



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jose Sorondo (Treasurer), Katherine Vanlerberg (Chair), Craig Woods, Melissa Fong (Secretary), Wendy Yu (Principal), Ruby Edwards, Corrie Noble, Melissa Cupit and Shilpa Dabholkar (DPAC Rep)

- 1) **Welcome and Call to Order: 7:08 PM** Introductions
- 2) **Approve Agenda: Motion put forward to approve the agenda by Melissa Fong, seconded by Ruby Edwards. Carried.**
- 3) **Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion put forward to approve the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes by Ruby Edwards, seconded by Melissa Fong. Carried.**
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** presented by Jose Sorondo:
 - a) **Gaming account: \$21,638.28 (2 cheques still waiting to be cashed)**
 - b) **General account: \$7,236.18**

Motion put forward to approve the Treasurer's Report by Shilpa Dabholkar, seconded by Corrie Noble. Carried.

- 5) **Executive and Committee Reports:**
 - a) **After Grad**

Corrie Noble has stepped in to the recently vacated After Grad Chair position. Next meeting is January 11. Venue has been selected: Cineplex Cinemas Coquitlam. Ruby Edwards will be the After Grad Treasurer.
 - b) **DPAC**

Craig Woods presented the following report:
DPAC General Meeting Wednesday, November 30th, 2022 – 7:00pm
Online via Zoom
 - o Vice President Alkassab chaired the meeting; President Manhas sent her regrets

- o Guest presenter was from the Coquitlam Public Library, speaking the programs and services available to youth and students in SD43. It was noted that any student from any District is welcomed, and that all services are free. Some of the services include:

- STEAM based programs
- A Homework Help Club
- Parlez nous en Francais
- Reading Buddy Program
- LEARN and USE it digital and online resources including Solaro, Hopla, and LinkedIn Learning

It was also mentioned that the Coquitlam Public Library provides job shadowing opportunities for youth, and that they have a Teen Advisory Council that helps shape and review youth-based programs and services.

- o Executive Reports included:
 - an update from the DPAC Representative serving on the French Advisory Committee, stating that the Canadian Parents for French local chapter is looking for French Immersion parents to join
 - an update from the DPAC Representative serving on the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee speaking to the number of events that have taken place including the Winter Solstice
- o Looking Ahead: Vice President Alkassab provided an opportunity for Trustees in attendance to share a little about the year ahead. Vice Chair Woods thanked parents that voted, recognized new and returning Trustees, spoke to the increases in enrollment and staff, encouraged parents to participate in the upcoming Budget sessions, and affirmed the planned building of a middle- secondary school on Burke Mountain. Trustee Denison noted with interest parent inquiries about services for adults at the Coquitlam Public Library.
- o A by-election was held for the position of PAC Communications Coordinator that was filled by Melody Watkins. Thanks to Heidi Ng for also putting her name forward.

6) Principal's Report: Presented by Wendy Yu and included below

- a) End of Semester 1
 - o last day of classes Jan 20
 - o turn around week Jan 23-27. Includes 1 days, Numeracy 10/Literacy 10/Literacy 12 assessments and other activities including presentations
 - o schedule to go home on Jan 13 and Jan 20
- b) Student & Family Affordability Funding update; using lots of gift cards; will also look at supporting After Grad (percentage of food or similar)

- c) New Assistant Superintendent: Nadine Tambellini. Congratulations to Reno Ciolfi on his retirement!
- d) Library Learning Commons - plans shared; this year start with clearing out stacks and painting
- e) Report Cards published on MyEd Feb 2
- f) Upcoming dates:
 - o Tomorrow: Gr 8 Info Night 7pm and JumpStART Info Night 6:30pm
 - o Jan 17: Grade wide assemblies for Gr 9-11 for course selection; need access to MyEd
 - o Jan 30: Pro-D day
 - o Jan 31: First day Sem 2
 - o Check our website for more dates and other news!

7) New Business / Discussion

a) Staff Appreciation

Ideas were floated around for staff appreciation: i.e. Pourquoi Pas Patisserie

b) Gleneagle 25th Anniversary

Waiting for a date for the celebration. Wendy will keep us posted.

Next Meetings:

February 7

April 4

May 2 (AGM)

Motion to adjourn at 8pm by Ruby Edwards, seconded by Melissa Cupit. Carried.