

SMS PAC Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Luvena B., Darcy C., Morgan W., Sydney G. Online: Tiffany L., Christy W., Keri A.

1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:35 pm

2. Adopt the Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2022:

- Motion to approve: Darcy 2nd/approved: Morgan

3. Principal's Report: Sydney Griffiths – see attached report

- First assemblies in two years held last week in smaller groups (by color team)
- Jazz band performed 6 times for peers during assemblies; they also attended the Shuswap Musical Festival and were adjudicated; next up is performance in Big Band Dance
- Open gym is back, featuring volleyball; other sports taking place are basketball, mountain bike club and cross country running – there is no formal track team this year
- Cultural performances coming in May and June
- Staff are busy planning year end activities/field trips, special activities for grade 8's
- Interim reports are coming out first week of May, should hear from the teacher in some form by Friday of that week – each teacher is doing their own thing whether written or call/online meeting
- Christy asked about absentee rate at school after spring break – Sydney noted that it was a bit higher last week but not at the threshold level to report to Interior Health
 - Christy mentioned that DPAC is putting pressure on the Superintendent to publish absentee rates

4. Treasurer's Report: Darcy Calkins – see attached report

- Chequing account:
 - Balance of \$4,253.45 as of April 25th
 - Cheque rec'd from SD 83 was deposited and then written to DPAC
 - PAC received a thank you card for the purchase of the exercise bike
 - Funds remaining unallocated: \$2,128.45
- Gaming account:
 - Balance of \$11,677.84 as of April 25th
 - Cheque written to Teresa Wright for board games club; cheque for vinyl cutter cleared
 - Quite a large sum allocated and still available – Darcy is hoping that these funds will be spent
- Sydney asked if a PAC member could come to the next staff meeting, May 10th, to speak about the available funds – Luvena or Darcy to attend
- Gardom ball pit update: Morgan is having no luck with original source, will email ADAM Integrated to see if they can do the pieces for us, as they did the last one

5. DPAC Report: Luvena for Dustin Hyatt – see attached report

- Discussion regarding absentee rates, FI transportation for outlying students
- Christy provided further updates to Dustin's report:
 - Inclusive Education survey took place from Jan-Feb – results of survey were presented but the survey didn't really address the issues parents were concerned with
 - French Advisory Committee update – speaking with Laura Jegues, DPAC found that only one parent (instead of two) per school was part of FAC, and these parents are being assigned by the SD/principal
 - Concern regarding advisory perspective/nothing formal (or a process) to appoint the parent rep. This parent should also be reporting back to PAC.
 - SMS may have had a parent rep at the December FAC meeting – need to ask Megan Weir who that parent is, as they need to report back to us.

6. Issues from the floor:

- Morgan was approached by some friends – their sons are afraid to use the boy's bathroom because students are vaping in them.
 - Sydney advises that staff became aware of this last week and are actively monitoring the bathrooms to try and catch those involved. They are also locking bathroom doors at lunch.
 - Staff estimate 4-6 students involved, using the bathroom that is the furthest away from the office
 - Vaping is a bottom-line behavior, resulting in suspension, discussion of addiction issues and getting parent involvement
- Christy inquired as to custodial hours for school
 - 7:30am-12:30pm; 1:00-9:30pm; 2:30-11:00pm
 - They spend a lot of time cleaning bathrooms!
 - All hours were reduced back to pre-covid

7. Meeting Adjourned: Morgan motions to adjourn meeting, Darcy seconds; meeting adjourned 7:10pm

Next meeting May 30th at 6:30pm