

TAMANAWIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Caring Community, Engaged Learners, Inspired Citizens

PAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 14, 2023

Meeting called to order @ 6:35 PM

38 in attendance, including Parents, Students, Staff and PAC Executive

PAC Executive

- Roman St. Germain – Chair
- Mandy Waggett – Co-Chair
- Rina Sidhu – Treasurer
- Dana Papais – Secretary

Staff

- James Johnston – Principal

1. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to accept by Mandy, Seconded by Rina
- Motion carried, Agenda approved

2. Approval of PAC Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2023

- Motion to accept by Shante, Seconded by Rina
- Motion carried, Minutes approved

3. Chair's Report (Roman St. Germain)

- Gaming grant status in progress, should have by mid-October. Works out to \$20 per student.
- We will hold 10 PAC meetings this year, first Thursday of every month.
- Looking to start Guest speakers during PAC meetings next month.
- There are copies of PAC constitution and bylaws for viewing this evening.
- An email; Tamanawispac@gmail.com, has been created for general inquiries from our parents, parents encouraged to get Tamanawis App for keeping up to date with school events, considering a WhatsApp PAC chat for parents.
- Looking for a DPAC representative for this year.

4. Treasurer's Report (Rina Sidhu)

- PAC Bank Account – \$5,509.94
- Gaming Account- \$12,776.76, couple of outstanding cheques remaining.

5. DPAC Representatives Report (To be announced)

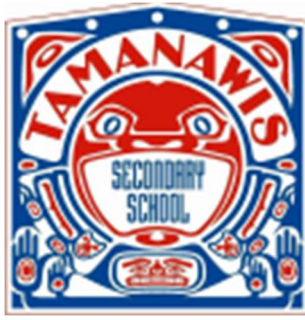
- First DPAC meeting, September 27, 2023

6. Committee Report – Dry Grad (Chair to Be Announced) (Shante Sidhu, 2022-23)

- gave a brief description of Dry Grad
- Fundraising last year. Spring Fling we raised \$1646, Krispy Kreme \$112, Bottle Drive \$689.

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- Looking for Dry Grad Committee members, and Chair, started a list of interested parents, with contact info. Grads who participate with volunteer work could receive free tickets to Dry Grad event.

7. Principal's Report (James Johnston)

- Brief introduction as new Principal
- Start of the school year is running smoothly, even at 1500 students.
- Vaping Detector pilot project – when the detector goes off a notification is sent to the Principal's phone who can thereafter check camera footage of those who went in and out of the washroom (cameras in hallways) and round up the possible offenders – started this September
- New addition for school is currently in design phase, a 3 story wing expansion, will not interfere with current learning environment when construction begins as it is an extension of school. May take 1-2 years before breaking ground.
- Focus for the year is learning

8. Old Business

- Looking for DPAC representative

9. New Business

Request for Funds

- Deb Mackenzie- "Unlock Your Future" presentation for grades 11/12 to assist with scholarship application process. Cost will be \$400+gst. Vote conducted, all in favour, request approved.
- Deb Mackenzie- "Cyber Awareness" presentation by Whitehatter, for Gr.9 students October 27th. Cost will be \$650+gst. Vote conducted, all in favour, request approved.

Dry Grad Committee 2023/24

- Anyone interested in volunteering sign up. Looking to vote in new chair.

10. Open Forum

- Principal Q&A regarding concerns of vaping sales on school grounds, vaping sensors in bathrooms, procedures for students caught vaping.
- Principal Q&A about students and cellphone use, parents looking for guidance.

Next PAC meeting: Thursday October 5th, 2023 at 6:30pm.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:43 PM, Motion to accept by Mandy. Motion carried, all approved.
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