

## **Gleneagle Secondary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for Wednesday May 24th, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Stacey Plesko (Chair), Jennifer Yolland (Treasurer/Chairing tonight), Mike van der Velden (Past Chair), Treena Banman (DPAC), Ken Cober (Principal), Jill Raftery, Sarah Springer, Steve Springer, Connie Xia, Cecilia Stocker, Laya Vala, Keri Marsh, Dana Morin

**Recording Secretary:** Marsha Mullen

### **1. Welcome and call to order at 7:11pm**

**2. Approve Agenda** – motion to adopt put forward by Mike and seconded by Jill – all in favor

### **3. Adopt minutes of previous month**

- Motion to adopt amended minutes put forward by Jennifer, seconded by Steven – all in favor

### **4. Treasurers Report**

- See attached report
  - General Account – Balance as of April 30, 2017 is \$13,336.68
  - Gaming Account – Balance as of April 30, 2017 is \$11,248.84
- Only outstanding payment is for the hardship fund, although some items have not been paid out in full.

### **5. Executive & Committee Updates**

#### **After Grad**

- On track for After Grad on June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Starting to buy prizes
- Grade 12 Marketing students are promoting the After Grad. They have designed and printed the tickets, made posters and sharing information via social media. They have started to survey students and create a song list for the DJ
- Will be selling tickets Thursdays and Fridays during lunch this week and following 2 weeks
- Galactic entertainment is helping with decorating this year
- Still needing volunteers and a letter will go out to parents soon
- Next meeting May 31<sup>st</sup> and 1 more meeting will be scheduled in June to co-ordinate all the volunteers

## 6. DPAC Update

Apr 26

Patricia Gartland - *Superintendent's Report*

- Balanced budget passed - \$352M, \$297M is the operating budget
- Able to retire the deficit at the end of the school year
- No layoffs/recall process this year, want to make sure the district has enough teachers for 2017/18
- Check out District website for more info
- Classroom Enhancement Fund - \$16.9M, report coming on a draft organization for every school + space needs for every school
- Gerald Morton from MoE wants to meet with Patricia to discuss what the district does to achieve the results we do & help reconfigure student satisfaction survey

Karen Ureta & Rhia Penalzoza - *Teaching Kids Financial Responsibility*

- Investment specialists with Westminster Savings
- Presentation on the DPAC website under "Documents-Presentations"
- 96% of Canadians say teaching financial literacy will contribute to financial stability and help the economy
- Most parents wish they'd been taught it at a younger age, but few discuss it with their own kids
- Why is financial education important
- How you can help your kids
- Importance of saving
- Good debt vs bad debt
- "Economics for Success" (Junior Achievement) program - there is a Gr 5-6 and Gr 9-10 program, request would need to come from the school
- Executive Report - PAC Community Gaming Grants - uses & changes re technology. Make sure you read and follow the current regulations. Biggest change is that gaming grant money can only be used for technology that is specifically used for extracurricular activities.
- At Our School - the treasurer at Scott Creek Middle has created an excel worksheet template that can be used by PAC treasurers for financial reporting. Available on DPAC website

Mar 29

Children of The Street - presentation

- Educate and raise awareness about human trafficking and child sexual exploitation
- [www.childrenofthestreet.com](http://www.childrenofthestreet.com)
- Do presentations on exploitation/sexting etc
- Schools must ask them to come
- No fee but some schools make donations
- Older grades - 60 min presentation
- Will also do workshops for parents only

Gerald Shong - Superintendent's Report

- Funding approved to replace Minnehada Middle

DPAC Elections May 31 at AGM

- All positions open except president - he has 1 year left on a 2 year term

## 7. Principals Report

- Gender Neutral bathroom has been completed
- New Bell schedule has been shared
- CL: Customized Learning (CL) is a period of time built into the timetable which allows students to have some choice and control over their own learning. It is a time for students to complete school work or to seek additional help from their classroom teachers. For the most part, students can choose how they want to use their time to improve their chances of being successful. Teachers will also work with students to ensure that students are making good educational choices about their use of CL time. Teachers will have the opportunity to use CL instructional time as an extension of their classroom learning activities; as well, teachers will use CL time as a resource when designing individual learning expectations for their students.
- Pro D dates / calendar for 2017/18 shared
- Code of Conduct shared
  - Content additions to the Code of Conduct

As per Section 8 of the Human Rights Code of British Columbia, students shall not discriminate against others on the basis of the race, religion, colour, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, family status, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical or mental disability. Furthermore, as per Section 7 of the Human Rights Code of British Columbia, no student shall publish or display anything that would indicate an intention to discriminate against another, or expose them to contempt or ridicule, on the aforementioned bases.

A search by school officials of a student under their authority or a search of student property may be undertaken if the school has reasonable grounds to believe a school rule has been or will be violated, and that the evidence of that violation will be found in the location or on the person of the student being searched. Students know that their teachers and other school authorities are responsible for providing a safe learning environment and maintaining order and discipline at school. As a result, they must know that, where reasonable grounds exist, this may require searches of students, their lockers and their personal effects and the seizure of prohibited items.

Students should also be aware that the schools may collect, use and disclose personal information about students for the purposes of investigating and addressing student misconduct, safety and maintaining order and discipline in school. Such collection and use of student information may include information that is obtained from witnesses or collected from other secondary information sources (e.g. social media). All personal information of students collected by the school will be collected in compliance with and under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ss. 26(a),(b), and(c)) and the School Act. Questions about the collection, use or disclosure of student personal information should be directed to the Associate Director of Information and Learning Technologies Stephen Whiffin, at [swhiffin@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:swhiffin@sd43.bc.ca).

- **Staffing:**
  - Retirements: Melanie Stokes, Mike Milliard, Andy Albright.
  - Departures: Bryan Jackson, Helen Xue, Bettina Leduc, Mike Parkins
  - Joining: Kim Cuellar, VP.
  - Postings x 10

## 8. Discussion Issues/New Business:

- **PAC Elections:** Motion to accept slate put forward by Mike, seconded by Steve – all in favor, no opposed – motion carried
  - **Chair – Stacey Plesko**
  - **Treasurer – Jennifer Yolland will stay as interim until Sept when position filled**
  - **Secretary – Marsha Mullen**
  - **DPAC – Treena Banman**
- 8. Meeting Dates for next meeting; October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**
- 9. Motion to Adjourn at 8:50pm**