



# Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Feb 8, 2022 – 6:30 PM

## VIA ZOOM meeting

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### ATTENDANCE

**Executive:** Dana Jensen, Kelly Hoffmann, Bonnie Doyle, Chantal Ziegler  
**Stelly's Admin:** Melanie Paas  
**Parents:** Darcy Winkel  
**Absent:** Natalie Salem

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM

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

**MOTION:** Dana  
**SECONDED:** Bonnie  
**VOTE:** CARRIED

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

**MOTION:** Dana  
**SECONDED:** Bonnie  
**VOTE:** CARRIED

4. **Presidents Report (verbal)**

- None

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

- n/a

6. **Principals Report (verbal)**

1. **Newsies production** – we had originally delayed the performance dates due to the January restrictions of no spectators to school events. Unfortunately, these restrictions were not lifted in February therefore, our amazing cast and crew performed without each night without an audience. We have recorded each performance and will be working on putting together a video production which will be publicized when ready.
2. **Provincial assessments** – January sitting was cancelled by the Ministry of Education. They have committed to providing more information mid-February.
3. **Attendance** – District IT is tracking attendance on a daily basis. Their focus is on percent above daily normal and those specifically reported as ill by families. They communicate with us if they are concerned about our absentee numbers.
4. **Course selection** – Course guide is now live (<https://sites.google.com/sd63.bc.ca/stellyscourseguide/home>). Counselling/Admin team is meeting with our future grade 9s this week to begin discussing course selection and transition to high school. We will begin course selection with our current grade 9-11s on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

5. **Report cards** – Will be distributed tomorrow (Wednesday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>) in block 2.
6. **Grade 9 Immunizations** – occurring on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a normal process that happens in schools. COVID-19 doses 1 and 2 will also be available.
7. **Open House/Exploration Event** – Cancelled due to current restrictions. Normal Wednesday schedule that day.
8. **Monthly Snapshot** – Kindness & Empathy  
[https://saanichschools.campayn.com/web\\_version/view/1aedbe6f879f72a92d85cd226677b4008d3adf8cfb4018dd014a8764ee10d0be/Stakmail/268769/72049438/545787599/none/none/0](https://saanichschools.campayn.com/web_version/view/1aedbe6f879f72a92d85cd226677b4008d3adf8cfb4018dd014a8764ee10d0be/Stakmail/268769/72049438/545787599/none/none/0)
9. **Masks** – for the large majority, masks are being worn properly and consistently. There are a few that need the extra reminders to wear the mask properly. We hand out about 15-20 masks on a daily basis for those who arrive to school without one.
10. **Semester 2 support reminders:**
  1. Homework help every day before school starting at 7:15 AM (room 156) and after school Monday -Thursday until 4 pm in the Learning Commons.
  2. *NEW* - Tues/Thurs homework club for Indigenous students in Cultural Room from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.
11. **Digital Safety** Parent & Student evening session – was offered by Safer Schools. Very informative and great reminders about how we are all using social media and if, in fact, it is actually using us more than we are using it.
12. **January Retirements** – Long time Stelly’s counsellor, Naomi Fitzgerald, and educational assistant, Liz Conway, have retired. We sent them both off with a virtual staff congratulations and a staff parade of honour through the halls of Stelly’s on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. We wish them all the best in their retirement.
13. **Weekly Messages to Families** – Suggestions for improvements/changes?
14. **District Strategic Plan 2022-2027** – Please view and consider providing feedback  
<https://www.sd63.bc.ca/community-feedback-survey-draft-strategic-plan-2022-2027>

## 7. COPACS Report

- Main topic of the last meeting was the results of the survey. 744 responses were received and 56% of votes voted in favour of a vaccine mandate for all school staff and 43% opposed, 1% no opinion. These results were presented to the District School Board last week, COPACS also noted that on January 17 the PHO ordered districts to report on all employee vaccination status, with that in mind COPACS decided to take neutral position given the new mandate from the PHO as it is outside the expertise of COPACS. Next meeting is this Thursday and to please advise if there are any questions that should be brought forward.

## 8. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Report

- Next CPF meeting Feb 24

## 9. Treasurer’s Report (as of Jan 31, 2022)

- Gaming account
  - Balance: \$20,934.27
- General account
  - Balance \$13,669.81

## 10. Funding Requests

- In support of learning for Black History Month, the counselling department is asking for \$325 for music to introduce students to music, history & African tradition – **on the condition that it is for purchase of a product that can be used in future years** (General)

**MOTION: Dana**

**SECONDED: Chantal**

**VOTE: CARRIED**

- \$224 for 20-24 young women self defense course - tabled until more is received
- Athletics – requesting \$5k for replacement equipment (Gaming) – **motion for \$3k (can reassess the other \$2k at the end of the year)**

**MOTION: Dana**

**SECONDED: Bonnie**

**VOTE: CARRIED**

- Inclusive Education Department – tabled until March to see if a request is received

## 11. Old Business:

- Vacant PAC positions: Secretary, Vice President/Chair, School Planning – no nominations at this time
- PAC Constitutional Review: Tabled until COPAC completes their constitutional review

## 12. New Business:

- Climbing Academy – Ryan Braun discussion re proposed climbing academy fee increase:
  - The climbing academy was established in 2011 and has been a very successful program ever since. This year we have 140 students involved in the program from grades 9-12. In 2011 when the program was established, our course fee was \$1000 which did not include any personal climbing equipment.
  - In 2015, we started including the ordering of personal climbing gear for our students as we were able to secure a discount through a local provider. Therefore, we increased the cost of a new student to \$1200 to include a climbing harness, helmet and climbing shoes.
  - Since 2015, we have seen our costs for everything go up. We have been able to get by but are no longer able to do that. As an example, the climbing shoes that used to cost us \$70 now are over \$100.
  - We are proposing going up by \$100 based on the increased cost of equipment, transportation, and courses we offer senior students. Listed below is a breakdown of the costs to a total of \$1,300:
    - \$250 - Personal Climbing Equipment
    - \$600 - Coaching (60/month)
    - \$50 - Outdoor Climbing Equipment
    - \$300 - Field Trips (Transportation, Guide Fees, TOC costs)
    - \$100 - Climbing Clothing
  - As per the School Act, PAC must approve fees

- The proposed fee structure for 2022-23 for the Climbing Academy: The cost to students for participating in the Climbing Academy is the following:
  - \$1300 for New Full Year students
  - \$1200 for Returning Full Year students
  - \$800 for Half Year students
  - \$700 for Returning Half Year students

**MOTION: Dana**

**SECONDED: Darcy**

**VOTE: CARRIED**

**13. Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 @ 6:30 PM** via Zoom

**14. Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

**MOTION: Dana**

**SECONDED: Chantal**

**VOTE: CARRIED**