

PAC Meeting Minutes

12 February 2020

Attendees: Bill Trask (principal), Sheila Robertson, Noelene Ahern, Mimi Barham, Claire Wheeler, Taya Crawley, Lori McGrath, Viktor Danylenko, Roxanne Abel.

1. Meeting opened: 6:35pm
2. Minutes from January 22 meeting approved.
- 3. Principal's report**

Friday 14th February is a non-instructional day, not a Pro D day. It is an adjustment to ensure there are 183 official school days allowed in the year.

Friday 28th February is a Pro D day, and a First Aid course is being hosted at school.

We are at the half-way mark through the school year, so starting to plan for the next school year. Today was last day for cross catchment applications. All cross catchment requests get discussed in the next month. For next year, there are fewer French classes (because the late French Immersion program is being phased out with the last grade 8 late immersion classes leaving). Likely 8 French and 12 English divisions next year. The school will probably have both grade 6/7 splits and 7/8 splits next year. Students will not necessarily stay with the same teacher next year. Some teams may do 5 explorations and some may do 4 explorations next year.

Banting will be meeting with the grade 5 feeder schools and will raise the Bring your own Device (BYOD) concept earlier to the incoming grade 5 parents. The parent survey on the BYOD will be discussed and presented at the next meeting as discussions are currently being done with teachers. Grade 6 parents gave the majority of greatest responses to the survey. The school may need more information for grade 6s in particular at the beginning of the school year. Lots of good feedback (positive and suggestions) and will be taken seriously. Parents requested that Mr Trask inform all parents of the survey findings.

Ski and snowboard club are ongoing. There was an injury (broken tailbone) this week. Basketball is in progress, but there were no grade 7 coaches this year so no grade 7 basketball. Badminton is starting. Rugby and Track and Field will be coming in Spring. Literacy Club with Canadian content has been started. Coding and Robotics club ongoing, and a games club (chess etc.)

There are PEDs (personal electronics) days occasionally (2 so far this year) when the weather is really bad, where students can play games etc. under supervision of Mr Trask at lunch.

Pink shirt day is 26 February.

Another clothing order for Banting Wear will be set up for after spring break.

Leadership – each team runs 2 months of leadership during the year. Students have voted in student leaders for each team. They have meetings with the principal and can give an interesting perspective on school issues. Often they bring up recycling and garbage as issues and have come up with some ideas, and these will be discussed with staff and team leaders, to see how recycling etc. can be improved. Also students requested microwaves (2). They asked about the playground – the far playground is accessible now that the school is fully open, but is lacking. They provided with a list

of repairs needed, and also asked for additions (swings etc.) Students mentioned that it can be very chaotic in the change rooms when gym classes are back to back so the teachers will look at how to stagger classes.

Parent question: What happens if there is a grade 5 coming in from outside of the feeder schools? The regular communications will go to whatever school the grade 5 is in and dealt with that way. Families are invited to visit when other feeder schools visit even if they are not in those schools.

4. Treasurer's report

This month Pizza day brought in about \$600 and there was one more parent donation of \$100 online. The PAC has about \$18 000 in the general fund and we have some gaming funds left which can be spent on school wide items excluding computers.

School needs to decide the priority for outdoor classroom or playground upgrades. We will revisit whether we are eligible for any capital gaming grant. Mr Trask will get an estimate for playground upgrades and we will discuss further.

Hip hop dancing has just started and the PAC will be paying for this. Yoga day (4 March) will cost \$250. Invoice is requested from the instructor.

The Science department has come up with a list of items they need based on the new curriculum and will come up with costs. They need consumables, scales, hot plates. Ballpark \$5000.

Screenagers – this is a documentary about the impact of screens/social media on teens, recommended during the BCTF parent presentation on Social Media. It requires an event licence to screen, and could be done at the start of the new year (during the first week).

5. Regular business

Pizza day – still have enough volunteers but may need a 'cash' person who can come every time for next year. It is better to have one person consistently.

Staff appreciation lunch - Bonnie will do the appreciation lunch again this year. This will be her last year so we will need someone to shadow her next year.

Grade 8 BBQ - Jenn and Nancy will run Grade 8 BBQ this year on the last Wednesday of the school year.

6. Other business

Science Fair – parent question – does the school ever participate in the Science Fair? Currently don't have a science fair but have done an entrepreneurial fair.

Sexual Health - Parent question – Seleema Noon presentation on sexual health will not be coming to Banting, but there are other presentations in discussion in the school (through BC Dash). Parent request to communicate what sexual health education is happening at school so that parents are aware. Generally information is sent home.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm and next meeting date set for 8 April. There is no March PAC meeting because of Spring Break.