**General Meeting Minutes**

Centennial Secondary School - Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

January 24, 2023

PAC Executive: Caren (PAC executive), Kim (PAC executive), Fenny (PAC executive), Robbyn (PAC executive), Christine (Parent), Kara (Parent), Mr. A Ciolfitto (Administration) and Ms. M. Rai (Administration).

1. **Call to Order – Caren**

Caren opened the meeting at 7:04pm which was held in-person and via Zoom.
Approval of the agenda: No revisions – agenda approved.

1. **Approval of minutes from November 1, 2022 - Caren**
Kim motioned to accept the minutes and Kara seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
2. **Chair Report – Caren**
Caren had no new information to share.
3. **PAC Treasurer Report - Fenny**

Fenny reported additional parent donation funds have been received since the last meeting. There is now an additional $660.00 available. Discussion about consideration for funding to budget items that were not fully funded previously and/or new funding items in the future. Robbyn suggested that the funds should be allocated to this year’s budget as the donations are from parents with students in the school this year. No specific funding request for this money was raised at this time. The PAC will review where the donations could be used and liaise with the school if there any specific items.

1. **DPAC Report – Jane**Jane was unable to attend so provided a written DPAC report from the meeting held on November 30, 2022 (see attachment).
2. **DAG Report - Kim**A representative from the DAG committee was not available at the meeting. The theme for the after-grad event has been decided which will be a Hollywood theme. Kim advised the DAG committee has been sending out regular notices to parents with the upcoming fundraising events. There will be a pub night on February 24, 2023. A hypnotist will be performing at Centennial on March 3, 2023. In March there will be a Neufeld’s fundraising event with delivery of the items expected the first week of April 2023. There is also an ongoing bottle drive through Return it Depot. Robbyn inquired whether the DAG committee would be doing a lawn sign fundraiser like last year. Kim did not have information as to whether or not this has been decided. Robbyn will follow-up with the DAG chair.

Robbyn contacted the DAG chair (Darlene) who confirmed that this year lawn signs are not going to be a fundraiser so if families wish to purchase one they should so do through Artona Group (the company that is doing the graduation photos). Darlene advised there is not enough volunteers on the DAG committee to run more fundraisers than what is already in place. Should parents wish to volunteer on the DAG committee they are encouraged to do so and contact the committee at: centennialdag@gmail.com
3. **Administration Report – Anthony**
Anthony welcomed and introduced Ms. Rai who is joining Centennial as a Vice-Principal on January 30, 2023. She comes to Centennial from Heritage Woods and prior to that from Burnaby School District. The PAC welcomed Ms. Rai to Centennial. Ms. Rai is replacing Mr. King as he moves into a District Principal position overseeing the trades program. Mr. King was wished all the best in his new role.

Benji is the new PADS service dog at Centennial. He has been at the school for approximately two weeks and is settling in very well. Benji interacts very well with the students and provides a great opener for students to approach their principal in the halls and in his office at school. Anthony spoke of the calming effect a service dog can have with students and Benji has shown he is a great fit for his role at the school.

Occupancy of the new gym is imminent as it should be operational for the start of the second semester on January 31, 2023. A reminder that Monday January 30, 2023 is a Pro-D day for students. In February the Centennial theatre group will be performing Rock of the Ages and tickets are available through the school website. You cannot purchase tickets at the door so families are encouraged to book online before the performances are sold out. This week are the Capstone Presentations for Grade 12 students and are being held in-person at the school. Course planning information sessions are also happening this week for all grades.
4. **Unfinished Business - Caren**There is no unfinished business from the last meeting.
5. **New Business – Caren and Robbyn**a)Staff Appreciation

The budget is $900.00 for staff appreciation this year. The event will be held in late June. Discussion about ideas for the event. Christine spoke about chocolates for the staff which was recently done at Montgomery Middle School and was well received. Anthony stated that any event is always sincerely appreciated by the staff. Preference would be for something that brings the staff together. Anthony said with the large size of the school and the number of staff (approximately 130) it is rare for them all to get together other than staff meetings or training days. Last year’s event with the Doughnut Love was very well received as it brought staff together in the foyer. It provided a chance for staff to interact with members of the PAC and amongst themselves. Anthony would like to see something similar if possible. Robbyn mentioned exploring Delish Gluten Free Bakery. The bakery is also nut-free (as they advertise) however this will need to be confirmed. The bakery has more variety of items other than just doughnuts. The cost will need to be explored however it is likely to be similar in cost to Doughnut Love. Roundtable discussion and agreement that this will be explored further to confirm within budget, availability to take on a large order, etc. Caren and Robbyn will follow-up.
6. **Roundtable – all participants**

Discussion about the timetable and whether it will be the same for next year. Anthony stated a survey will be coming out to gather feedback on the current timetable. There is no schedule that will meet everyone’s needs. Some students like an early start and others do not. Flex time block will also be reviewed. Anthony indicated it is important that students have time at school to receive additional supports/assistance from their teachers and flex block allows for this. Many students can not stay after school due to family obligations, part-time jobs, sports, etc.

1. **Adjournment – Caren**Caren adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

Thank you for taking the time to attend our PAC meeting.

**Parent are encouraged to attend in-person.**
Technical challenges and sound issues have created some barriers for participation via Zoom. As Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted and workplaces are starting to resume back to pre-Covid operations, the Zoom option for PAC meetings is under review.

**We look forward to the next meeting on February 21, 2023 at 7:00pm**