

DTSS PAC Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

Present: Glen Sage, Andrea Hopkins, Penny Powers, Karen Nowicki, Gerri Brightwell, Katie Andruschuk (recorder)

Call to Order: 7:03

Approval of Agenda: Moved Penny, second Andrea. Carried

Approval of February minutes: Correction on pg 2, DPAC item typo. Move to approve amended minutes: Moved Karen, second Katie. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Karen

- \$16388.09 balance in gaming. After obligations \$9707.52
- 2019 and 2020 grad bursary approved but not paid out yet for a total amount of \$1000 on the books. Students need to submit tuition receipt to claim this amount, so unpaid bursaries may be due to students not going to school. Might have a time limit of two years to claim or amount may be withdrawn.
- Operating account balance \$2964.63
- Allocations not yet approved: art club, photo club, residential school memorial, creative contest. Discussion of what was previously approved, review of previous minutes to confirm. The only outstanding item is the creative contest request for \$2100, and the application wasn't available for review, i.e. \$100 per student that wins in 21 categories. Glen will follow up with Robyn to resubmit or clarify re: the ability to support competition without it being cash or gift card.

DPAC Report: No report.

Administration Report: Presented by Glen

- Grant application for gaming controller, previously purchased by Lizzie Midyette for \$190.60. Moved by Karen to approve, second Andrea. Carried.
- Course selection: students entered selections, 10-20 follow ups per grade needed before complete.
- First draft of 2021 timetable will be ready after spring break. A final timetable after changes or conflicts are corrected will be ready before summer break. This is a new procedure from previous years when the timetable was done in August.
- Grad: current vaccination schedule may mean that health orders will be lightened before June, but still won't be a big gathering.
- Bursary: SD6 has been looking at how scholarships/bursaries have been handled in 3x high schools. Old practice: scholarship/award = merit; bursary = need, requiring documentation of financial need such as what might be required for student loan, e.g. household income, assets, etc. Kept completely confidential. New practice: no financial info requested from parents. Relying on what is known of situations to make best decisions possible. Everyone has need, some have more need than others. No distinction between scholarships & bursaries. About \$65000 handed out to grads. About 75% of awards leave selection up to the school, decided on by committee of 5-6 people including admin, counsellor(s), teacher(s). Letter to renew \$500 PAC Bursary from Roxann. Moved to approve by Katie, second Karen. Carried.

Business arising:

- CanFor donation request for supporting lunch programme: Karen obtained email to send requests for donation, sent to Chenoa.
- Lunch programme – increased to 31 lunches. Akisqnuk offered to consider financial assistance. Glen will submit a future request to PAC.

Old Business:

*BCTF parent presentation- The presentation we wanted is not online yet. We can choose between the following online presentations: Please visit <https://bctf.ca/parents/presentations.aspx> and have a look at the 3 topics that

have been adapted for online presentations. Would we like to host a parent presentation this spring ? (April or May)

Antibullying • Advocating for your child • Social media 4 parents

- Discussion: can only choose one. Recent presentation touched on each of these topics somewhat. Recent presentation had pretty good attendance. We can poll wider group of parents. Most appealing will probably be social media. Previous social media "White Hatter" were well received. Social media most pressing and will hopefully also relate to antibullying. Andrea will apply for that for end of April, proposed 20th.

New Business:

- When is next newsletter – ad hoc as opposed to scheduled. Request to include community soccer info. Send info and it can be circulated immediately.

District Policies & Procedures: Nothing new.

Correspondence: No mail.

Next Meeting – Tuesday April 6, 2021

Adjourned 8:06