

PORT MOODY SECONDARY SCHOOL
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
October 4, 2011
Port Moody Secondary School Library
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with 8 parents, the Principal (Karen Jensen) and 1 Vice Principal (Daren Fridge)

2. Approvals

- a) Agenda: Motion to accept agenda from the June 7 meeting and change the date to October 4
Moved: Kelli Second: Sonya Accepted: Yes
- b) Minutes of June 7th meeting were not available

3. Principal's Report

Ms. Jensen reported on the following items:

a) Calendar items

- Wed. Oct 5th - Term 1 ends - no interim report cards because of job action
- Thurs. Oct 6th - Term 2 starts. Term 2 ends on Wed. Nov 3rd
- Fri. Oct 7th - Senior Sail
- Tues. Oct 11th - School wide assemblies featuring a Rwanda survivor speaker
- Wed. Oct 12th - PSAT - first run at PMSS. See Mrs. Truax
- Thurs. Oct 13th - Me to We Day in Vancouver
- Tues. Oct 25th - Grade 12 Big Picture Day where deadlines and information for the grad year will be presented
- Oct 27th & 28th - Dare to Care - Grade 9s and DTC sessions
- Mon. Oct 31st - Halloween Activities
- Tues. Nov 1st - Grade 11 & 12 IB exam registration day
- Wed. Nov 2nd - PMSS Career Day

b) Staffing changes

- Gord Hembruff, the music teacher, has retired
- Anita Mok, a special education teacher, has moved to the Richmond School District and will be replaced soon

c) Job Action

- Teachers are providing essential services only
- No marks are being input into the administration system. No report cards are being produced
- Attendance is being taken
- Teachers will communicate with parents through phone or emails. Parents can ask for individual student's marks from teachers
- The first Blues Monday of the month is cancelled. The Blues Monday on the last Monday of the month is taking place.

d) Scholarship Money

- in the past, \$1,000 provincial scholarships were based on English 12 and three other Grade 12 provincial exam marks

- The new criteria is to base provincial scholarships on marks in the following courses: Grade 10 Science, Math, and English; Grade 11 Social Studies; and Grade 12 English/Communications/First Nations

e) Provincial Exams

- No more optional Grade 12 exams
- Optional Exams from the prior year can be re-written within the next 2 years
- Math exams are all on-line, called e-exams

4. PAC Reports

a) Treasurer

- Denise reported that the account balances available for use this year are as follows:
 - General account \$1,484.51
 - Aftergrad account \$7,873.61
 - Gaming account \$3,178.79
- The direct access grant of \$26,240 has been received and should be added to the gaming account balance

b) DPAC

- There is no representative

c) SPC

- Linda reported that a meeting was held on Fri. Sept 23rd
- Bill 33 consultations for semester one have taken place. Consultations between teachers and the administration are required where there are more than 3 special education students in a class or over 30 students in a class. There were 39 consults required and teachers waived their rights for a consultation in 34 of the 39 cases.

d) Chair

- Laura requested that someone step forward as chair although she will stay on if required
- She wants parents to consider what they want done in the school and provide feedback - she will issue an email to parents

e) Aftergrad

- There is no committee yet, but there will be an upcoming parent meeting

5. New Business

- No new business to discuss

6. Old Business

- No old business to discuss

7. Question and Answer with Principal/Vice Principals and Parents

- There was a question about how often the Port Moody Times gets emailed to parents. Karen will look into this as we should be receiving the Times daily.

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm
 Moved: Carolyn Second: Lucy Accepted: Yes