

**Terry Fox Secondary School  
DRAFT PAC Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2021 7:00pm via Zoom**

**Attendance:**

**PAC Executive & Committee Members:**

<b>Chair:</b> Maria Trudeau	Absent
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Cassie Holden	Present
<b>Treasurer:</b> Jamie Manchester	Present
<b>Secretary:</b> Kelly Cooper	Present
<b>Fundraising Coordinator:</b>	Vacant
<b>After Grad Liaison:</b> Lisa Currier	Present
<b>DPAC Representative:</b> Andrea Howorth	Absent

<b>School Administration: Principal:</b> David Starr	Present
<b>Vice Principal:</b> Kathy Shorthouse	Present

**Members Present:** Dee Samundsdottir, Nancy Fernandes, Kathy Grinwis, Christine Knoll, Gabi Green, Alicia Newton

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Cassie Holden at 7:01 pm

**1. Welcome to New and Returning Members**

Kathy Shorthouse introduced herself as new Vice Principal

- Supporting students with surnames A-G
- Supporting Language Dept and Student Services

**2. Additions to Agenda**

None

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Lisa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy

**Carried**

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2021 Meeting**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Kathy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa

**Carried**

**4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes / Old Business**

None

## 5. New Business:

### a Principal's Report: David Starr

- Waiting for confirmation of what September will be like. District has directed to plan for semester system but there is a possibility may have to begin with a quarter system
- Moving ahead with the Steam Program
  - Just received \$10,000 grant from Best Buy
- Expecting another COVID procedure update from Fraser Health
  - Things are always changing and will know more about the new changes by February 19<sup>th</sup>
- Clarified that Graduation event falls under the province's public health order
  - Grad is non educational event therefore there can not be any gathering, planning or holding of events
  - School has to take direction from the ministry of health, ministry of education and the CDC. School must follow the provincial health order and the School Districts direction
  - Grad will be a virtual event
- Member explained that there are rumours about other schools doing more of an event and some of the students are frustrated
  - David confirms that there are no schools in SD43 that will be holding a typical grad.
  - David acknowledges that the students are frustrated and has explained the "non-educational" event reasoning.
  - School is working to see what they can do for the grads to make it more special but a formal/typical graduation will not take place again this year.
- Member asked if they were aware of any psychological issues with the students
  - David explained that the students are also experiencing COVID exhaustion
  - Students are not having the full high school experience and that can be frustrating
    - Grade 9's have no idea what a typical grade 9 first year of high school looks and feels like
    - Grade 10's had half a year last year before COVID changed things
    - Grade 11 and 12's really miss the typical school experience
  - Schools will be dealing with the aftermath of COVID isolation issues for a few years to come
    - School is preparing to provide support for the students
- Member reported that there is feed back from grads that feel this is like any other year and there is no anticipation that typically comes with grade 12.
  - Asked if there was anything that can be done in the school to make it more special

- Students are frustrated because they are in the school doing things with larger groups of the student body but don't understand why they can't have something student related for grad
  - David is aware and has been speaking with some of the students and he is working with them.
- Member asked if there can be any fundraising to pay for the cap and gown as some families maybe facing hardships due to COVID
  - David is aware of some families who are struggling, and he is working with them to come up with a solution
    - Has asked that if anyone knows of a family that is struggling to send him an email.
  - Due to COVID, the school doesn't have it's usual cash flow and the ability to pay for things is difficult
    - No rental income, no activity fee was collected etc.

**b PAC Executive Reports:**

- **Chair:** Maria Trudeau is absent
  - No report available
- **Treasurer:** Jamie Manchester
  - Presented up to day account information
  - Another round of cheques will be going out next week
  - To date, there is \$37,605.83 left to spend in the general and gaming accounts
  - Member asked if there were any funds for Dry Grad
    - Jamie explained that the Dry Grad Committee had it's own accounts and that information regarding any money available was handed into the office in September
      - Suggested member contact the office.
- **Secretary:** Kelly Cooper
  - Confirms that all the agendas and minutes to date are now available on the school website
  - Confirmed no PAC meeting will be held in March and the next meeting will take place April 15th
- **Fundraising:** Vacant
- **DPAC:** Andrea Horwath is absent, and Jamie provided a small update
  - Next DPAC meeting is February 24 at 7pm

**6. Other Discussion Items:**

- a After Grad Committee:
  - Fundraisers are up and running

- Some parents are frustrated about lack of celebration
  - David will communicate something to explain restrictions on non-educational events
- Will set up a Dry Grad Committee meeting via Zoom

7. **Next Meeting Date:** April 15, 2021 at 7pm

8. **Adjournment at 7:43pm**

**Motion:** Jamie; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy

**Carried**