

Banting PAC meeting - February 16, 2022

Participants: Principal Trask, Vice-principal Bain, Noelene Ahern (PAC Chair), Marit Heideman (PAC Secretary), Stan Wylie (PAC Treasurer), Aliz Nagy, Sheila Robertson, Karen Lim, Avita Sharma, Ravin Premji, Bijan Rahmani, Isreal Minero, Juan Pablo Pedreros, Olga, Tina Olan, Paul Moersch, Diane

6.30pm - Meeting opening and Indigenous territory acknowledgement by Principal Trask.

Agenda and Minutes from previous meeting approved by Avita Sharma, seconded by Paul Moersch.

Principal's and vice-principal's report

- Present health order and lifting of Covid restrictions has not changed much in the school setting yet.
- The school is waiting to hear from the District regarding assemblies, sports activities, and field trips.
- Clubs and sports:
 - Some clubs are currently happening during lunch and after school (art, cooking, library, basketball).
 - Crepe truck will be coming to the school in early March, students will have to order in French.
 - April 14: Terry Fox run will be happening, and will be adjusted to abide with Health orders.
 - Track and Field (outdoor activity) will be starting in the Spring
- New cycle for explorations will be starting next Tuesday (February 22).
- Report cards will be published on BC MyEd on March 9, 2022. Parents should contact the school if they need help accessing the report cards.
- Articulation – i.e., bringing in new Grade 6 students and saying good-bye to Grade 8's.
 - Grade 8's have completed their course selection for next year.
 - Cross-catchment notifications will be sent out in the next two weeks.
 - The principal and vice-principal will be visiting Grade 5's in their schools. Grade 5 students will be getting a digital tour of the school.
- School Goal / Action Plan for Learning (APL)
 - In the October PAC meeting the school received great feedback, the school had extensive dialogue.
 - Self-regulation / executive functioning goal: increase students' toolbox, so that students become successful learners, and develop self-regulation skills.
 - The APL consists of social development, academic (numeracy) and Indigenous goals.
 - The school will focus next on the Indigenous goal of the APL.
 - Aim to embed this Indigenous goal into the school's practices.
 - Some hesitance to teach Indigenous content out of fear of misrepresenting the Indigenous content.
 - For example, students have indicated interest in learning about Indigenous groups in their own community, as well as Canada wide; what is Metis; more about residential schools. Principal Trask is asking parents/caregivers to provide

feedback on the topic of Indigenous content. More information will be sent to all parents/caregivers.

- Q: have you reached out to local bands? *The school is working with an Elder and the school counselor will be reaching out to local Indigenous groups.*

Treasurer's Report

- Summary of bank statements till January 31, 2022 was shared.
- Expenses paid from gaming account include Jijitsu and Classroom donations to teachers.
- The PAC received \$4,160 in donations to the PAC for the current school year.
- Noelene Ahern makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Marit Heideman seconds the motion.

PAC Activities

- No new activities
- No updates on the Grade 8 leaving ceremony, this will be dependent how Covid regulations will be changing in the next few months.

New Business

- School wish list for contributions from the PAC for school-wide programs or items:
 - Dance specialist
 - Residential School survivor - speaker
 - Table saw – school is pricing out a new one
 - Ballentine project – Dwight Ballentine: speaks from a youth's perspective; will help start conversations with students regarding Indigenous lives. Presentation costs ~\$500, but might need multiple presentations (one per team as per current Covid protocols; total of 5 presentations). School may be able to obtain a grant (\$350 per presentation; \$150 per presentation would be for the PAC to fund) for presentations in February or March (limited timeframe only for this grant).
- Stan Wylie puts forward a motion to spend ~\$750 for 5 presentations by Dwight Ballentine (assuming that the school obtains the grant). Paul Moersch seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7.25 pm. Next meeting April 20, 2022.