



Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM meeting

ATTENDANCE

Executive: Dana Jensen, Natalie Salem, Sarah Bennett, Kelly Hoffmann
Stelly's Admin: Gord Redlin
Parents: Bonnie Doyle, Liza Glynn, Keely Kastrukoff, Marti Redman
Absent: Michele Wake

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approval of Agenda as it stands

MOTION: Dana
SECONDED: Kelly
VOTE: CARRIED

3. **Approval of Sept 9th Q&A Minutes:**

MOTION: Dana
SECONDED: Marti
VOTE: CARRIED

4. **Presidents Report (verbal)**

- A positive start to the new school year

5. **Vice-Chair Report (verbal)**

- no update

6. **Principals Report (verbal)**

- Grade 12's phoned the grade 9's to welcome them to the school (unfortunately, no pancake breakfast at this time)
- Students are coming in with masks – they are reminding each other
- The huge amount of hard work that was put into pre-school opening is paying off
- Learning new habits and unlearning old ways – everyone is stepping up
- Air quality: test for poor weather, determining each day whether to have outside time based on the Air Quality Index reported by Public Health and Environment Canada
- Confusion over day 1 and day 2: some classes have to be a bit different. E.g. 2 classes in morning doing 50/50
- There were few phone calls on Monday regarding whether child is day 1 or day 2 – best way to find out is to reach out to the teacher as they are communicating this to the students. Seems to be resolving
- Cafeteria is up and running as the number of menu items continues to grow. Side window for teachers only. Spacing markers for kids and monitoring flow. Plexiglass in front of cash. Going well. Looking for option of touchless cards to minimize contact points

- Few parent enquiries/concerns regarding senior academic courses on 50/50. Individual teacher contact time is more for the 50% that they are there. Tried to balance an elective with an academic so can focus during each quarter – where possible
- Where classes are going to be full-time, they are sure to manage distancing with the cohorts – been checking in with classes and seems to be going well
- Goal this week is to establish a new normal/new flow
- Grade 12 spirit activities will be happening soon
- School spirit activities will happen using a creative, safe manner
- Communication: **All staff are happy to chat if parents have questions, concerns, ideas – send email, call, leave msg, etc.**

7. COPACS Report (verbal)

- AGM on Sept 17th

8. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Report (provided to PAC after meeting)

- We're all gearing up for *une rentrée scolaire* that's surrounded by questions, changes and significant adaptations. CPF Saanich Chapter together with our National and Branch Office, are pivoting too, and we're working on a number of new ways to deliver programming to students.
- CPF will be hosting its AGM on September 17th. We are seeking nominations for all key executive roles. If anyone is interested, please send an email to CPF Saanich (via email or Facebook PM) stating which role you'd like to be considered for.
- Sandra Arthur will step down as President, but is remaining as "Past President" and helping with other CPF volunteer activities such as social media etc.
- The new executive team will be announced after the AGM.
- Stelly's families - There has never been a better time to join CPF or renew your membership!
- All new memberships are now FREE for the first year - sign up between September 1st 2020 and March 31st 2021.
- Members (new and old) can sign up through CPF BC & Yukon's site this year, as no fee is required. We have simplified the form, so feel free to forward the link widely. Please find the registration form [HERE](https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/become-a-member/).
- Anyone who joins or renews between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 will be automatically entered to win one of a host of great prizes. Historically we've had e-book subscriptions and gift cards, scholarships and activity passes all up for grabs. Stay tuned to see what you could win this year!
- Please SHARE and encourage ALL your family and friends to join. Remember to choose the SAANICH Chapter - we will receive \$10 for each free membership sign up -Merci!
That means more fun events in schools, more resources for parents, teachers and students, and more extra-curricular activities in French for our kids!
- ALSO: Anyone who joins or renews between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 will be automatically entered to win one of a host of great prizes. Historically we've had e-book subscriptions and gift cards, scholarships and activity pass all up for grabs. Stay tuned to see what you could win this year!
- CPF Saanich is liaising with the French co-ordinator (FAC) to determine how they can help offer extra French learning activities safely during these challenging times.
- Follow CPF on our social media channels for current information on:
 - Sponsored youth events and opportunities
 - Resources, research, and tools for students, parents, educators, and French Second Language advocates
 - French-language exchanges and excursions in Canada and abroad
 - Local, regional, and national networking opportunities
 - Volunteer leadership and training opportunities
 - Awards, bursaries, and recognition for youth, educators, and volunteers
- We are active on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#)!

9. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming account - told to wait until end of October before we will know what the final amount will be (will be confirming whether at home learners will be included in our Provincial Gaming fund allocation)
 - Balance: \$7,240.92 / Committed: \$ / Available funds: \$4,612.59
- General account - Pending parent contributions; (suggested PAC Donation of \$15 at the beginning of the year). Kelly will look into direct PAC donation button, to allow parents to donate online directly or through e-transfer, which may be more feasible
 - Balance \$6,676.70 / 1 payment outstanding / \$5,022.50 committed/carried forward from 2019/20 fiscal / Available funds: \$6,401.47

10. Funding Requests

1. Integration Support Services

- \$1,400 (General Account) – field trips and transportation
 - **MOTION:**
 - **SECOND:**
 - **VOTE: Pre-approved last year, vote not required**

2. P.A.R.T.Y. Program for Grade 10 students

- \$1,600 (General) - Would need to confirm it would be running – Gord will check

3. Athletics

- \$10,000 (Gaming Account)

4. Outdoor Pursuits

- \$1,000 (General Account) - Replace canoe for the outdoor pursuits program, emergency communication devices

5. Performing Arts

- \$600 – replace plaques

11. Communications Update:

- nothing

12. Old Business:

- nothing

12. New Business:

- **PAC Executive 2020/2021**

Chair: Dana Jensen

Vice Chair: Sarah Bennett

Treasurer: Kelly Hoffmann

Website/Secretary: Michele Wake

COPACS Representative: Vacant

Members at Large: Everyone Welcome!

2 positions not in the constitution:

CPF Representative: Sandra Arthur

Communications/Facebook: Natalie Salem

Request for COPACs and/or part-time secretary – no volunteers at this time

13. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom

14. Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM

MOTION: Dana

SECONDED: Natalie

VOTE CARRIED