



COWICHAN SECONDARY PAC MINUTES

September 16, 2015

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Lowe, Christine Cools, Mary Noakes, Caroline Kirman, Katrina Grounds, Anna Biello, Nick Biello, Susan Porter, Angie Ketch, Mona Kaiser, Dana Cowan, Vanessa McDowell, Charlie Coleman, Scott Jackson.

Guest: Sherri Kinney (Librarian)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from June 2015 approved - Caroline Kirman, 2nd Dana Cowan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved - Caroline Kirman, 2nd Dana Cowan.

GUEST - Sherri Kinney

- Appreciate the funding received over the years.
- Library has information for parents.
- It is a good place to do research.
- New windows have a made a great difference.
- Trying to make the Library a more versatile place for more purposes - more open concept.
- New computers have been set up in the Library.

REPORTS:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Charlie Coleman

- Start up was good on both campuses.
- Seemed very smooth (no deer in headlights) for Grade 9's as they had already been coming to the Cowichan Campus for certain classes, so comfortable.
- Lots of sports have started up.
- Concert Band still held outside of timetable and is already filling up quickly.
- More consistent Advisory has been set up at Quamichan Campus - Full Advisory every Monday (flex time on Cowichan Campus)
- New windows have been installed, but more to come. Huge savings in heating and sound and comfort.
- Siding will be replaced as well.
- Just under 1,500 hundred students (should receive approx. \$30,000.00 in Gaming).
- If hear about "word on the street" or have any burning issues or hot topics, please contact Charlie so he can deal with them as soon as possible.

CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Scott Jackson

- First week has been fascinating.

- The Advisory in week one was invaluable - far less confused Grade 8 then ever.
- Staff Vs. Student baseball game took place.
- Canoe race practices have started.
- Ministry change in data software system has been a huge challenge.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Noakes (absent)

- Gaming account approx. \$7,000.00.
- General account approx. \$18,000.00.
- Looks like we have money, but need to review and will know by next meeting.

CHAIR REPORT - Sara Lowe

- Next meeting will be the AGM.
- Funding clarification should be ready for next meeting.

Motion to pass all report made by Dana Cowan, 2nd Mary Noakes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPAC REPORT - Caroline Kirman

- First meeting will be 24SEP2015 - always 4th Thursday of the month.
- School District has asked for meetings to change to 3rd Thursday of the month for smoother communication.
- Looking for parent education suggestions.
- Kerri Isham will be requested to another talk.
- BCCPAC will sponsor Regional Conferences.
- DPAC has sponsored parents to attend VIPAC.
- DPAC advocates on behalf of parents and PACs.

SPC REPORT

- No report.

DRY GRAD REPORT - Susan Porter

- 5 Grade 12 parents in attendance.
- Renee Lindsay will be a great asset, but doesn't want to be on the committee.
- First meeting will be Monday, 21SEP2015.
- CSSdrygrad@gmail.com

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- No Report.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF) REPORT - Mona Kaiser/Caroline Kirman

- Need to put out a request for membership.
- Charlie will e-mail membership form out to all student and paper copy to all French Immersion and Core French students.
- CPF would like to get a French Immersion Task Force started up again.

Motion that Cowichan Secondary PAC request that DPAC put forward a request to School District to have the French Immersion Task Force reinvigorated made by Dana Cowan, 2nd Mona Kaiser. All in favour.

SPECIAL REPORTS

BREAKFAST PROGRAM - Sara Lowe

- Breakfast Program - currently running on Quamichan Campus.
- Open to anyone - only rule is being respectful and not wasteful.

PIR REPORT - Sara Lowe

- Ariel picture of all students was taken in May to get out in the newspaper the need for a new school.
- New windows are great.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- Awards Committee - tabled.
- Parent/Teacher communication - tabled.
- Bingo Representative - tabled.
- Meeting dates for new school year - tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Funding requests:

- Ms. Kinney, Ms. Whitney and Ms. Tanis for Shane Koyczan - spoken word artist, extra curricular activity on 15OCT2015. \$32.50 per ticket (trying to get discount prices - will give 1 free ticket per 10 tickets purchased).

Motion to approve up to \$500.00 to support the purchase of seating (\$10.00 per student up to 50 students) in principle until funding confirmed. Dana Cowan, 2nd Susan Porter.

- Ms. Keple for up to \$600.00 for district bussing for field trips (adventure tourism).

Motion to approve up to \$600.00 in principle until funding confirmed. Dana Cowan, 2nd Susan Porter. for Spanish field trip. Katrina Grounds, 2nd Dana Cowan.

- Ms. Rowan and Ms. Cizeron for up to \$1,500.00 for bussing and ferry transportation for French Immersion, French second language and Spanish students (approx. 50) to attend Cirque de Soliel in Vancouver. - **Tabled for further information and discussion.**

- Mr. Walia request for \$12,000.00 for Athletics.

Motion to approve up to \$12,000.00 in principle until funding confirmed. Dana Cowan, 2nd Susan Porter.

NEXT MEETING

- Subject to change next meeting date (7:00 PM in the Library):
- 14OCT2015 - AGM

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____

