

DTSS PAC Meeting Minutes

Apr 6, 2021

Present: Glen Sage, Andrea Hopkins, Karen Nowicki, Nadine Hale

Call to Order: 7:05

Approval of Agenda: Moved: Karen, seconded - Nadine.

Approval of February minutes: Moved Karen, Seconded: Andrea

Treasurer's Report:

- no treasurer's report – will carry forward the report from March

DPAC Report:

- **District Strategic plan** – have been asked to meet tomorrow evening to review this plan– will report back on this at the May meeting
- **Trustee Removal** – DPAC discussed the process to remove a trustee from the school board. Nothing exists in the School Act to enable this. Referred to BCCPAC to advocate that the ministry changes the School Act.
- **Mental Health supports** – DPAC will continue to bring this as a parent concern to the district level
- **Budget** – DPAC will be asking some questions around budget with the recent hiring decisions for several new District Vice Principal positions

Administration Report: Presented by Glen

- **Course selection:** went very well. Having the students enter their choices into the computers themselves helped to streamline the process.
- **First draft of 2021 timetable is ready.** Heather and Glen worked on it over spring break. Ready for the students to make their selections. Will work to minimize conflicts. On schedule for providing the students their timetables before the end of the school year
- **New Mask Requirement** – approx. 98% of students, complying and understanding the reasoning. There are a few students that are unable to tolerate wearing masks for that length of time. In these situations, additional safety measures are in place. Focus on social distancing and hand sanitizing.
- **School Budget** – Glen is open to reviewing this PAC if it is of interest to us. Discussion was that we would ask questions on an if needed/interested basis.
- **Counselling** – Some of the backend, computer work of the school counsellor has been given to school admin assistants, this is allowing for the school counsellor to have additional student contact time.

Old Business:

- **Funding for lunch program** – total cost is approx. \$16,000 . Summit Youth Center is funding \$300/month. Glen has been encouraged to put in a request to the Community Foundation covid relief fund. They provide grants up to \$5000. The decision for this will be made at their meeting on May 2. At this time Glen will have a better idea of funds still needed and will be able to submit and ask to PAC at our May meeting. PAC is 100% in favor of supporting food security.
- **Creative Competition** – PAC again 100% supportive of supporting this competition with prizes. Unable to give cash prizes, as has been done in previous years. Glen will talk with Robyn and determine a creative appropriate solution to awarding prizes and get back to PAC. Decision made to approve this via email, as we want the competition planning to move ahead on schedule.
- **BCTF parent presentation-** Of the presentations available online it was determined that the presentation on social media was of most interest to parents. Andrea submitted a request for this presentation to the BCTF prior to spring break. She provided 3 possible dates. As soon as she hears back she will inform PAC.

New Business

- No new business

District Policies & Procedures

- Glen circulated these via email

Correspondence:

- None

Next Meeting

- Tuesday May 3, 2021

Adjourned - 7:55