



Port Moody Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes
Date: September 17, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Grace Liang	Vice Chair
Miwa Aoki	Treasurer
Sonya Burdett	Secretary
Charles Yeh	Co-DPAC
Alex Chauran	Co-DPAC
Jeremy Clark	Principal

Parents: Rosa Hart & Doreen Hansen
VP: Colin Cameron VP: Tara Marinkovic
VP: Denise Nembhard

REGRETS

Alicia Purvis Chair

1. Meeting called to Order at: 7:09pm

Land Acknowledgements:

“We acknowledge we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation, which lies within the shared territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie Musqueam, Qayqayt, Squamish, and Sto’lo Nations”

2. Introductions

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1st: Alex Motion 2nd: Charles Motion passed.

4. Adoption of May 2024 meeting minutes:

Motion 1st: Sonya Motion 2nd: Miwa Motion passed.

5. Principal’s Report

- Some changes to the bell schedule this year had to be made due to the number of students; just over 1300.
 - IB students are starting early, but they finish earlier.
 - Met with the transit to try alleviate the end of day rush.
- Cell phone policy
 - There have always been cell phone policies in schools. Now with the provincial government and the district, electronics should not be used unless it is directed by the teachers for learning.
 - Question was brought up that teachers are automatically asking students to bring their devices out, but some do not bring phones. There are loaner laptops in the library that students can use for the day.
- Open house is this Thursday Sept 19, 2024. Time: 530-7pm.

- Grade 12: The grade 11's from last year wanted to do a senior sail. This has been arranged on September 25 and will be a 3 hour sail around the harbour. Sold out at 194 students.
- First Pro-D is September 20, Friday.
- First informal report card is October 4, 2024.
 - Teachers are putting more efforts into the comments and the hope is more parents will read the report cards.
 - Any concerns, one can reach out to the teachers at anytime.
- PAC: the grant money that the PAC receives is a great way for expanded sports; ie clubs and sports (rubix cube club, knitting club, robotics, DND and role playing club, plus so many more)
 - Will try to have the list in the next couple PAC meetings.

6. VP Reports

Tara Marinkovic

One area of her portfolio is learning support. This year will be focusing on celebrating diversity. A neurocafe had been introduced last year and is run by the neurodiverse students. This has been very successful.

Sports: Unified sports: for neurotypical and neurodiverse to play together.

Denise Nembhard

Portfolio includes: Indigenous education: there are poles painted by an Elder.

The time table is the other part of her portfolio; trying to balance the need of the students and the resources of the students.

Colin Cameron

Portfolio includes athletics. Limited the number of teams that can be offered due to the limited coaches available. If you know someone who is interested, he would like to talk to them.

Clubs: two types of clubs, 1. common interest and 2. fundraising for charities.

There will be a Club Carnival next week.

7. Treasure Update:

Last April, gaming grant was applied for; should come in soon.

General \$676.74 After Grad \$101.60 Gaming Account \$2,371.60

PAC Donation: \$3,192.24 After Grad Donation: \$617.35

Grad Aftergrad: \$1496.89 Total of \$6,959.53

We talk more about the donation accounts at the next PAC meeting.

8. DPAC Report

Last meeting was last May 2024.

They discussed the cell phone policy and other programs such as walk to school.

Oct 2, 2024 is PAC 101: great for new PAC members

Oct 30, 2024 is the actual DPAC meeting

Question was ask how the DPAC uses their funds.

See DPAC website for full meeting minute reports: <https://dpac43.ca/documents/meetings>

9. After grad

After grad was started a number of years ago as a way to keep students safe. After grad is an event that is run after the grad event.

Grad Event includes:

- Mandated: the commencement ceremony. Students walk across the stage.
- Not mandated: dinner and dance

After grad

Idea is for parents to step up and organize. Last year was the first year that an after grad did not happen due to no volunteers to chair.

Jeremy will be heading up the after grad this year if parents are available to volunteer. He discussed previous locations at Eagle Ridge versus Central City Fun Park. Eagle Ridge or school locations are a lot of work setting up and cleaning up versus the Central City, which is basically all contained.

An email will be sent out for the first meeting, which will be for early October.

10. Open forum

Question was asked what social platforms are acceptable to use by teachers and students to use for chats groups: Teams is the only one.

Requested to remind staff. Parents should also reach out to the teachers and have discussions directly with them.

Next Meeting Date: October 15, 2024 at 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10pm