

**Terry Fox Secondary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2018, 7:00 pm, school library**

Attendance:

PAC Executive & Committee Members:

Chair: Yana Bereznyakova	Present
Vice-Chair: Kathy Grinwis	Present
Treasurer: Stacey Parman	Present
Secretary: Cassie Holden	Present
Fundraising Coordinator: Candice DeMarinis	Absent
After Grad Liaison:	Vacant
DPAC Representative: Rayne Johnson	Present

School Administration:

Principal: David Starr

Members Present: Lori Niemiec, Debbie Dudley, Pam Fletcher, Darcy Jago, Nancy Fernandes, Maria Trudeau, Parwinder Dhillon, Sukhjinder Dhillon, Traci Marshall

Meeting called to order by Chair Yana Bereznyakova at 7:05

1. Welcome to New and Returning Members

2. Additions to Agenda

None

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Pam 2nd:Kathy **Carried**

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2018 Meeting

Motion: Lori 2nd: Pam **Carried**

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes / Old Business

- Aftergrad liaison

Lori Niemiec volunteered. Approved by all members in attendance
Carried

- Schedule meeting dates for balance of year

Meetings to be on 2nd Wednesday of month; October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, nothing in March (spring break) April 10, May 8, June tba
Budget meeting November 21 tentatively

Yana will ask Britt to add the new dates to the school calendar

5. **New Business:**

a. **Principal's Report: David Starr**

- Not much to report yet, started above projection for total student numbers; 1570 including internationals, 9 new staff (temporary and full time)
- Counselors have been working very hard to adjust student timetables while maintaining class size & composition requirements; have until end of month to complete
- Sports season has started. Football & Junior Varsity are undefeated, cheer started (tryouts), volleyball away in Nanaimo this weekend, soccer starting with Victoria tournament
- Gr 9 parent meeting went well
- 1st Professional Development (ProD) day on September 21st
- Senior sail Sept 24; there was doubt if it would be offered again but this year's gr 12 class are a great group of kids and staff have decided not to penalize them for the actions of last year's class

b. **PAC Executive Reports**

- **Chair: Yana Bereznyakova**
 - Discussed with Britt that news, minutes etc can be posted to school website and app so parents are informed
 - Yana rec'd fundraiser suggestions, she will pass to Candice
- **Treasurer: Stacey Parman**
 - Spent everything that was planned. \$80.76 balance in chequing \$739.67 in savings for general
 - Will check with Judy to see about parent donations
 - Gaming account has \$3000. Accounts in good shape to start year.
 - After grad accounts set up.
 - Everything has cleared the accounts that needs to.
 - Waiting for this year's gaming grant
- **Secretary: Cassie Holden**
 - Cassie met with Pam Fletcher (previous secretary) over the summer.
 - The PAC binder and PAC gmail box have been handed over.
 - Cassie received an email from a parent wanting to be on the Aftergrad committee. She will pass contact to new liaison, Lori
- **Fundraising: Candice DeMarinis**
 - Candice not present
 - Lori will pass along new fundraising suggestions to her that were received
 - Kicking horse coffee planned for this year again.

-Question was asked about Paint Night; wasn't there supposed to have been one during the summer? Pam seemed to recall an email message regarding Paint Night. She will see if she can find out for next meeting.

- **After Grad: Lori Niemiec**

- Britt is the teacher sponsor this year.

- Sept 19 @ 7pm is first meeting. Hoping for good turnout.

- Lori has previous year binder from Nancy

- Craft Fair organization under way. It will be first weekend in November.

- **DPAC: Rayne Johnson**

- Wed Oct 3 there will be a meeting put on by DPAC called PAC101. Sign up through EventBrite,

- DPAC won't start until late Oct. Rayne will report back after first meeting

6. Other Discussion Items

- Dave shared his thoughts around PAC based on his experience in different schools. Strong PAC is more than just fundraising for a shopping list. Dave's view of PAC is like a board providing authentic and meaningful direction for the school. Important that people/parents feel their opinions matter especially regarding curricular & culture.
- Question was asked; what do we spend our money on other than gaming funds? Yana responded that we will only have 1 or 2 fundraisers in a year. We usually earn \$300/\$400 from coffee. If we have a 2nd fundraiser we will add more to a certain program for example the school mascot or the basketball machine. We give back to the school if we have extras.
- Gaming funds need to be used for things outside of curriculum. Stacey gave examples; it must benefit large number of students not just 1 class. Any hardship or curriculum related request must come out of general funds. Dave would like gaming criteria emailed to him so he is familiar and can pass along to staff. Yana or Stacey will email him.
- Judy is school accountant/bookkeeper; she is very busy with school startup, lots of fees being collected.
- Dave asked if PAC has done parent info meetings? No we have not; other schools have them but we have found we usually get just the same parents each time and there are time and costs to arrange. Rayne said DPAC usually offers parent info stuff and they are well attended. We don't have to foot the cost for the DPAC events. We make sure to promote the DPAC events instead.
- Dave shared that Link crew and Leadership are very impressive, lots of kids joined. Lots of community minded kids here with a strong social conscience. He has seen the older kids being nice to new grade 9 students, offering to help find classes etc.
- Second semester repeats the timetable shuffle. If a child fails a class they may reattempt in 2nd semester or use the second semester to catch up. New international students come in the 2nd semester.

- 1700 bodies in the building. 1570 students biggest high school in Coquitlam. How many out of catchment? Dave unsure estimates 20% are out of catchment 180 international kids, gender split; more boys than girls due to our sports programs. Fox at one time had 2000 kids at this school. With new E block structure we could take up to 20% more. We are not 'closed' or at capacity as other schools in the district are

7. Next Meeting Date: Oct 10, 2018

8. Adjournment: 8:05pm

Motion: Maria 2nd: Lori

Carried