



# Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting

## ATTENDANCE

**Executive:** Dana Jensen, Sarah Bennett, Kelly Hoffmann, Michele Wake, Bonnie Doyle, Sandra Arthur, Natalie Salem

**Stelly's Admin:** Gord Redlin

**Guests:** Carolin Jans, Darcy Winkel, Liza Glynn

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

**MOTION:** Dana

**SECONDED:** Darcy

**VOTE:** CARRIED

**3. Approval of February Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Dana

**SECONDED:** Kelly

**VOTE:** CARRIED

**4. Presidents Report – Dana Jensen**

- No updates

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

- No updates

**6. A/Principals Report - Gord Redlin**

- Reminder of annual parent engagement evening – Thurs March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30– first event as an opportunity for parents around district, PAC members, principals, vice-principals – What is Mental Health? – 140 registered as of now – used to be called Policy 1100 – link is on website to register
- Musical up on website – first time doing a movie instead of live performance, spread the word, it's fabulous!
- Health and Safety – things are changing, feeling is that there will be an improvement over the next few months. **Nothing has changed yet though.** PHO decision to vaccinate everyone quickly, as opposed to second doses being given. Rapid Response Hub in Nanaimo. Posed questions to health and safety officer to pose to Nanaimo Hub on what the gatherings will look like – groups of 50? Meeting with teachers and grad group tomorrow and will align with the Parent Committee for After Grad on what we can do and aligning both. Announced in the media that Universities/Collages will have in person classes in September.
- Grad – status quo since beginning of the year, however, there are opportunities we can plan for a little bit more – will have more information to share after spring break

- Another Grad fundraiser starts up tomorrow for spring plant sales – get your orders in for Mother’s day!
- Course selection – going well from Bayside, incoming 8’s (new grade 9’s), half have been inputted into matrix for timetable next year. We’re going to focus on building two timetables – Quarter and Semester
- Virtual Parent Information Night on course selection, was a good info session but not a huge turnout
- Next year might be a blend of TEAMS meetings and in person meetings to improve the involvement in meetings, including phone, email and TEAMS meetings for parent teacher interviews. Looking to create a communication portal, where parents will get a personal login and information, forms can be streamlined getting away from paper trails
- Earthquake kits have been restocked, all food is good for 5 years, water is good for 50 years
- Student Learning Surveys – a random selection of students in grades 10 and 12 to acquire feedback about how they feel regarding all aspects of school. The school staff then do an analysis on of the data and compare to past years looking for trends over time and ways to highlight and enhance what we are doing well and work on those areas where improvement is needed.
- Numeracy and Literacy –April 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> – required for graduation, looking to remodel how we get students prepared and take it seriously. This year all grade 12’s are done, grade 10’s and 11’s are doing well in completing their requirements this year. Next year will be the first year Literacy 12 will need to be completed.
- Anti-racism workshop – April 23<sup>rd</sup> Pro-D Day for staff. It’s a course being completed due to students voices after some graffiti on the school property in January. Dr Lisa Gunderson will be the workshop leader, what is the new vocabulary, the new terms, the appropriate ways to talk about things and handle these situations with our students. First school run this workshop for staff, which will help students feel comfortable to talk about it, and giving the teachers the tools to have those discussions as well
- Ryan and Gord have contracts extended to end of school year
- Carolin – French Immersion kids have had opportunity to take exam (DELF) in the school, this year Carolin took two students to Vancouver to take the exam – other kids have expressed interest, but didn’t realize they could do it outside of the school – it is possibly offered at UVic in May (may not be due to COVID), might be good information to share with students. Gord will get information out to students if UVIC is offering the opportunity.

## **7. COPACS Report (verbal) – Bonnie Doyle**

- Last meeting district spoke to COVID 19 exposure last month, went well considering our first (and hopefully only one!), good communication to parents.
- Discussion for planning for September – looking at what COVID practices to retain in post-Covid world, will be looking for feedback from students and parents, how this feedback will be obtained and what questions to be asked are still being decided.
- Reminder the parent involvement evening this Thursday – COPACS discussed ways to change the name of the yearly event in order to educate families of their role in education, stay tuned for more on this.
- Off leash dogs at schools has been an issue along with what the dogs leave behind, district is aware and the issue is how the municipality enforcing the policy around that.
- Next meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> and AGM – couple roles up for grabs if anyone is interested
- BCCPAC meeting regarding the grant process for next year will be available for PAC Treasurers on April 8<sup>th</sup>

## **8. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Report – Sandra Arthur**

## A. Concours d'art oratoire - French Public Speaking Contest

Our longstanding public speaking competition for youth who are learning French in school is a great way to honour their many hours of hard work and to celebrate official language bilingualism in Canada! This year there will be virtual/online contests.

These contests are open to students in every province and territory and in a wide range of age/grade categories and French abilities.

1. For the BC & Yukon competition - please link here to learn guidelines and contest categories. Concours Virtuel will be open for Grade 6 - Grade 12 students - all will be eligible for cash prizes, too.

<https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/concoursvirtuel/>

2. The Saanich Chapter will be reviewing any submissions by students in SD63 and a semi-final judging - with local medal prizes - will be arranged (assuming SD63 students participate).

3. Note provincial qualifiers this year are only for grades 11 and 12, as those are who can advance to Nationals!

4. Note for the first time there will also be a Concours virtuel Jr: for students Kindergarten–Grade 5 Submissions for this age group will not be judged competitively. All participants will receive a digital certificate of participation.

Submissions opened March 1st and will close on May 1st. Winners will be announced June 1st.

## B. Virtual Spring Break Camp

The Branch will be organizing a virtual Spring Break Camp for students of all ages to enjoy this March. Activities will run from March 22 to March 26 and be free of charge.

Many events, such as exercise classes, trivia, and our Concours virtuel Q&A, will be available for anyone to drop-in. Some, like a virtual cooking class, will require pre-registration. CPF Members - Watch your inbox next week for a full schedule of events!

## C. Jazz Concert Series - sponsored by CPF Saanich.

CPF Saanich jumped on a grant opportunity offered by the City of Victoria this winter and is using their money to fund a series of five jazz concerts this spring!

The Chapter put the money towards supporting local musicians and making jazz music accessible to students, and to all CPF BC & Yukon members via our YouTube channel. Mark your calendar for March 18th at 6 pm. Noedy HD Jazz Band will be performing timeless, French jazz classics with guest singer Edie DaPoint.

If you miss the livestream, this and all the concert series will be available online at [WWW.CPFLive.com](http://WWW.CPFLive.com)

Jazz Show Schedule

14 February - Romantic jazz music for St Valentine's. Watch here: <https://youtu.be/wll4gpvjOnY>

27 February - Black History music celebration - in the spirit of the great black composers - Watch here: <https://youtu.be/GSyBdv1dTTM>

13 March – Fabulous French jazz songs and music from timeless classics - guest singer Edie DaPointe

27 March - Jazz concert with live art creation on stage during jazz music performance - guest artist Julie Breheret

3 April – Noedy HD's original music compositions based on Cuban inspirations

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cpfbcca/videos>

D. Get your students to test their FRENCH comprehension.

Listen to the interesting interview with Jazz bandleader, Noedy HD and a SD63 Student

<https://youtu.be/aew7zGN7pCM>

E. Bursaries for students!

New scholarships are making it easy for students to pursue post-secondary in French in the West! Next year, students attending SFU, UBC, UVic or Éducacentre can earn \$3,000, simply for learning in French! To find out more, visit <https://acufc.ca/fslbursaries/>.

F. Volunteer.

a. The CPF Saanich Chapter will be hosting its' AGM on May 6th at 7.30 pm. Please consider attending and perhaps volunteering for a role. Nominations are invited for all positions - please visit the Chapter's Facebook page for details or feel free to email [CPF.Saanich@gmail.com](mailto:CPF.Saanich@gmail.com)

b. The CPF BC & Yukon Branch is seeking interested and enthusiastic CPF members to join our Board of Directors. Directors are elected for two-year terms and are responsible for supporting the organization's strategic goals and objectives. For more information, contact [outreach@cpf.bc.ca](mailto:outreach@cpf.bc.ca). To submit your application to the board, fill out this form.

G. FREE membership with CPF

REMEMBER TO JOIN CPF FOR FREE UNTIL MARCH 30TH. You can enjoy all the benefits of membership AND help your local Chapter received funds!

## 9. Treasurer's Report - Kelly Hoffman

- Gaming Account – Balance \$19,841.97 / commitment total \$15,348.92
  - Available - \$4,493.05
- General Account – Balance \$6389.74 / nothing outstanding at this point
  - Available - \$2,668.78

## 10. Funding Requests – Kelly Hoffman

- a) Backdrop display for pictures with the three languages / \$216 not including shipping / Sandra Arthur. Gord added information that there needs to be permission from each of the four First Nations for spelling of the words, artwork etc. Electronic funding form will be sent to Sandra to assist Brad for this
  - SUMMARY – to integrate all three language in our school – saw one online \$193+tx

**MOTION:**  
**SECONDED:**  
**VOTE:** Will be discussed at next meeting
- b) Staff Appreciation Lunch / \$500 / WHO
  - SUMMARY – to provide a lunch for teachers and staff at Stelly's in June as an end of school appreciation

**MOTIONED:** Dana

**SECONDED:** Liza

**VOTE:** Carried

**11. Communications Update - Natalie Salem**

- No updates

**12. Old Business:**

- No updates

**13. New Business:**

- Next Year – COPACS will post the requirement first, then we will post on our Facebook and on the PAC website/email forums going out to parents – President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, COPACS, CPF. May 11<sup>th</sup> will be AGM at beginning, close nominations at April meeting
- Staff Appreciation Lunch – generally in June to close off the school to say thank you to the parents – funding is to be approved still – budget amount last year was \$500 – last year was Adrianna’s burritos, frozen treats, socially distanced lunches. Need to discuss date, logistics on what it could look like. Can we do Stelly’s kitchen, as Bayside and Brentwood have, the idea behind not using the Stelly’s kitchen is to avoid the teachers working during for this event. Yes, we can do pre-packaged. Suggestion of Zanzibar. Give some thought and discuss again at next meeting.

**14. Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm via ZOOM

**15. Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

**MOTION:** Dana

**SECONDED:** Kelly

**VOTE:** CARRIED