

## Banting PAC – AGM meeting June 10, 2020

**Participants:** Bill Trask (Banting Principal), Genevieve McMahon (Banting Vice-Principal), Stan Wylie, Aayush Durbhaka, Sheila Robertson, Christina Debruyne, Claire Wheeler, Jennifer Manning, Noelene Ahern (PAC President), Mimi Yue (PAC Treasurer), Lucky Saini (PAC co-Secretary), Marit Heideman (PAC co-Secretary)

### Introduction

Round of introduction

### Approval of May minutes

Approved by Claire Wheeler, Noelene Ahern

### Approval of Agenda and last year AGMs minutes

Approved by Sheila Robertson and Lucky Saini

### Principal's report

- Thank you from Principal Trask to Banting parents with regard to online learning, and continued flexibility and support.
- The school has a Plan A for next school year (i.e. back to school as normal), and Plan B (hybrid online and in school learning) and Plan C (online learning) to adjust to possible uptake of Covid-19 virus. Decision will be made around August 24, 2020.
  - School has to revisit certain issues to maintain physical distancing, e.g. lockers.
- For next school year there are 515 students, 20 divisions (8 French divisions, 12 English divisions). Principal Trask will be sending out an email in the next days to update on the next school year and provide details on the last weeks of school.
- Grade 5's would normally have had three tours of the school by now, due to Covid-19 this was not possible. The school is providing an online video tour of the school, and Grade 8's have answered questions from Grade 5 students and parents in the video.
- Banting is projected to grow over the next few years, so extensions and additions to the current building are possible.
- The PAC has arranged for outside classroom benches, they have been installed and are being well used (and properly disinfected).
- Staffing updates: Mr Hashmi, Ms Ching (student services), Ms Rommily will be leaving Banting. Their positions will be posted and new teachers will be hired. Mr Campbell and Ms Nicolson are currently off, Mr Campbell will be back in the Fall, Ms Nicholson will be on maternity leave.

### PAC President's report

- Banting PAC is different from elementary school, e.g. less fundraising activities, but the PAC asks for a donation at the start of the year and runs a monthly pizza day. There are some smaller fundraisers during the year (e.g. lunch lady, gift cards).
- The BC Gaming grant is another source of income for the PAC.
- This year the PAC arranged for a talk on Social Media.
- The PAC also requested a survey on parents' experiences with the first full year of BYOD (Bring your own device).

- The PAC contributed to the outdoor classroom, yoga classes, hip hop classes, and will contribute to a small gift for the Grade 8's graduation.

#### PAC Treasurer's report

- The PAC issued cheques for the outdoor classroom and spent most of the Gaming account.
- The PAC purchased cookies from a local business for Grade 8 graduation and staff appreciation.
- The PAC still has a healthy budget for next school year.
  - Gaming grant application for next year has already been submitted.
  - Roll-over from the past few years has been around \$10-15k
  - Budget for next year will be finalized over the summer and be ready for the September meeting.

#### PAC Activities to the end of year

- Teacher appreciation event
  - No lunch possible this year. The PAC has purchased gourmet cookies for the teachers. The PAC has asked current students to submit a message of appreciation and has received a good response. Messages are being compiled for presentation to staff.
- Grade 8 leaving ceremony
  - Grade 8 graduation Barbecue is not possible this year due to Covid-19.
  - Grade 8's will get graduation hat cookies from a local business, to be handed out when they picked up their report cards.

#### Other business

- No other business

#### Election of PAC Executive for 2020-2022

- All PAC Board members are at the end of their term.
- Noelene Ahern, Lucky Saini, and Marit Heideman are willing to continue for 2 more years.
- Stan Wylie has offered to take on the position of Treasurer.
- Mimi Yue formally resigns as PAC Treasurer.
- Stan Wylie accepts the position of PAC Treasurer for the next school year, by acclamation.

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7.45pm.