

DTSS PAC Meeting Agenda **February 8th, 2023**

Call to Order: 7:01.

In attendance: Nadine Hale, Gerri Brightwell, Hillary Page, Colleen Booth, Michael DenOtter, Andrea Hopkins, Andrea Haworth, Colleen Booth, Mike Hubick, Vina Benn, Kathy Sutherland, Jennifer Gorman

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

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of January 11th meeting minutes: Gerri made a motion to approve, seconded by Andrea Hopkins

Treasurer's Report: attached

Administration Report: attached below minutes

Funding Requests:

1. Gender Sexuality Alliance Request: \$563.73 for accommodation at the Queer out Here event in Fernie presented by Finnley King and Logan Hale

Motion by Hillary to approve \$575 for accommodation and PAC would like a presentation upon return about what they learned. Seconded by Andrea Hopkins.

2. SD6 District Student Advisory Council (DSAC): Nine students (Eight Grade 12s, One Grade 9) The DSAC collect information from students and present that information to the School District. They are connected to other Student Advisory Councils at other schools in the District. They would like to identify themselves through DSAC hoodies. They are requesting \$600 for ten hoodies (Nine students and one teacher).

Motion by Gerri B. to approve the \$600 request and come to meet the PAC and discuss the DSAC. Seconded by Kathy

Action: Mike to ask two students from DSAC to present to PAC to talk about who they are and what they do

3. Roxann - eighty students graduating this year. Requesting gown rental costs (\$15/ea~\$1,250 total) and flowers (\$250) for the ceremony. She is asking \$1,450 total.

Andrea Hopkins: PAC requested that the school work to purchase some items that could be reused. The request was made last year and it would be good to have some follow up.

Action: Andrea Hopkins to ask Roxann if any funds were used last year to buy permanent supplies to support Grad.

Motion by Andrea Hopkins to approve \$1,450 to support cap and gown and flowers. Seconded by Andrea Haworth

4. Chenoa - lead of the grad fundraising committee. The budget is \$25,000 Asking for \$1,000 to support generic grad costs as the parents are covering all the costs.

Action: Kathy to ask Chenoa if she is aware of the request from Roxann for the support of gowns and flowers. Chenoa is welcome to come back with another detailed request for PAC.

DPAC Report: Kathy and Tina represented the meeting virtually. Tina would like to step down as DPAC representative

Action: Hillary to send a submission to Krystal in the next newsletter for parents to fill the role of Secretary and DPAC representative on PAC.

Action: Kathy to ask Tina to submit a resignation from DPAC

Old Business:

1. Is Open Doors interested in being represented by a joint PAC (MH). Would BC Gaming count this as additional students under our gaming grant? (GB)
Mike talked to Lisa and thinks there is interest.

Action: Gerri to talk to Lisa T. about more information on Open Doors to be able to have an informed conversation with BC Gaming.

New Business:

1. **Matt LeBourdais, Athletics Director.** provided an update about DTSS athletics.
 - smooth transition back to sports after Covid
 - trying hard not to cut Grade 8s from Teams. Hard to manage logistics with a lot of interest from students.
 - Hard with the Junior levels, especially with Grade 9s as they are up against the Grade 10s
 - Lucky at DTSS to have lots of opportunities to continue to practice if they do get cut e.g. Morning training for volleyball for anyone who wants to practice
 - Kids with financial barriers have opportunities to play- if you cannot pay it is not a reason not to play. The school will work with the students to find a solution.
 - Schools have worked to set one set payment at the start of the year to play a sport instead of paying for individual tournaments.
 - Not a great website presence for the Athletics program but working to improve that.
 - Andrea Haworth suggested that all the sports be listed on the website with the associated costs.
 - Nadine suggested looking at staffing gym time to allow people to use the gym who may have been cut from a team.

- The PAC thanked Matt for coming to present in the midst of an exciting basketball game.
- 2. **Finnley King, President of the David Thompson Gender Sexuality Alliance and Logan Hale, Vice President:** Would like to present a funding request for accommodations and gas to attend an event in Fernie.

Student meeting tomorrow for GSA. Safe space for LGBTQ+ students. Trip to Fernie for a Queer Out Here Event (Ivan Coyote, Smoki Sumac). The \$170 weekend passes have been covered by Fernie Pride and The Youth Hub. Asking for \$563.73 for accommodation for four students. (see above, request was approved)

- 3. PAC 2023 Bursary:
Every year PAC awards a \$500 bursary.

The 2019 bursary has not been claimed for extenuating circumstances.
Motion by Gerri to extend the 2019 bursary for another year, seconded by Hillary

The 2020 bursary has not been claimed either.
Action: Mike will ask Roxann to follow up with the recipient of the 2020 bursary as it has not been claimed yet. Give the recipient one more month,

2023 Bursary. The Bursary Committee receives several different applications and they decide where they go. PAC lets the Bursary Committee decide how it is being spent.

Motion by Nadine to approve a \$750 Bursary with no changes to criteria, Andrea Haworth
Action: Andrea Hopkins will ask S. Warren what the criteria are to award bursaries and report back to PAC.

District Policies & Procedures: n/a

Correspondence:

Next Meeting–March 8th, 2023

Adjourn: 8:53

Parent Advisory Council
Principal's Report
Mike Hubick
February 8, 2023

School Athletics – Mike invited Mr. Labordais to give an overview of the school's extracurricular sports program and respond to questions.

Semester 2 – is now underway. Semester 1 and Quarter Term Report cards will be issued the Feb 9, 2023.

2023- 2024 - Course selections will be underway in the coming weeks. Junior and Senior students will receive a documentation package and specific information to complete and return. Parent participation in this process is expected.

February 13, 2023 is a non-instructional day – The Professional Development activities that teachers will engage in are planned by the BCTF Local.

February 14, 2023 – DTSS staff were invited to attend a training session on Naloxone. This Training is planned for after school and there are approximately 12 staff participating.

To support the school's GSA student group. School admin has decided to offer a one-time support for students to attend a large GSA gathering in Fernie in February. It is hoped that the 4 students who are planning to attend would gain valuable insights and leadership skills to foster and strengthen the school's GSA. 4 participants will receive \$50 each to offset the cost of the event. Student participation is supported and encouraged but this is not considered a school sponsored field trip or excursion.