

Nov 9th, 2022 7pm

DTSS Staff Meeting Room

Call to Order- 7:00PM

Attendance –@ DTSS in person – Hillary Page, Colleen Booth, Mike Hubic

Attendance online (Teams)– Nadine Hale, Jennifer Gorman

Land Acknowledgment: We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral, contemporary and unceded lands of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Peoples and the chosen home of the Metis. We are grateful to be raising our children in such a beautiful place.

Approval of Sept 14, 2022 Minutes - Motion to approve Colleen Seconded Hillary

Treasurer’s Report – Hillary (Gerri not present)

- \$16, 644 in the gaming account
- \$2,822 in the operating account

Admin Report – Mike Hubic

- The school has received news in the School District that the Ministry of Education and Child Care will give \$417k to support families struggling with inflation and coming out of Covid. The intent of the District will be to meet with community partners and strategize on how to spend in schools. They will retain approx 10% of the funds centrally and rest of the money will be distributed on a per student basis. DTSS will consult with their partners on priorities set out by the Senior Administration in the School District. At DTSS the amount is equivalent to about \$105/student (\$50k total). Priorities have been set by Senior Admin and include Food security first followed by school fees and supplies. This grant may impact decisions that the PAC makes. It is one time funding and spent and accounted for by end of June. Mike will meet with staff on Monday to discuss with staff about strategies. **This is one time funding only i.e. it is not an annual grant.**
- In terms of Food Security the Food Bank has supported all schools in the Invermere/Windermere area. Schools invoice the Food Bank for food purchased

for the schools \$100 - \$200/month, this means the Food Bank is providing significant funds to the schools. The Food Bank has more buying power than the school does, so strategically they may want to buy the food themselves.

- Mike gave a presentation on the priorities of the school based on identified priorities and survey results from the previous year. The presentation is attached to the minutes.
 - Strategic Priority 1 - Increase sense of connectedness of students at DTSS
 - all schools, including DTSS, are coming out of Covid
 - Compared to the District and provincially wide, fewer students at DTSS feel like an adult believes they will be successful
 - Based on one year of data, Grade 10 students feel significantly less connected than Grade 12s. This was one of the reasons behind the multi grade home room.
 - Parent survey in the Spring asked if there was a student mentorship program would we be in favour 68% said yes
- Strategic Goal 2 - Increase student's critical thinking skills across the curriculum
 - Based on Nov provincial assessments for 2 cohorts only: Foundations of Math/Pre Calc and Workplace Math. Note these are two very different cohorts. About 33.57% DTSS students reached the highest level compared to 41.88% of the District and 37.82% provincially. Tells the School that there is work to do in numeracy
 - Workplace Math students in Grade 10 will do their numeracy assessments in Grade 11
 - Critical Thinking: 35.94% DTSS students reached the highest level compared to 36.9% of the District and 37.14% provincially.
 - Literacy 12 critical thinking about texts 56.3% DTSS students reached the highest level compared to 57.07% of the District and 60% provincially.
- Third Goals Increase staff knowledge using trauma informed practice
- The survey also asked questions about mental health. Survey completed for Grade 10 students. 57% of students responded in the Fair to Poor categories while 39% responded in the Good to Excellent. In contrast, the Survey completed for Grade 12 students. 54% of students responded in the Fair to Poor categories while 37% responded in the Good to Excellent.

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- These numbers are concerning, but it is possible Covid could have influenced this.
- The survey data helps establish goals and priorities for the school.

Old Business

- Open Doors parents joining DTSS PAC. will be invited. PAC feels Open Doors should be asked to be invited to join DTSS PAC.
 - Action: Mike will ask Lisa if there is interest in one PAC for both schools
 - Action: Gerri to follow up with BC Gaming to ask if the gaming grant could include Open Doors students.
- The AGM was reopened and a Bylaw amendment presented (addition of h. below).

D. The Treasurer shall:

 - a) be one of the signing officers of the executive
 - b) receive all funds for the Council
 - c) disburse funds authorized by the executive or members
 - d) maintain an accurate record of all expenditures of the Council
 - e) give a report of all receipts and expenditures at all general meetings
 - f) deposit all funds collected on behalf of the Council in an account at a recognized financial institution approved by the PAC
 - g) make books available for viewing by members upon request
 - h) complete the BC lotteries Gaming Grant application, ensure the proper execution of funds and complete the required reporting of the grant
 - Jenn motioned to approve the amendment and Colleen seconded.

Approved
- Jenn motioned to close the AGM and Colleen seconded. AGM closed.

New Business

Grant Applications

- S Warren asked for a \$2,500 grant for cafeteria vouchers for students in need.
 - HP suggests that the PAC should not fund at this time due to the large provincial grant in which food security is a top priority **Action:** MH will communicate with S. Warren about the \$2,500 request for food vouchers and HP will move this to the next agenda

- Shelly Little asks for Smokii Sumac to present to the writing 12 class and the GSA club
 - Nadine is 110% in support
 - NH motion to support \$300 in funding for Smoki Sumac to speak to Writing 12/GSA club Colleen seconded. Approved.
- Shelly Little asking for support for funding to print Grade 12 Anthology of student writing
 - Colleen motion to support \$300 funding to print the anthologies Jenn will second. Approved.
 - **Action:** Mike to communicate with Shelly and ask her to extend the invite to submit writing to anthology beyond the class so it is not curricular and the gaming grant could cover this cost.
- Shelly Little asking for \$1,800 in prize money for the Creative Contest
 - Nadine says we fund every year. Happens in conjunction with Reach Art Show.
 - **Action:** HP to ask GB about possible funding pots for the Creative Contest as it may not be Gaming Grant eligible.
- Dungeons and Dragons 40 Students – supplies for the club - \$1000.00 ask revised from \$2,000. As requested by PAC, Colin sent an itemized list to Andrea.
 - o Nadine motioned to approve \$1,000 in funding for D&D Club to purchase supplies. Jenn seconded. **Action:** HP will print itemized list and bring to next meeting.

Next Meeting – Wed Jan 14th, 2022 7:00pm. No meeting in December.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:25 PM