

**PAC MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 14 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Online via Zoom

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**Attendees:**

Principal – Mark Clay  
Co-Chair – Samantha Kuypers  
Co-Chair – Kerry LeCorre  
Co-Treasurer – Jennifer Montgomery  
Co-Treasurer – Pam Morris  
DPAC – Lucy Kuwica  
Curtis Pendleton  
Gaby Raymond  
Alicia Purvis

**Regrets:**

Secretary – Elisa Tijn  
Hot Lunch Coordinator – Jennifer Cox

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1. Determination of Quorum & Welcome - Based on those present in the Zoom call the meeting was called to order at 6:34. Everyone was welcomed. It was noted that there were 12 attendees but due to the nature of the zoom meeting it was difficult to do introductions.
2. Approvals - the meeting agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting on March 2 were adopted.
3. Principal & Vice Principal's Reports

School principal Mark Clay noted the great parental support received during the adjustment to the Covid measures with thanks. Has been in touch with parents who are doing their best to support their kids. Missing the kids, different energy. People doing a good job, good connections between teachers and kids. The school is reaching out to the vulnerable students and asking for patience while the administration figures out how best to support students as it is not an easy task. He is hoping families are able to get out and enjoy some fresh air, spend family time together at home.

The priorities in School District's priorities are the health and wellness of students, supporting essential workers providing locations, reaching out to vulnerable students. It is difficult to engage at a distance and the administration is trying to come up with a good plan online and from a distance one on one with exploration teachers, education assistants, support team. This is a challenge for many school communities. Parent have reached out to provide help. Guidance from the Province and SD43 is to go slow, not overwhelm families. Spectrum of students' experiences will be broad in the new landscape, new normal. Will likely be more than a few weeks. Still have some learning to do. Exciting conversations with teachers on how to shift their experience with learning. Exploration teachers are putting together packages of assignments for kids to do if they want to engage in extra, learning opportunities, if they want to finish them all or some. All students, whether they are in music, drama, visual arts or tech ed there are opportunities. The school is reluctant to announce cancellations for events as there are students who have put in a lot of

work on things such as the musical. Right now the focus is about following up and ensuring that students are engaging in some capacity. The parent community is supportive in their continuity of learning and the teachers.

Question: Kerry – any word from the Ministry of Education regarding timing?

Answer: Mark – everything is following the lead of Dr. Bonnie Henry. More around expectations on reporting for the year a modified assessment piece, not as extensive report as normally goes out. He cannot speculate beyond that based on changing reports but is optimistic regarding relief for June.

Students will continue in their standing from one grade to the next. Will move on with their age group. The school has been trying to figure out the best way to send out the reports for second term; they will go out by email by the end of this week, early next week. While some schools are doing locker clean-outs but we are staying optimistic and holding off. Will hear more around the first week of May.

Lucy – Is the Year Book still happening?

Mark – yes, only thing missing is Principal's section. Will figure out a different way for distribution if necessary. Looks beautiful, great content, a few blank pages will be ready for June?

Kerry – Will there be mention of Covid in the Year Book?

Mark – There will likely be a 2 page Covid insert because there's space and highly relevant.

Mark – Hasn't had a lot of feedback regarding the current situation. Speaks to everyone's resilience. Help us reach out to others, make sure extra resources are made available, 98% students have technology BYOD. Only so much a survey can capture, if you hear about struggles let us know so we can rally around.

Mark – Regarding doing extra, Support people can check in with your students, extra assignments for challenge students, exploration students. Feel free to reach out.

Curtis Pendleton – Student opportunities for social interaction?

Mark – there are monitored private chats for the classrooms, when working in teams they are asked to focus on what is going on in the class. There was a glitch that older students are contacting younger students in the chats. One on one chats cannot be established, the teacher always involved. Chats are not available on a school wide basis.

Will be working on some things in Professional development. Little more difficult on a school wide level.

## 5. Executive Reports

### a) Co-Chairs

Covid planning a huge topic. Questions regarding upcoming events to be dealt with under headers below. We normally hold an election of PAC executives for upcoming school year in May. This will be deferred to June or later and subject to guidance from DPAC. Parents and volunteers, please think about the roles you can help with / would like to take on.

### b) Co-Treasurers

this year's enrollment is 420 for gaming grant. Won't make the 19300 with the lack of fundraising opportunities, particularly hot lunch. Will need to revise the budget. Can Pam and Jen go ahead and revise

the budget, use up all the gaming then move into the operating account. Leaving a little more in our operating than normal in case more is needed. Gr 8 leaving, teacher appreciation to be re-envisioned.

c) DPAC

The last meeting was short by Zoom, 30 min superintendent, pandemic and who it's affecting the schools. What teachers are working on. Bylaw for zoom meetings because state of emergency, no need for a bylaw to have these meetings so long as it's business as usual, SD43 looking at purchasing a licence for these meetings. Today is Jen M.

Mark – is info provided by the school sufficient. Would parents like more? Less? Q&A's are updated by SD43. Mark might archive some info on the website from his emails. Hoping people feel good about reaching out.

Parent feedback - seemed to be right amount. Much more might be overwhelming. Some concern that Instagram, twitter challenges, can get to be get a lot.

6. Upcoming Events

- a) May PAC Elections for 2020/2021 School Year – to be determined (tbd).
- b) Grade 8 Commencement Committee - tbd
- c) Staff appreciation lunch - tbd
- d) PAC meeting dates for upcoming school year – too soon to know, first meeting usually coincides with the Squeak and Squawk, depends on volunteers and their availability.

7. Fundraising

- a) Hot Lunch Program / Treat Day – tbd Fruit and veg program will be redirected to needy families. Not much left at school in terms of food. Jen Cox to be consulted re distribution of expiry date items.
- b) School Musical Concession – likely no.
- c) Upcoming Events – tbd.

8. New Business - Facebook updates, remind locals to support the businesses that have supported us.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm and everyone was thanked for attending.

Next meeting May 11, 2020 at 6:30pm