

# MINUTES

## Centennial PAC General Meeting September 25, 2018

In Attendance: Denise Eisner; Nicole Powell; Trish Mar; Maria Parrotta; Kelvin Fong (D.A.G. Chair); Kourosh Goshfasb; Caren Eigenmann; Nadine Darts; Carlo Zarrillo; Bonita Zarrillo; Gilsano Oljaca; Irene Rimar; Tamara Dean (Chair); Fenny Shi (Treasurer); Dalene Schulz (Secretary); Teri Towner (DPAC Rep); Deb Mueller (Member At Large); Anthony Ciolfitto (Principal); Veronika Farnell (VP); Ben King (VP); Diether Malakoff (Teacher)

- I. Call to Order: 7:05 pm – Introductions & thanks to Cinzia (last years' PAC Treasurer) for attending tonight, to turn over books to the new Treasurer.
- II. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2018 Meeting:  
Deb Mueller - Motion to Accept, Kelvin Fong - Seconded, June 2018 Minutes Approved.
- III. Chairperson's Report - Tamara Dean:  
Nothing really to report at this time, but one item for all to consider:  
Our next meeting (November) is the Budget meeting – many items to discuss. One item that comes up each year is membership in the BCCPAC. Centennial has not been a member of the BCCPAC. It was voted on a few years ago, that the membership fee of \$75 didn't justify what we were getting out of it. Will revisit this again in November – please think about how you feel on this matter. Membership allows you voting privileges and to attend conference.
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Cinzia (past Treasurer)/Fenny Shi (Treasurer):  
Spent almost all of last years' funds - this is the goal. Gaming funds have been applied for and will be directly deposited into our account approximately mid-October. Current balance in our accounts are as follows: Gaming Account \$645.11; Operating Account \$363.61 and; Parent Donations \$785.61 - this does not including what has come in so far this year.  
As of right now...Tamara is the only signing authority for the PAC - Fenny Shi will be added. Have been dealing with CIBC on Austin Avenue, but there is no longer any teller service at this location... may want to look at other options or online option.
- V. DPAC Report - Teri Towner:  
New Executive for the District Parent Advisory Council this year. Big numbers – lots of new people & enthusiasm, great to see so much parent involvement. Many of previously involved people are now running for School Trustees.  
If you are new to PAC - great event coming up called, "**DPAC 101 Orientation**", on Wednesday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:20 pm at Winslow Centre. You can learn information on DPAC, how to run meetings, how different positions work - very informative. Space was filling up, but check it out on the DPAC website <https://dpac43.ca> it's informal & good info. Register at <http://dpac43pacorientation2018.eventbrite.ca>. Also; there will be an "**All School Trustee Candidates Meeting**" being held for all Trustees running on Tuesday, October 16th also at Winslow Centre, at 6:30 pm. Candidates will be seated around the room and available for discussion and questions. DPAC can be followed on Twitter & Facebook - good to follow. Parent Education sessions being organized, details to come.

- VI. Administrator's Report - Anthony Ciolfitto:  
Construction Update – new gym and NLC – Neighbourhood Learning Centre, under construction in front of school. New field will be created adjacent to it, on the corner but likely still 12-18 months out.  
A request to the PAC for the allocation of the gaming funds for teachers requests, to be allocated earlier this year. Last year was an exception (distributed in March) as requests were not ready at the beginning of the year. Principal & Chair to connect on these requests for the 2018/2019 gaming funds and be ready to present at the PAC meeting in November, to be voted upon.  
Anthony asked for attendees input (on paper sheets) to answer the question: *"What would make the new year start up easier, for you and/or your child?"* Approximately 5 minutes was taken to conduct this exercise.  
Ben King, VP – Six TV's have been placed around the school to more efficiently share information. Currently showing highlights from the Football Team's game on the TV in the main Foyer – actual footage! All can stream the same information or can be independent as well - Library could be different from others. Various school clubs can list info, highlights, etc., just to make communications better throughout the building.  
Spirit Week this week and leading up to the Terry Fox Run on Thursday – fundraising for this has been very successful, raising much needed \$'s and Mr. Tonks (teacher) has even agreed to shave his head if donations are met!  
New Communications system in place for communicating attendance with home. Parent email is one of the main forms of communicating, along with the school app. Won't be any more telephone/landline calls to students' homes...communication will be via emails now, per child. Centennial trying to improve communication and get important information coming home. This is not meant to bombard you with emails, but there is lots of important information to get out and email seems to be the best way to get it out.  
When you use the email link to notify the school that a student is going to be away, the student's teachers are not directly notified. Best way to communicate an absence directly to a teacher...is to email each teacher. Teachers are able to "see" if a student has been "excused" by parent, on field trip, etc. through the office's electronic system, but there will not be any details. If you are wanting information on what may be missed, email the teachers directly. Best for the parent to communicate, to the school, when a student will be absent vs. the student communicating to the school - school knows the parent is aware.  
Currently, 1373 full time students, 1400 with cross-enrollment added in. Period 3 is lunch-block for majority of students, some senior students may not have lunch during this time though. Approx. 10-15 students higher this year – classrooms and building are full.
- VII. Teacher's Report - Diether Malakoff:  
Diether commented that this is a teacher contract negotiation year and if you have any questions regarding something you may have heard, are concerned about, would like more information on, etc., please feel free to email him at any time at: [dmalakoff@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dmalakoff@sd43.bc.ca) he welcomes hearing from you and is involved with the Coquitlam Teachers Association and the BC Teachers' Federation. Negotiations will be starting between December and March 2019. Local bargaining (not big ticket items) between the Coquitlam Teachers Association and the District, will begin in October. Tone is hopeful this year – hoping to settle before contract is actually up this year.

- VIII. Committee Reports - Kelvin Fong (Dry After Grad DAG - Chair):  
Nothing specific at this time, for Dry After Grad. Veronika Farnell is the liaison for After Grad. The first **Dry After Grad Meeting** is Tuesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> here in the main foyer of the school. Will be notifying the parent community that we are in need of parent volunteers to get our committees up and running. Majority of people have moved on. In need of new people this year - encourage parents of Grade 9-11 students to get involved, so they can get an understanding of "how" the Dry Grad Event is put together for future years. Previously, Dry Grad Event was held in the school – in the gym. No longer an option in the new school so last year was challenging, as a new venue had to be found and new set-up had to be created. It was successfully held at the Recreation Centre on Poirier and went very well. There were 230 student grads & 16 guests - close to 250 attended the Dry After Grad. About 75% of all Grads do attend this event. Many activities for the kids - games, casino, photo booths, takes place after the dinner/dance from midnight to 4:00 am. Committees look for donations from the community – prizes, food, etc., gave away close to \$27,000 last year. Some years more/some less...depends on the number of volunteers working on these committees. DAG is asking the PAC to continue to help with \$'s and gifts for students, as in the past years. Biggest ask is for parents to volunteer - we need volunteers now. A letter will be going out shortly about the Dry After Grad meeting, please consider helping out. Looks like the Grad for 2019 will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup>/June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lots of hands needed the night of as well, but much more help needed before that night to help fundraise and plan the party. Note: Teri Towner agreed be part of DAG committee, but cannot attend Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and had to leave the PAC meeting early.
- IX. Unfinished Business:  
Executive was formed at June meeting, but we still have 2 openings for Members at Large. The following two people volunteered to act as Members at Large: Irene Rimer & Trish Mar.
- X. New Business:
- a) Future Meeting Dates – five meetings per year required, as per our Constitution. All meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Main Foyer of the school. Dates will be:  
Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Budget meeting  
Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - AGM
  - b) Question regarding calendar...which is correct - App or Website, some confusion. App calendar pulls from the website calendar...they should mirror each other now, previous issues have been resolved. Calendar questions can be directed to Ben King (VP) as he looks after the website calendar.
  - c) Discussion regarding photo re-takes, can still order – before re-takes. Will send out reminder about the re-takes. Also regarding Grad photo bookings - to be done online through Artona for October appointments.
  - d) Question regarding equipment for field hockey team - request from the PAC or ? The school is currently looking after their equipment needs.
  - e) Question regarding Centennial being a “device” school...the understanding is that Centennial is not a device school - meaning that laptops/technology are not a requirement of classes - i.e. used in English or Social for example. On-going discussions regarding

technology, but nothing has been decided for sure at this point - all school work can be completed with or without technology, but some teachers are exploring options. If a student has a laptop they are encouraged to bring it and use it. Lots of schools moving in that direction, but currently Centennial is not a device school. More teacher specific...teachers trying to incorporate more technology, yet not all students have technology, so if there are questions about whether technology is required in the individual classrooms, parents should connect with the specific teacher to discuss.

- f) Spirit wear/Centennial clothing – store run by the Marketing student group within the school, on the lower level – open daily. Request to have the store open when parents are within the school – i.e. purchasing of potential Christmas presents, for example. Will pass this request onto the Marketing group who run the store.

XI. Adjournment – 8:20 pm.

***Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 20, 2018 @ 7:00 pm Main Foyer***