

SMS PAC Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Darcy C., Morgan W., Dustin H., Tiffany L., Kristin C., Nicola G., Brent G., Luke N., Scott A., and Lara M.

1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:31 pm

2. Introductions and Adopt the Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2022:

- Motion to approve: Dustin H. 2nd/approved: Kristin C.

3. Principal's Report: Scott Anderson

- VP Pattie Lemaire is off for a knee replacement and will be returning in May; Lara Matthews is acting VP.
- Environmental Club held a 2-week battery blitz to collect and recycle household batteries - it was very successful!
- On Jan 11th, staff were trained on administering naloxone for opioid overdoses. There haven't been opioids at SMS or in the SD but it's good to have the training and kits on hand just in case.
- Field trips for skating and curling continue
- The Quebec trip was approved at the Jan 17th school board meeting
- Upcoming events: Jan 25 - school band concerts at 4:30 and 6pm; Jan 30 - Pro-D; Jan 31- grade 8 ski day; Feb 3 - pirate loppet – about a dozen kids registered

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

- Chequing account:
 - Balance of \$2,895.08 as of Jan 23rd
 - Purdy's cheque arrived today
 - Funds left for allocation: \$70.08
- Gaming account:
 - Balance of \$15, 681.51 as of Jan 23rd
 - No spending to date (Darcy has not received any requests) – Scott advises that he presented the approved spending staff – Darcy notes that any questions and invoices can go to her
 - Funds left for allocation: \$937.51

5. DPAC Report: Dustin Hyatt – see attached report

- Chelsea Prince, Director of Instruction for Indigenous Education gave an update – they are trying to find ways to get more Indigenous parents to PAC meetings
 - Parent participation in PAC's is low – maybe have a greeter for new parents that attend meetings, makes sure all questions are answered.
 - A short conversation ensued as to how we could draw more parents to our meetings and the function of PAC:

Monday, January 23, 2023

- Any issues that arise at our meetings can be taken to DPAC by Dustin and addressed at a higher level
- Bring them in with meet the teacher night?
- Hold elections for executive in spring instead of the first meeting of the school year?
- Strategic plan survey issued by SD – was it the proper tool to build a strategic plan? Anyone could answer it and multiple times if they wanted.
- Mental health and bullying were main responses to DPAC survey (not cell phones) – Scott asked the SD about holding a cell phone workshop but was told the SD was planning on doing one (no word on that yet)

6. Possible additional fundraisers: Morgan Wilson

- Do we want to consider doing another fundraiser this year? Purdy's didn't do well and we had to table a couple of spending requests
- Suggestions: hanging baskets, blueberry bushes, bottle drive (for Earth Day)
- Luke queried if we could get students doing jobs to earn money (like scooping poop in the spring) and if we can plan long term to incorporate students into fundraising
- Brent wondered if the SD could fund the front row systems for health/safety reasons?
- Morgan will contact Hyde Mountain (hanging baskets), to be discussed at next meeting

7. Issues from the Floor:

- Luke inquired as to what happened at school last week – Scott advises that he held an assembly last Friday to discuss school behaviors and reaffirm rules; there was also a fire alarm at the end of the day, which they felt was a prank but had to wait for the fire department to arrive and clear it
- Cell phones:
 - Luke would like to see a policy in place for the school where all teachers follow the same protocol (all classes get cell phone jails vs the 5 we have approved spending on)
 - Scott advised that certain circumstances arise where the students are actually requested to bring them class – a math presentation is being done by the Certified Institute of Actuaries and they have asked for them to be used
 - Scott also advises that enforcement is often the problem – phones are being snuck into the bathroom or outside during break
 - Could PAC put out a separate letter regarding phones? Should we put it on the February agenda to spark attendance? Staff could be invited to come and give input.
 - Problem remains with issues that arise from phone usage outside of school, which is a parent problem.

8. Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm

Next meeting: February 27, 2023 6:30pm

DPAC Report, Jan 12/23 – Dustin H

Chelsea Prince - Director of Instruction - Indigenous Education

Gave an update on her role of helping the district keep indigenous students doing well.

More indigenous parents involved in the school

How can we get new parents into PAC's

PACs tend to be clique based and can be very intimidating for new people showing up

Try to have a "greeter" role at the PAC to welcome everyone

New indigenous focus course graduation requirement

Looking to setup a session to review this with parents (parent night)

Review what all of these courses will cover

Marianne Vanbuskirk update

Provided an update on the agenda for the next board meeting

Survey for strategic plan

Strategic plan for the SD and they are looking for lots of feedback with survey

Can see other answers and responses and rate them

Asked for more information on how committee will be formed and if there was somewhere we can get more information on the planning for this. Marianne will discuss this with Donna.

Student presentation to Bastion PAC

SMS and PAC students presented Red Cedar Book club (Canadian/Local authors)

The reading club is looking for funding from more PACs and to get more clubs created

Contact for this is:

smurrell@sd83.bc.ca

Shannon Murrells-Alloway is the Teacher-Librarian at Bastion School

Red Cedar Book Club - presentation by students from Bastion and SMS

Sandy Thon BCCPAC

AGM is coming up in the spring

BCCPAC website has some information, training, information to PACs

DPAC Survey

Mental health and bullying were the main responses

There are a few options for DPAC Exec to review for parent sessions