

# APPROVED MINUTES

## General Meeting Minutes Centennial Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) March 9, 2021

### Executive Attendance:

Tamara (Chair), Fenny (Treasurer), Teri (DPAC), Deb (Member at Large), Nicole (Member at Large), Robbyn (Secretary), Kelvin (DAG)

### Administrative Attendance:

Anthony Ciolfitto (Principal)

### Parent Attendance:

Caren, Trish, Ljiljana, Brooke, Cindy, Joanne, Pauline

#### 1. Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

#### 2. Review and Approval of Agenda and PAC Minutes from January 19, 2021

Tamara (PAC Chair) opened the meeting at 7:03pm which was held virtually via Zoom.

No changes to the agenda were noted.

Approval of the minutes: Deb moved to accept the minutes and Kelvin seconded the motion. The minutes from January 19, 201 were passed.

#### 3. PAC Chair Report – Tamara

Tamara reported there is no new information to share. The unfinished business will be addressed during that section of the meeting.

#### 4. PAC Treasurer Report - Fenny

A written treasurer's report was not available. Fenny provided a verbal update on the PAC finances indicating there continues to be three bank accounts.

General account has balance of \$363.61

Gaming account (main account) has balance of \$12,887.61

Parent donation account has balance of \$5,511.65

Total assets are currently at \$18,762.87

The gaming account and parent donation account balances will decrease as approved expenditures start to be paid out from these accounts.

#### 5. DPAC Report – Teri

Teri reported the SD43 budget planning process is underway and parents are welcome to attend and/or provide feedback. April 13, 2021 is the tentative date the budget will be presented. DPAC is participating in the 21-day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge from March 1, 2021 to March 21, 2021. The goal of the event is to raise awareness about equity and inclusion. There is a Facebook page that provides resources and awareness of the event:

[facebook.com/groups/158235196064201](https://facebook.com/groups/158235196064201)

#### 6. DAG (Dry after Grad) Report – Kelvin

Discussion around the grad pens as there is currently \$2000.00 allotted for the purchase of the pens. Kelvin inquired how many were left over from last year. If there are leftover pens this would reduce the number needed to be ordered this year and therefore could reduce the cost associated. Anthony indicated he would need to check on the current inventory at the school. There are 367 graduates for

the 2020-2021 school year. Kelvin advised the black pens are on backorder so this year's pens will need to be silver or blue. The DAG committee will determine the colour to order once discussed/approved at their meeting.

Kelvin advised the Provincial Health Officer has restricted parents from attending the school for graduation events so the graduates will cross the stage without parents/family present. The DAG committee is looking at potential photo ops/themed booths for the graduates. Next week the grad committee is going to decide on this year's graduation theme.

The TriCities Newspaper is doing an article on grads and fundraising and it is hoped that this will generate some interest from the business committee which could possibly raise some funds. Fundraising events have been limited due to the pandemic and traditional forms of fundraising were not able to be accessed this year.

The recent fundraisers held were successful. Kelvin reported the Neufeld fundraiser raised approximately \$2000.00 and the Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser raised approximately \$800.00. There will be an upcoming Plant sale fundraiser in April 2021.

The next DAG committee meeting is in a couple of weeks. Please contact Kelvin if you are interested in joining the DAG committee:

[kelvin@imprintpromo.com](mailto:kelvin@imprintpromo.com)

## **7. Centennial Principal's Report – Mr. Anthony Ciolfitto**

Anthony extended a warm thank you to Kelvin from the administrative team for the after-grad committee efforts. It has been challenging and constantly changing, creating more difficulty for planning. The district remains hopeful that restrictions will be modified to allow parents to attend graduation but if this does not occur, they will adapt and continue to focus on making the graduation events as spectacular as they can. The school is exploring whether Wednesday June 16, 2021 could be entirely an online day as this would free up the school for graduation events without having other grades/students on the premises.

Next year the school district is planning for a return to the semester system instead of the quarter system. Course planning is underway. Then the budget is allotted which drives the staffing module and then the course schedule can start to be built.

Centennial is currently closed to out of catchment registrations and it is not likely to open for next year either given the current student enrollment numbers.

The construction of the new gym continues and the field design is almost complete. They are looking at three lines on the field to accommodate football, soccer, and field hockey. The field will be turf which is exciting.

Anthony reported that the Fraser Health Authority is doing more isolations now if the person is within 2 meters of a person affected. The school is seeing about one case every two or three weeks.

Move for Mana is complete. Anthony reported the program translated into 377 lives saved.

Parent teacher conferences had a very low turnout without about 100 parents participating. Anything inquired whether there could be reasons for this low turnout. Some discussion ensued. One parent advised having not received notification of the conferences. Another parent indicated some confusion with the format as it was believed conferences were on an invite only basis. Anthony clarified that those students who were identified by teachers as struggling or parent involvement needed were given an invite for early registration access to ensure a spot was available. All parents however were welcome to sign up.

## **8. Old Business - Tamara**

### **a) Parent Donation Account**

A follow-up discussion from the last meeting regarding additional funds in the Parent Donation Account occurred. There is just over \$1,000.00 in the account which has not yet been allocated for expenditure. Teacher appreciation was discussed. The traditional form of appreciation cannot be done this year (i.e. food). Anthony said for many teachers the pandemic has been stressful having to come to work inside a building every day with 1500 plus students in the building. Anthony stated throughout this the teachers have continued to show professionalism. The teachers care about the students and their commitment and fantastic job they are doing is appreciated.

Agreement to increase the current budget of \$600.00 for staff appreciation to include the additional funds from the parent donation account. There are approximately 130 staff. Agreement to purchase a \$10.00 gift card for each staff member (\$1300.00) approximately depending on the exact number of staff. Anthony will send Robbyn the full staff list for exact number breakdown. Kelvin stated he could arrange for thank you cards to be printed with the Centennial logo etc. and Robbyn stated she could personalize each one with the staff members name and sign on behalf of the PAC. Anthony stated this is a very nice gesture proposed and he knows the staff would greatly appreciate it. Discussion also ensued about getting a large appreciation banner that could be hung up at the school. Kelvin said he can source pricing on a banner. With the Starbucks gift cards, the thank you cards and the banner the funds available in the Parent Donation Account will be utilized. Consensus from all members on this decision was achieved.

## **9. New Business – Tamara**

There is no new business.

## **10. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.**

Reminder – Future Meeting Dates

April 27, 2021

June 1, 2021