

GENERAL PAC MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

In Attendance

President: Marisa Tucci
VP: Absent
Treasurer: Laurette Walsh
Secretary: Tracy Bodin/Sharon Ferguson
DPAC rep: Andrea Ashton
Total Parents in attendance: 11

1. Welcome / Call to order – Welcome to our third PAC meeting of 2022/2023 school year. Quorum met.

2. Approval of agenda & November 21st minutes (Sharon motioned, Laurette seconded, motion approved)

3. Principal's Report

- Virtual Gr 9 & 10 Parent night regarding the graduation programme was held Jan 10. This event wasn't not recorded due to lack of media consent regarding student images that were part of the presentation.
- School acknowledges that there are often technological issues when parents try to log in for virtual sessions and PAC meetings. They plan to provide an info sheet with the event invitation. This will be posted on parent zone on the Salish website
- The Ministry of Education requires all students to take a course with an indigenous focus. At Salish, all students will take English 10 with Indigenous lens. The course will incorporate both indigenous and non-indigenous content. Further indigenous courses will be optional.
- The Ministry has introduced a new reporting order for gr k-12 going forward. Already started at Salish. All students will receive proficiencies instead of letter grade at the end of semester. For this coming report, Gr. 8 & 9 will only receive proficiencies. The grades 10-12 will have a percentage and may choose to include proficiencies.
- The head secretary retired. A replacement was hired last September but she has moved on to another school. This is likely why parents have had issues with cash on line or orders. A replacement will start on Monday and the issues should be resolved within a month or so.
- Affordability fund. Provincial government gave all school districts in the province money in August to provide financial aid to Surrey families in need. \$7.385 million was distributed in SD36. Salish received \$27,000. This money has been given to approx. 60 Salish families in the form of gift cards as well as covering costs for school activities. The funds will soon to be depleted. Another \$27,000 is expected to be provided by the district so we can continue to support those families.
- Our Vice Principle, Brad Tait will be retiring soon. Best wishes!
- Michelle Larson will be the new Vice Principle. She will be joining Salish Monday, January 31.
- Sports tournaments are ongoing. The dance team has a showcase on January 24. There is a school play scheduled for spring.
- Winter Formal for gr 10-12 on Feb 01
- Dance for 8-9 TBA (Feb 23 or the week after)

4. PAC Reports

a. President's & Vice President Report

- PAC Scholarships - \$3,000 offered by PAC this year (6- \$500 scholarships). This will be the last year as gaming will not fund scholarships after this school year.
- Neufeld's Fundraising – A second one will be held Spring

b. Treasurer Report

- Music club requested \$10,400 for two buses to the Whistler Music Festival for several of the school bands. With limited funds, PAC executives could only offer \$5,000 towards the bus. Vote - 9 votes yes. Motion passed.
- All motions carried

c. DPAC Report

- DPAC will be introducing the new Director of Racial Equity working with racism and similar issues. This is a new position and JB Malik will be assuming the position. Date of introduction and presentation regarding the position TBA.

d. Canadian Parents for French

- Offering 10 \$300 scholarships to French Immersion and Core French students

5. New Business/Open Discussion

- Brenna Jacks commented on the fact that the school bathrooms are used by Salish students to vape and she questioned whether or not there is a safe, alternative place for students to go to vape so as to protect the non-vaping students from exposure to vaping fumes. Ms Hamond addressed the question and acknowledged that this is an issue at Salish and it is recently increasing. If a student is caught vaping at school, the vape is confiscated and the parents are notified. Ms Hammond said that she will talk to our safe school liaisons and really keep emphasising the need to be in those bathrooms until they stop. The district will not allow an allocated space on school property.

6. Dates of General Meetings for 2022/2023 school year:

- Nov 2, Jan 23, March 13, May 15 (AGM)

7. Adjournment at 7:35 pm

Next meeting March 13, 2023