**DTSS PAC Meeting Agenda**

**November 15th, 2023; 7 pm; DTSS Boardroom**

In attendance: Hillary Page (co-chair), Geri Brightwell (co-chair), Donald Sam, Jenn Gorman, Andrea Dunlop , Rhianne Boa, Jen Theberge, Nadine Hale, Julia Oakes, Vina Benn, Mike Hubick.

Staff: Mike Hubick (Principal), Andrea Dunlop (French and Capstone)

1. Truth and Reconciliation

Nadine suggested we reconsider our land acknowledgement. The current acknowledgement that we have been starting our meetings with results in entering into Nation to Nation politics, as the land is contested. The floor was opened to suggestions and discussion on ways to navigate this in a meaningful way that works towards truth and reconciliation.

Nasukin (chief) Donald Sam: Acknowledge The Lands Water animals and seek intentions to guide us to give our children a good road.

Gratitude was expressed for nasuʔkin Donald Sam's generous and gracious words. For the opportunity to hear Ktunaxa story, language and prayer.

He taught us how to say "thank you - it's good" - suʔkni

suʔkni nasuʔkin Donald Sam

1. Approval of agenda: 1st Jen Theberge, 2nd Vina Benn
2. Approval of Oct 18th minutes: 1st Geri, 2nd Nadine, follow up with Mike about communication.
3. Staff report (new addition to the meetings):

Mrs. Dunlop (French) suggested having teachers provide a presentation in each meeting.

Intensive French, starting in grade 6, needs to be accessible to every level. Semester class, 5 months, or better to have all year? Frocials (French and social). International DELF exam (from France). Use old provincial exam to practice, much easier. Enhanced French 11 gets 8 credits (4 for core and 4 for enhanced). She’s retiring this year, will there be a replacement?

Nadine would love to see Indigenous languages offered.

1. Administration report: Principal Mike Hubick

Music Program by Bryant Olender: Instrumental is starting on Tuesday, November 21. Choir to follow.

Staff meeting today. Restructured to “design leadership team”, rather than department.

Student attendance. Excused vs. unexcused. Around 50% of students have missed school for more than 5 days. Geri: we’d love to have more feedback as Mike get’s more deeper into the data.

Phone system issues. Parents are getting a lot of calls, even thought their kids are there. Possibly due to them being marked absent but are merely late. Perhaps implementing a late policy where the students need to check into the office when they are late.

1. Treasurer report: Geri Brightwell

Repeat of the hunger funding again from last year. Need to account for what was given out as well as what was used (ie. Unspent balance on meal cards)

Nov 15 Gaming Account balance: $7656.95

Nov 15 Operating Account balance: $2030.37

*Motion:* To renew the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) membership and approve annual fee payment of $75. 1st Geri, 2nd Hillary

1. DPAC report: Presented by Jen Theberge our DPAC representative

- Meeting was Nov 7. No representative from DTSS due to both postponement and distribution list problem.

- New executive was elected. Minutes forthcoming. New chair is Heidi (will confirm name)

- I spoke with Coralie Hockly (past chair) and Theresa Woods to get updates.

- Coralie will be sending me DPAC email address, next meeting dates, and administration details

- No one attending the BCCPAC currently (next weekend). Coralie assured me that this is totally fine. There fall information sessions (Nov) for BCCPAC, and spring information sessions for DPAC.

- DPAC funds go to parent education. This is not a fundraising forum.

- Current DPAC involvement is in hiring committees, tech committees, and during covid feedback to SD6 regarding the Health and Safety policies.

- PACS can put forward agenda items and present them at DPAC. Bring information, if possible. Any parent can attend DPAC

- Current concerns: PAC and DPAC meetings are not being consistency advertised to parents in SD6, vaping in washrooms, PACS have not received email addresses from the CLEVR forms (where you could check off to share your email)

- we may want to add agenda items regarding bussing and music programing.

Next:

- Confirm that DTSS PAC has a BCCPAC license ($75 annually). *Approved in treasurer’s report.*

This gives us access to them as a resource (ie put us in contact with resources or training such as anti-racism, treasurer, assistance in advocacy for school issues, and access to the spring training)

- Receive updates and policies from Coralie

- Next meeting in Dec

- Alternate DPAC rep? (note - all parents welcome to attend)

1. New Business
2. Parent drive policy; no new info. Parent drivers have been used before. They had to provide insurance docs and had to have a large liability clause. They also had to have their vehicle ‘inspected’ by school administration. Admin would ensure they had winter tires, proper functioning lights, seatbelts… Nadine and Christine to investigate this, action item.
3. For discussion: Does PAC want to add a standing agenda item each month for truth and reconciliation? Aiming to always have a tangible active action item that we are working on. We would like to have Indigenous community voice. Hosting PAC meeting at the band office was suggested. Advocate for parent support.
4. Funding requests:
   1. Pottery Playground – Shona Robichaud – Pottery playground has provided past programs for both Open Doors and youth-at-risk. Also works with teachers supported by artist-in-classroom grants to provide school programming. Proposing an open house drop in program afterschool every second Friday, starting in January and running to end of school year. Request for funding of $1,500 would provide 100 hours of programming, pottery wheels available to 8 kids per session (covers materials, teacher time is donated). Option for PAC to apply to artist-in-classroom grant, ArtsStarts program by BC Arts Council. We will investigate this grant for next school year.

Nadine motioned to approve. 2nd Jen T.

* 1. Vanessa Cortat, yearbook. Capstone. $59.98 Geri 1st, Rhianne 2nd. Inviting Andrea Dunlop back next time to talk about capstone.

1. Old Business:

* Youth Centre student gym use: update
* PAC purpose and parent volunteerism
* Timetable questions
* Parent education – Nadine

Adjourned 8:58.