

## DTSS PAC Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2024

Place: Elements Restaurant

Attendees: Brandy Carey, Julia Oaks, Jillian Cochrane, Heather English, Christine DuBois, Chenoa Paccagnan, Cheyann Furger.

Start Time: 7:30 pm

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of the November meeting minutes by Cheyann.

Approval of agenda by Brandy and Christine.

No staff report.

Administration Report by Heather English:

Student.Absences;

- School Absences are increasing during this month. 196 students away from school last Friday.
- Discussion around what kind of absences are they (legit (medical apt, sick, school training vs skipping and/or skiing).
- Parent frustration around the phone system that reports student absence. Not specific and not always correct. (Example: A student being late and marked as absent).

Student.Engagement;

- Discussion around the proficiency scale and the pros and cons. Pros are that it is keeping some students from dropping out. Cons are that it is not driving student motivation for those who are already proficient or extending.
- Student belonging is important. Sports, clubs, special school events, friends and teacher engagement keep students connected.
- DTSS has spirit week and had the junior dance last week.
- The Student Advocacy Group is a mix of all students and grades. They meet to discuss how to improve school experience. Mentorship could be helpful from this group.

#### Treasurer's Report by Christine DuBois:

- We need to get confirmation of college attendance for the PAC bursary recipient from last year to be able to pay the bursary.
- Update the approval process for PAC bursary or not provide it at all.
- Approval and payout of Art Funds- \$500 for Art club.
- Approval and payout for basketball jerseys and basketballs.

#### DPAC

- Still no email about an upcoming meeting.

#### BCCPAC Forum

- No attendees noted.

#### New Funding Requests

- Basketball net behind the art room. Can we approve this? We need to look into the wording around maintenance (Christine). Discuss again at next meeting.

We meet again on Wednesday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30pm at DTSSj.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Meeting minutes by Cheyann Furger.