

Call To Order: 7:06pm

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 have the privilege of raising our children in such a beautiful place.

Attendance: Gerri Brightwell, Jen Gorman(on Teams), Nadine Hale (on Teams), Andrea Hopkins, principal Mike Hubick

Student Guests: Eva Difrancesco, Vanessa Cortant Student Council Representatives

Agenda: moved by Andrea and seconded by Nadine.

Minutes: Gerri moves to approve the minutes of the November 9, Jen seconds.

Treasurer's Report: Please see attached. Gaming Account with approved & outstanding **\$10,945.74** Operating **\$2079.97**

Huge Thank you and acknowledgement to parent Nadine Hale for researching the Kindness Grant and initiating this kindness project for the teachers and staff at DTSS. We also thank all volunteers that helped on the delivery date and those local businesses that assisted, allowing us to provide even better kindness gifts.

Funding Requests: Representatives from student council presented their funding request for the Winter Formal \$1200.00. The event will be held at Eagle Ranch. Venue being donated February 16th 7pm-11pm. Students will pay \$15- \$25 for a ticket. The funding is requested for Food, DJ & decorating. Grade 10,11,12. DJ \$753.72, Lightshow \$200.00. This is the first event of its kind since 2019. Some of the funds from student council also supported a Junior dance which was a huge success. Thanks Anika & Virginia for coordinating. Student guests departed after their presentation.

Administration Report:

*One time funding received-The admin team identified that Food security is the most important initiative. \$16,000 total will be funded. \$2000.00 purchasing food through learning support room and AB/ED with even better quality food items than previously offered. In addition, there will be one Silver card distributed per student for the cafeteria. The student can use the card or can pay it forward and re-distribute it should they choose. All money from this funding needs to be used before the end of the year.

*The admin team is trying to have the school counsellor work on cessation with vaping as this is a major concern in the student community. Before Christmas, there was an opportunity for students to trade their Vape for a Silver food card for the cafeteria. They got 19 vapes turned in with this initiative.

*DPAC Meeting January 19 (DPAC rep Tina). The Superintendent has asked that we ensure that all PACs have a representative at this meeting.

*Pets in classrooms. A student wanted to bring pets into the school during core to monitor student behavior and mood, as a capstone project. The principal learned that the district has very clear policies about animals in school. The animal has to be trained, certified, and policy must be followed. As a result, the capstone project could not be accepted. In addition, one of the teachers had to remove a pet from his class. Students have advocated to Mr. Hubick and to the district for a change to this policy.

*Department heads are looking at the structural organization of the school. Concerned about whether the structural organization of the school and the tumbling timetable are the best ways to support learning? Are there better ways to organize and support learning in this school? An example: Grade 8 students: Is it developmentally appropriate to join high school in the way it is currently structured. Are we organized for student learning in the best way that is supporting the students. Is it effective as it can be? There is research and other models to look at. Perhaps Grade 8 & 9 is a middle school population and have a smaller group of teachers that support those students. The idea is to give them a

greater sense of being part of something in their school community. Discussions are ongoing.

Funding Requests: Presentation from student council \$1200.00 motion to approve Gerri, discussion parents in full support, Andrea seconded, All in favor.

Creative Contest \$1800.00. Rejected based on the criteria.

DPAC Report: rep not in attendance. No update. Next DPAC meeting January 19, 2023

Old Business:

Action: Mike will ask Lisa T. if there is interest in one PAC for both DTSS and Open Doors. *Review in February*

Action: Gerri to follow up with BC Gaming to ask if the gaming grant could include Open Doors students. *Review in February*

Action: Mike will communicate with S. Warren about the \$2,500 request for food vouchers and Hillary will move this to the next agenda. *Has this been taken care of with the one-time funding focused on food security?*

Action: Mike to communicate with Shelly and ask her to extend the invite to submit writing to anthology beyond the Grade 12 class so it is not curricular and the gaming grant could cover this cost. *Complete*

Action: Hillary to ask Gerri about possible funding pots for the Creative Contest awards as it may not be Gaming Grant eligible. *We have now rejected this request based on the criteria from BC Gaming*

New Business: Resolution for adding/removing signors to the banking account.

For the purpose of obtaining signing authority at KSCU, remove Jolene Aelick, Andrea Hopkins, Nadine Hale and Karen Nowicki. Please add; Gerri Brightwell in the position of Treasurer; Hillary Page in the position of Vice Chair; Kathy Sutherland in the position of Chair as new representatives with signing authority.

Moved by Andrea Hopkins, Seconded by Jen Gorman. All in favor

DTSS PAC
January 11, 2023 7pm
DTSS Staff Meeting Room

*Nadine, brought up the idea of the Gym being open for students. Mental Health & Physical Health are connected. Parents would like to see more gym time available to students outside of school hours. What are the costs & are there possible partners to assist with costs? It was suggested that the Summit Youth Hub get a proposal for the next school year. DTSS and the Youth Hub serve the same community so there could be priority given to youth for the gym time. There was also discussion regarding DTSS teams, the number of students that can practice and play, and the limitations due to volunteer coaching. Parents requested that Matt be invited to come to a future PAC meeting so parents can better understand the organization of the teams and the vision of athletic teams for the future of DTSS.

Next Meeting Date Feb 8th 7:00pm

Action Item: Invite parents and notify that we will be serving food at the meeting like we did in September & October. Andrea is tasked with organizing food for delivery.

Adjourn 8:48pm