



Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 @ 6:30 PM (via ZOOM)

ATTENDANCE

Executive: Dana Jensen, Kelly Hoffmann, Bonnie Doyle
Stelly's Admin: Gord Redlin
Parents:
Absent: Chantal Ziegler, Natalie Salem

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM

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

MOTION: Dana
SECONDED: Kellie
VOTE: CARRIED

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

MOTION: Dana
SECONDED: Bonnie
VOTE: CARRIED

4. **Presidents Report (verbal)**

- Update on issue in media: School Board decision resulted in maintenance staff putting up fences to prevent horses from going through school property due to safety concerns

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

- n/a

6. **Principals Report (verbal)**

- Gord Retirement is Dec 31 – competition underway
- Grad Phot Days – Nov. 1st through to Nov. 9th – now done
- Remembrance Day Nov. 11th/National Indigenous Veterans Day Nov. 8th – both will be observed on Nov. 10th during a school wide virtual/Live stream assembly in the morning
- Nov. 12th NID for students, School based Pro-D Day for Teachers
- Parent as Education and Career Coaches: An excellent opportunity for Parents/Guardians to help their child navigate the options after graduation...before graduation happens. One of the most informative and interactive sessions (Virtual) that can help highlight a myriad of possibilities, pathways and supports for students and

examples of many resources available. Recommended to sign up in advance for this session on Monday, November 15th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. [Registration Link](#)

- Report cards home on Nov. 17th
- Parent-Teacher Conference Night – Nov. 25th – 5:00 to 7:30 pm
 - In Person – separate classrooms (all masks all the time)
 - TEAMS
 - Phone Calls
 - 10 Min/conference – 10 conferences per full time teacher
 - 5 minute travel time to next conference
 - Feedback from parents is welcomed
- UVIC has sent reminder to schools as follows:
 - that high school students and other non-UVIC students are not allowed at gathering on university property
- COVID behaviours
 - Some students finding some challenges settling into the “Full On” routine of school and in classrooms.
 - If parents are concerned about progress of child please contact teachers/counsellors early.
 - Gord leading a reading workshop for teachers on Wellness Wednesday.
- PAC contribution box - \$10, \$20, \$40, and \$other...all options now exist.
- Grad Winter Formal – December 8th 6:30 to 9:00 – more info/details coming soon!
- June Grad “event” conversations continue...but a little bit more of “wait and see” with possibly Plans A, B and C needed again.
- Winter Break
 - Last day of classes Dec. 17th
 - Return to School Jan. 4th

7. COPACS Report

- review of the District's Strategic Plan
 - COPACS is in the middle of a review of Bylaws and Constitution
 - COPACS is leading parenting workshops - looking for PACs to contribute \$100 to go towards these 4 sessions:
 - Who Are You Parenting? A look at developmental stages, temperament and various aspects to childhood that many folks don't understand.
 - Sidestepping the Power Struggle – How do you guide children with healthy discipline in mind.
 - Communication – Speaking and Listening
 - Boundaries – Hidden Patterns, Building Resilience and Boundaries
- COPACS - Discussion on the potential for COPACS to support a proposal for a vaccine mandate for Saanich School District staff we encourage you to attend the upcoming COPACS meeting on Thursday, November 18th to articulate your views on vaccination. COPACS is considering writing a letter in support for a vaccine mandate to the district.

8. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Report

- Chantal attended the 80th anniversary of the Victoria francophone society and that Cindy Lister a teacher from Bayside received the "prix pédagogique Gérald Moreau", which recognize an immersion teacher within the greater Victoria for their educational commitment to the French language.

9. Treasurer's Report (as of Oct 31/21)

- Gaming account
 - BC Gaming Grant received in October: \$15,080
 - Balance: \$20,934.27
- General account
 - Balance \$12,217.81

10. Funding Requests

- **Parent Education Series:** Keating PAC is seeking to organize a Parent Education series by Parent Educator and Counselor, Dr Allison Rees (<https://lifeseminars.com/about/allisonrees/>): 4 sessions on different aspects of parenting and child behaviour. The four sessions would be in November, January, February and April. The cost would be \$375 per session. COPACS paying half, then each school asked to contribute \$100.
 - \$ 100
 - General
- **Waterloo Math Contest**
 - \$ 1,000
 - Gaming
- **Aquarium Costs (ongoing)**
 - \$ 630
 - Gaming
- **Pump and filter replacement cost (one-time)**
 - \$ 358
 - General
- **Jellyfish Tank (one-time)**
 - \$ 600
 - Gaming

MOTION: Dana
Second: Bonnie
Vote: carried

11. Communications Update:

- none

12. Old Business:

- Vacant PAC positions: Secretary, Vice President/Chair, School Planning
- PAC Constitutional Review: Tabled until COPAC completes their constitutional review

12. New Business:

- none

13. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 7, 2021 @ 6:30 PM** via Zoom

14. Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

MOTION: Dana

SECONDED: Bonnie

VOTE: CARRIED