

DTSS PAC Meeting Minutes

Sept 21, 2021 via Teams

Present: Glen Sage, Andrea Hopkins, Karen Nowicki, Nadine Hale, Jolene Aelick, Rob Orchiston, Dara Allen, Hillary Page

Call to Order: 7:00

Approval of Agenda: Moved: Andrea Seconded: Jolene

Approval of June 1, 2021 minutes: Moved: Andrea Seconded: Jolene

Treasurer's Report: - Jolene Aelick

Gaming Account balance before obligations	\$11,084.66
2019 PAC bursary	-\$500.00
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2021 PAC bursary	-\$500.00
Columbia Valley Food Bank	-\$2,586.00
DPAC Indigenous Education Council Library Resources	<u>-\$1,000.00</u>
	\$5998.66
Operating Account balance before obligations	\$3,081.37
Tim Hortons gift for staff	<u>\$116.34</u>
	\$2,964.63

Administration Report: Glen Sage

- **Enrollment**

- Last year's enrollment was 430
- projecting 468 for the 2021/22 school year, Actual enrollment is 462 students
- Gr12 - 79 students, w/ 8 international
- Gr11 - 85 students w/8 international
- Gr 10 – 94 students
- Gr 9 – 105 students
- Gr 8 – 100 students
- The largest group of enrollment change is the Gr 9's. In two blocks of time in grade 9 first semester we are full at 30 kids. So there was no room for accommodating class switches. There will be more options in second semester; this should create a little room within the Gr 9 classes

- **Staffing**

- In total 13 new staff with 8 of them being new teachers. Not all are completely new
- Brett Wilson open doors and DTSS learning services (was with open doors prior to this)
- Jason Walker new for first semester math and science
- Natasha Schorb science and Biology
- Katarina Rodriquez is the chef training teacher she is only able to commit for first semester
- Michelle Rievaj – student teacher last year - English
- Brigitte McGuire-learning services
- Meaghan Mackey-librarian and English teacher
- Caprice Loyola, English, science , Phys Ed, Careers
- Lisa Tenta – has returned as part time vice principal, .5 w/DTSS and .5 w/RMDL

- Two new youth care workers Ayla Rasilainen and Denise Jensen
- Tristin Campbell and Beva Kirk have joined as EA's
- Candace Scheffer is a new secretary at the main office
- Roxann Rad is now at student services

- **Safety protocols**

- If you are not feeling well stay home- daily health check.
- Hand Hygiene, hand sanitizer and hand washing continuing to be encouraged.
- We were not expecting a mask mandate. This mandate is more than what we had last year. This year staff need to have their masks on all the time, even when instructing at a distance greater than 2m, unless there is a barrier. Students need to wear masks at all times unless eating or playing a musical instrument, or engaged in high intensity activity.
- If there is a positive case there will still be contact tracing. Thus there are seating plans. It looks like students that are vaccinated if a close contact will not have to isolate.
- Cohorting is gone, multi grade classrooms exist, separate entrances are gone.
- Field trips are back, but only to outdoor locations. Indoor locations often require vaccine passports and schools are not requiring vaccine passports.
- Sports are back. Same day travel to other schools is a go ahead. No overnight trips.
- Vaccine clinic This Friday Sept 24th 10am-2pm for students to go to if they wish. Either for their first dose or their second dose.

- **Grade assemblies** – have happened except for the Gr 10 assembly which is tomorrow. At the assemblies school protocols and the code of conduct are reviewed. There is nothing new in the code of conduct this year.

- **Course Scheduling**

- The hope was that by having the students do their course selection in the spring that this would eliminate course schedule changes in the fall. This did not happen as there has still been a fair bit of students rescheduling their courses.

Funding requests

- Clay and glazes are very expensive and are popular with the art club- \$1000
- Creative Contest is back this year - money to purchase prizes \$2100
- Pynelogs art exhibit money for musicians and refreshments \$350

We have not received this year's gaming grant. Will likely receive this in October. Unsure if the grant will be a smaller amount because of reduced gaming funds due to the impact of COVID. Due to this everyone was in agreement to move these requests forward to such time as we have this year's gaming funds in our account.

DPAC Report – Nadine

- A new DPAC policy had it's first reading in June. DPAC met over the summer to review it and provide feedback. We provided minor feedback before the 2nd reading. We were mainly in agreement with the policy.
- Nadine stepping down as DPAC rep

Old Business

- none

New Business

AGM Planning- Re-election

- Chair -Andrea -will stand
- Vice Chair -Karen- stepping down
- Treasurer Jolene – will stand
- Secretary Nadine- will stand
- DPAC Rep Nadine- stepping down

Nomination Committee – Andrea volunteered to take on this role. If someone else runs for chair she will not run for chair and perhaps run for VP position. Andrea asked – If there is anyone here interested in putting their name forward? No hands raised. Andrea asked that we please let others know that there are open executive positions. Andrea will send a list of open positions to Glen to circulate to the parent body.

District Policy and Procedures:

- Glen emails these to us whenever he receives them

Correspondence

- Policies from the school district

Thank you to Nadine and Chenoa for making cupcakes for the staff as a thank you & welcome back

Next Meeting

- Tuesday October 5, 2021
- AGM Oct 5, 2021

Adjourned – 7:37