



## **COWICHAN SECONDARY PAC MINUTES**

*November 4, 2015*

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Sara Lowe, Mary Noakes, Caroline Kirman, Charlie Coleman, Jaime Doyle

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- AGM Minutes from October approved with amendments, Caroline Kirman, 2nd Mary Noakes

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **REPORTS:**

#### **CHAIR REPORT - Sara Lowe**

Nothing to report

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Noakes**

- Proposed budget based on last year funding requires further review by PAC Executive, to be presented at next PAC meeting for approval.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Charlie Coleman**

- Lots happening and outlined in the newsletter.
- Dance showcase of Gr 9-12s was phenomenal and a real highlight.
- Lots of sports active.
- Swim team through to Provincials.
- Remembrance services will be held on both campuses. Cadets and St John's encouraged to wear uniforms.

#### **CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Jaime Doyle**

- QBL up and running with Sr Boys basketball players captaining teams and refereeing to build on mentoring
- Haunted House and apple swagging went well, although some classes were not able to participate during in class time if their class teacher had not signed up to attend.
- Advisory system has changed with more house activities now occurring.

#### **DPAC REPORT - Caroline Kirman**

- DPAC Chair summit will be held in Vancouver run by BCCPAC on November 7, 2015. DPAC Chair Carmen Sundstrom and DPAC Vice Chair Caroline Kirman attending as BCCPAC Formal Role of Parents Committee member. A good opportunity to network with parents from DPACs across the Province
- DPAC will be co-hosting an evening presentation by Dr Yong Zhao, world renowned speaker on education. Evening presentation to occur on Monday 29 February 2016. Superintendent Allen has invited Dr Yong Zhao on this day. It is hoped that all SD79 educational staff will have an

opportunity to attend this additional Pro D training determined by the Min Ed. 10 hours of student instruction have been re-assigned to teaching staff instruction on new BC Ed curriculum and competency. Waiting for announcement by the Board/District on what will happen for students on this day.

- Cowichan Valley Teachers Federation did not attend the last DPAC meeting as planned. They were not available to discuss the proposed changes to Parent/Teacher interviews.

Motion to accept all reports - Caroline Kirman, 2nd Mary Noakes.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **DRY GRAD REPORT - Sara Lowe reported offering regrets by a representative of committee**

- Halloween Dance was successful raising just under \$7000.
- All Dry Grad gaming licenses will be required to have the current PAC Treasurer as one of the responsible officers to ensure post event gaming reports are completed and reduce chance of any adverse effect on future gaming grant applications.
- Suggestion that Dry Grad committee should have a representative attend the CSS PAC meeting.

#### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

- No report.

#### **CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF) REPORT**

- No report.

#### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM REPORT - Sara Lowe**

- One additional person has volunteered to help.

#### **STUDENT REP REPORT**

- No DSAC student report or rep available

#### **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

- Two parents have approached the PAC regarding awards for Gr 8/9. School administration have repeatedly stated there has not been any major 'push back' to the reduction/elimination of awards that had previously been awarded for these grades within the previous 'Middle School model'. The practice of presenting awards has been reduced across the education system. Some awards will likely still occur but felt that these parents should be approached and asked if they would like to take the lead on reinstating these awards.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Funding process review:**
- Great form for staff to complete.
- Decisions on funding by PAC to be guided by ensuring funds are evenly distributed among students of all grades, in all extra-curricular areas.
- Do not wish to have too much structure as this may be restrictive for one off requests (i.e. once in a 10-year period).
- Felt that support for athletics and shop programs have historically helped in the draw for students to attend CSS as a school of choice, over their 'home school'. Important to recognize this, and continue support in these areas.
- Suggest there needs to be more people involved in the decision making, i.e. parents attending PAC meetings.
- **Parent Teacher Communications: Online tool.** Will discuss after the new parent teacher format occurs.

- **Bingo Funding.** Christine Cools has volunteered and will remain as CSS Rep even though she no longer has a student at the school. Nothing stated in the PAC constitution, and we appreciate her offer to help. Any cheques are written to the CSS PAC.
- **Previous request that past newsletters remain available online.** Done
- **Request from Dry Grad Committee regarding update of CSS Executive name placed on Gaming Licences.** Switched to Mary Noakes, current PAC treasurer.

## NEW BUSINESS

### FUNDING REQUESTS:

- **Mr. Lauridsen: Math Club**

Motion to approve \$600 requested for math competitions – Mary Noakes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline Kirman

**Approved**

Motion to approve \$1600 to purchase 10 Ti84+ calculators for math competitions. – Mary Noakes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Lowe

**Not approved**, not within budget Placed on hold

- **Mr. Doyle: Quamichan Campus**

Motion to approve \$1500.00 to purchase an AED for students with known heart condition at Quamichan Campus. Caroline Kirman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Noakes.

**Approved**

Previous (external to SD79) grant funding allowed for the provision of AEDs at all secondary schools. This was prior to re-configuration when Quamichan was a middle school, so James St Campus has one and PE 10 students are trained to use this. This is outside of the CSS PAC budget but was considered to be of high priority and although PAC will attempt to find an alternative funding source it was approved to ensure an AED can be purchased immediately.

- **Catalyst (Gifted Program)Teaching Staff Mrs Roome, Mrs Whitney, Ms McLarty:**

Motion to approve \$800.00 towards Epic Escape problem solving activity in Victoria Mary Noakes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline Kirman

**Approved**

- **Skills Canada Teaching Staff**

Motion to approve \$591.50 for 3 portable lathes for the Gr 8/9 workshop. Caroline Kirman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Noakes

**Approved**

Executive suggested that a further review of the PAC budget occur and be brought back to next PAC meeting for approval

**Meeting ended 8:30 PM .**

