacher support.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM REPORT - Sara Lowe

- No report.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- No DSAC student report or rep available

AWARDS and RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

- 148 adults on staff: teaching, custodial, EA and administration. PAC requests for the parents have a cookie bake off and then it goes into the boxes for the staff in May. The May meeting will be downstairs. The parents can send cookies and the PAC will package them up. Cookies, goodies, chocolate, coffee card.

Motion to accept all reports. Katrina Grounds, 2nd Naomi Barclay.

OLD BUSINESS:

EMERGENCY KIOSK

- Emergency Kiosk has a Go Fund Me Page.
- On April 2nd Quamichan is having a fundraiser at Cowichan Sight and Sound to restock the Emergency Kiosk that was broken into in the winter. There will an inventory list so that people could donate items as well as money.

CSS WEBSITE

- To be completed.

FEDERAL FRENCH IMMERSION FUNDING

- There is a small amount of unclaimed money that will need to be spent.

NEW BUSINESS:

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMME

- A new course will be in the course selection. There will be a team of 2 to 3 teachers to teach theatre, dance, drama, and voice. It is dependent on the enrollment of a minimum of 75 students. The course is for 9/10 and or 11/12. It would run the full year. Teachers are out recruiting it already.

ACTIONS – Follow up/TBD

CORRESPONDENCE

- Sara will review the many thank you letters next meeting.

Next meeting: April 13, 2016 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

