



# Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – 7:00 PM

## VIA ZOOM meeting

### ATTENDANCE

**Executive:** Dana Jensen, Kelly Hoffmann, Bonnie Doyle, Michele Wake, Sarah Bennett, Sandra Arthur  
**Stelly's Admin:** Gord Redlin  
**Parents:** Keely Kastrukoff, Darcy Winkel, Liza Glynn  
**Absent:** Christine Malmberg; Marti Redman, Natalie Salem

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

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

**MOTION:** Michele  
**SECONDED:** Kelly  
**VOTE:** CARRIED

3. **Approval of Nov PAC Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Michele  
**SECONDED:** Bonnie  
**VOTE:** CARRIED

4. **President's Report – Dana Jensen**

- nothing

5. **Vice-Chair Report – Sarah Bennett**

- nothing

6. **Principal's Report – Gord Redlin**

- busy month, anyone that has come into the school has commented about how calm and orderly the school is at any time of the day
- approaching winter break, Q2 reaching midpoint, typically historically there have been some adjustments in running cohorts, this Quarter we don't expect many changes, pretty much status quo in terms of Day1/Day2 classes. Reaching out to a few teachers that may adjust classes from 50% participation to 100%, or from 100% to 50% will be known mid-next week. Please check with your child's(ren's) teacher if you have any questions.
- no changes to bussing, will remain the same for busses to come at lunch to take students home
- spirit days the last week – wooden stockings of various colors hidden in the school, finest plaid day, crazy socks day, comfy day, color day (each grade different day, staff gold and maroon) – adds normalcy to the days and some fun
- parent teacher interview night this Thursday - early dismissal at 2:05pm – teacher/parent interviews are being conducted via online virtual TEAMS meetings, phone call, or by email. Parents can register for a meeting time through the online registration on our school website.

- After grad group meeting Wednesday night again at 6:30pm – join in! <https://join.skype.com/Nu1fWfJecLEf>
- PHO made a number of new restrictions – very little change for the schools, most confusing to explain, lots of questions why school is continuing – school are the number 1 safest worksite at this time – no real change except for one – that is now every staff member must sign in on a daily basis (custodians, EAs, CUPE staff, administrators), to ensure they have checked the health guidelines, this adds another layer of safety precaution to make sure folks are not coming into school with symptoms
- Days of teaching and days of learning – Gord noticed last Friday afternoon 15 minutes before end of day that staff and kids were engaged in their learning, he followed up by sending an email to staff as a reminder that everyone is doing so well – very impressive the focus and full engagement of all classes at the end of the day, at the end of the week, leading up to winter break...especially during these COVID times!
- Food hamper drive going on now until December 14<sup>th</sup>, lots of direction to ensure COVID safe distribution to families in the neighbourhood
- Q1 went well – smaller classes could be a factor in how there was a big improvement in overall success rate
- Some more requests for PAC funds – discussed below under Treasurer report
- Last day for Christmas break is Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and we are running a traditional breakfast for every student in the school, there will be teachers and elves, Santa and Mrs. Claus, all food cooked and packaged and individually wrapped, available in the main foyer following PHO guidelines and social distancing with the tables and line ups, there will be music, festivities – recommend all student attend and come early for pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice and to have some fun
- Tail end of last block on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> there will be an hour video presentation of staff performing at their finest – don't miss it!
- Day for release of band performance – there will be an update on website/next newsletter for release of video/where to watch the launch – they have all been practicing so hard and you don't want to miss this!
- Looking to do a video production/compilation/show case of all the school subject areas to be distributed as a lead-up to the release of our latest online course guide as we prepare for course selection for next year.
- Bonnie – question/survey at end of year for feedback on how this year goes, discussion for next year and moving ahead with planning, not sure where we will land, with two courses per quarter or try to do something similar to other schools, will survey parents on input
- Dana – thank you to Gord and staff for assistance with recent adjustments to schedule for students – much appreciated!

## **7. COPACS Report – Bonnie Doyle**

- November, guest speaker, Ryan sees health and safety in district
- Conversation about earthquake responsibility and reports to school, teachers to ensure they understand the plan. Parents helped develop and organize supplies, which are needing to be updated. District will look at how to do the inventory
- Superintendent spoke how it looks returning to the old system
- CBC is being completely rebuilt, on schedule and on budget
- Any students with remote learning return with interim report card
- District feels they are in a good position for phase 3 if it falls into play
- Policy 1100 parent info night, discrepancy on where it falls, falls into administration guide now, it has been removed, and moved into procedures guide and remains the same
- Keating PAC holding childhood anxiety with Alison Rees – recommended to share this information with Stelly's students/parents as a resourceful presentation

## **8. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Report (provided to PAC after meeting) – Sandra Arthur**

- Offering free one-year membership to March 31, as of now CPF hit 10,000 members for CPF BC & Yukon, with 1,000 in Saanich – for everybody that joins, \$20 from Vancouver office – please state Saanich chapter when joining
- 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec live online holiday magic show, English and French, bilingual, 10am in morning, then again pre-recorded from 10<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – Mrs. McFarland’s husband (ex-Stelly’s teacher) is the magician
- For any student leaving high school doing first year university non-refundable grant for \$3K they can apply
- Merci beaucoup to all of the Chapter volunteers for promoting this year's FREE Membership Drive and welcoming new families into the fold. In addition to the Tutoring Program, Members will soon have exclusive access to a members-only section of our new website (coming soon!), full of resources for students to assist in their learning.
- **Bursaries for students!** – The federal government has established a new bursary program to encourage English-speaking students to pursue their post-secondary studies in French, and there are many available. To find out more, visit <https://acufc.ca/fslbursaries/>
- A FREE magic show for all CPF members - young or old!

## EVENT: Un matin de magie!

Join CPF BC & Yukon and bilingual magician Marc Tardif on **Dec. 15 and Dec. 17** for a magical morning show!

Marc Tardif, a magician familiar to many CPF Chapters, will be hosting two online shows during the last week of school before the holiday break. Members and classrooms are welcome to attend for free! Be sure to share the event on your social media pages too!

Can't make it for showtime? No worries! Marc is also offering a video recording to anyone who signs up for a ticket -- <https://form.jotform.com/cpfbcyuk/Holiday-Magic>

### 9. Treasurer’s Report - Kelly Hoffman

- Gaming account
  - Balance: \$ 22161.65
- General account
  - Balance \$ 6401.41
- Right now, everything outstanding from last month’s meeting
- Funding request for 3 outstanding ones – all gaming – not adjusted on this account, but we’ll see it on January’s statement

### 10. Funding Requests

#### 1. Forgotten lunch – Colin Montgomery

Requesting \$500 (we’ve allotted \$1,000) – separate from breakfast program

Gaming

**MOTION:** Dana

**SECONDED:** Michele

**VOTE:** Carried

#### 2. Gimbal for Camera – Mr. Hart

Requesting \$600

Gaming

**MOTION:** Liza

**SECONDED:** Sandra  
**VOTE:** Carried  
**Second vote to approve \$900**  
**Dana and Kelly seconded**

3. **Poetry and writing workshops – requested \$1000 > approved at November’s meeting**
4. **Student Book Club – requested \$500 > approved at November’s meeting**
5. **Performing Arts – remove \$639 as commitment as we will be using the 50/50 money** raised from musical in Feb for the gimbal- look at next month after Kelly has a conversation with Mrs. Bartlett Gaming

Update on co-op – Kelly will have account added to email announcements  
Performing Arts – 50/50 draw raised \$639 dollars, use that for gimbal

Thank you note from Jon Siebert:

*“I and the whole Science department and many students really appreciate that PAC found a way yet again to fund the marine aquarium. It is used to highlight many lessons on living organisms, cells, ecosystems and reproduction in the Science 9, Science 10, Life Science 11, and Marine Biology 11. It has many unintended consequences as well, including stimulating curiosity and improving the mental health of students and even staff in the building. I have the pleasure of observing students who make the aquarium a regular stop every day--to see what is going on in the tank. Please extend my thanks to PAC.”*

Thank you note from Ms Maria Hilton:

*Thank you so much! Our students really appreciate having these opportunities throughout the year to enrich their math, problem solving and decision-making skills. We are very grateful that Stellys PAC funds support their learning. Several Stellys students have applied to Waterloo after graduation, thankful they were able to write these contests as it is required for entrance.*

**11. Communications Update:**

- none

**12. Old Business:**

- none

**12. New Business:**

- Vaccine – not in the picture yet we expect the next announcement will have more information for the education system – Jan 8<sup>th</sup> next, expects prior to spring break we’ll have more information regarding the vaccine

**13. Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom

**14. Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM

**MOTION:** Dana  
**SECONDED:** Kelly  
**VOTE CARRIED:** ALL