

# DTSS PAC Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

**1. Call to Order:**

**2. Attendance:** Lizzie Midyette, Heather English, Glen Sage, Robyn Oliver, Penny Powers, Andrea Hopkins, Gerri Brightwell, Katie Andruschuk, Jolene Aelick, Colleen Booth

**3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion: Nadine – Second: Karen

**4. Lizzie Midyette and Robyn Oliver presenting Grant applications**

**Lizzie Midyette**

**Camera Request** -thought that in COVID that a photography club could still exist as the students can participate in this at a distance. More cameras for the students also helps with photography for the yearbook. Core being at the start of the day without student choice has reduced clubs

**Nintendo Switch**- lunchtime video game club, old fashioned non-violent video game, a safe place for kids to be just under \$200 request

Kamila- gym membership – no further funding needed

**Robyn Oliver**

**Tablets - 2 @ \$500 Tablets -\$1000 request.** Goal long term is to have a class set of drawing tablets. Having skills for digital art is foundational for any artist in this day and age.

**Creative Contest** – this can still happen in COVID, it is a great social distancing event.

**Tipi**- this idea is still under discussion

**Lunches** – 20/30 lunches a day for hungry kids. This is something that PAC could support if PAC is interested. Glen will put a grant application in for this in the second semester. Food bank grant is about \$600/month. The school is actually spending \$1200/month

**ACTION:** Nadine will discuss this with the Summit Youth Centre Board as they have a sum of money sitting being held for youth food security.

**Discussion**

-All parents in full support of the requests made.

- **Motion to approve the purchase of 2 cameras at approx. \$600 each** - Motion -Nadine Seconded- Jolene
- **Motion to approve the purchase of \$1000 of drawing tablets for the art club** Motion- Penny Seconded- Katie
- (Comment - In writing the minutes I notice that we forgot to discuss the Nintendo Switch request – this item should carry this forward to the February meeting

**5. Approval of December minutes: Motion: Karen Seconded: Jolene (w/ a couple of minor edits)**

**6. Treasurer's Report:**

**Gaming** - \$16,385.51

**Operating** - \$2875.75

**7. DPAC Report: Nadine Hale**

- DPAC now has a parent rep on both The Equity and Action working group and on a District Technology working committee
- We had a working meeting, where we meet just as DPAC reps for discussion. Out of this working meeting we developed a few agenda items for our meeting with the Senior Admin Team and trustees at the end of February. We will be starting a discussion around increased funding for school counselling and student mental health. As parents we would like to see about some of the additional COVID funding being directed towards this. In discussion it became that this is a district wide theme that all parents at the meeting decided needed

to be addressed. We will also be beginning a discussion and requesting education on how our Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers are compensated for their expert intelligence.

**8. Administration Report:** Glen Sage and Heather English

1. The end of the first semester is Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Gr 10-12 Jan26th for Gr8 and 9. The 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> will be final exams.
2. With the return to school after the Christmas break - the decision was made to reinforce safety procedures, of hand washing, mask wearing, physical distancing. With Interior Health reports that COVID is increasing in Interior Health we need to be vigilant about minimizing risk in the school and reducing the number of close contacts. As a school we have put into place as many measures as possible to reduce close contacts
3. February – will bring another round of report cards. Mid Feb is when we will start course selection or next year.
4. Tessa Reilly will be back next term teaching Science 8, Physics 11 and Physics 12.
5. Heather – introduced herself as Vice Principal of DTSS. It has been a feat trying to get to know the 400 kids, a feat that I am loving. I love our early morning ritual of greeting the students into the school each day, with reminders to wash their hands. This is a good ritual. It helps to build relationships with the students. Thanks for having me at the PAC meeting.
6. 4 International students at DTSS right now, 5 students on the way for the next semester. The 4 students are happy with DTSS and feel very welcome at the school.

**9. Old Business:**

Parent education events – Wed Feb 24<sup>th</sup> is anti-bullying pink shirt day could coordinate a parent education event with this day. The Presentation that the students had late last year from Police officer LP, Michelle from Family Dynamix and Shannon - Heather thinks there is a huge value in parents being included in these discussions and having a similar presentation geared to parents. Having the parent community on board with these topics will be very helpful.

- **ACTION:** Glen will reach out to LP, Michelle, Shannon to ask about a presentation the end of February beginning of March
- **February agenda** item - BCTF parent presentation with the possibility of inviting the zone or district parents

**10. New Business:**

None at this time

**11. District Policies & Procedures:**

None at this time

**12. Correspondence:**

None at this time

**13. Next Meeting – Tuesday February 2, 2021**

**14. Adjourned 8:22pm**