

PAC Meeting – Wednesday, Feb 1, 2023 at 7pm

Attendees:

Laurie Leeder

Dave Cyr

Michael Bird

Carolina Hall

Samantha Davey

Miwa Aoki

Katy Mantel

Tara Parkinson

Treasurer's Report

General Account: \$826.70

Gaming Account: \$12,136.55

Donation Account: \$85.00

Total: \$13,048.25

How to spend the money?

Mr. Cyr wants to connect with Mr. Brown to see how we can connect with the Theatrical team and will come back to us with specifics. How can we support the Genius hour in this area.

\$400 from the General Account is ear-marked for Teacher Appreciation (look at the Food truck again as very popular)

DPAC Report

Financials shared

Gerald Shong – Assistant Superintendent gave the Superintendent report.

Up 800 students from what was anticipated in the Summer in SD43

Federal Gov'T predicting immigration up 500,000 people this year and many will be settling in major cities such as our area. Question was asked whether there would be more schools built to accommodate. Answer was they always petition the Provincial Government based on needs.

Cross catchment dates Feb 3-8, 2023

Coquitlam only hires qualified teachers not unqualified teachers (as some other districts are doing to manage the teacher shortage)

Will more EAs be hired? continuously hiring as needed

Guest speaker – Josh Keller from Post Secondary Choices program (he had been before)

Website: www.postsecondarybc.ca – lots of valuable information on this website

Really important to start speaking to our kids about what they are thinking about for Post secondary education – ask questions to get them thinking. Very few students actually know what they want to do. Transferability (from college to university for example) is much better than in the past (a lot more options). Be careful with kids wanting to be attracted by trends (many want to be Youtubers). They can have dreams/lofty goals but also need to be realistic. Start resume early (in middle school). Keep adding to it. Take advantage of all high schools have available (clubs, volunteering, etc). Much more important to be well rounded (not just academics)

Digital portfolio of experiences is a great way to present what you have done with visuals and a fun way for kids to record what they have done.

The jobs that our kids will have may not exist yet, that is why it is critical that kids will be more well rounded so they can be prepared for the opportunities in the future.

Administrator's report

Ski and Snow board club is back

Athletics running

Genius hour back again this month

Interim reports going home next week (Feb 8). Teacher conferencing by request (if you like to) or if Teacher wants

Feb 21 & 22 early dismissal days (when conferencing will happen)

Report cards will go out just before Spring Break

Booking buses for Playland – looking at 6 buses. Cost is \$600 per bus - \$3600 total. Asking for \$2,000 from PAC to support

Winter Activity day coming up on March 6 – asking for \$3,000 for transportation from PAC

Week of Wow in June (camping). Looking for support for transportation (estimating \$2,000)

Peter will be finishing the carving (hopefully in May). Looking for PAC to contribute \$3-4,000 towards this. This will allow some funds to carry over for transportation next year.

Mr. Cyr will give a proposal to have an overview on all the funding costs.

We spent \$468 in Grad gift costs last year, and we will need to decide how much to support this year.

Next meeting Mar. 2 7pm hybrid (in person and on zoom)