



# TAMANAWIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Caring Community, Engaged Learners, Inspired Citizens

## PAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 5, 2023

**Meeting called to order @ 6:34 PM**

**17 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 Shante, Seconded by Mandy
- Motion carried, Agenda approved

### 2. Approval of PAC Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2023

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

### 3. Guest Speaker (Jaclyn, from Surrey Safe Schools)

- For 20 years supported staff and student safety
- Staff are professional and friendly safe adults visibly at school to encourage students to confide information on situations to someone they see as safe to talk to.
- Outreach and Emergency Response staff department
- Substance use liaisons, working with students who may be using or related to someone going through substance abuse. They work with students to bridge over to appropriate mentor.
- Working along with families and police with students at risk of gangs and gang involvement.
- Chart Table-meetings held once a month involving local community agencies, health departments, RCMP, schools, city members. Discussing methods of support to schools and families.
- Start early in Elementary schools, with early prevention, presentations about bullying, online safety. Create activities centered around situations in class, provide supports for students and families.
- Next 100 years program, a mentorship program geared towards grades 6&7 students, before they enter high school. The mentors are former students who had participate in the mentorship program.

### 4. Chair's Report (Roman St. Germain)

- Gaming grant, brief explanation, application approved for \$29,040 for this year. Works out to \$20 per student.
- We will hold 10 PAC meetings this year, first Thursday of every month.
- We will have Guest speakers during PAC most meetings.
- Copies of PAC constitution and bylaws for viewing this evening. We have 3 amendments to the constitution. Voting will happen next meeting.

- Clubs has suggested taking a look on the Tamanawis app to view all their clubs available.
- An email; [Tamanawispac@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report (Rina Sidhu)

- Still setting up signing authority
- PAC Bank Account – \$5,509.94
- Gaming Account- \$41,816.

#### 6. DPAC Representatives Report (Ollie)

- First DPAC meeting, was over 3 hours of very engaging conversations
- Curriculum in schools has transitioned over to new – extending, emerging, proficient, developing.
- Holding elections to vote in new members
- Discussed portables used in Surrey, currently at 361 in use. How to handle growing.
- Community Committee to improve places for children to play.

#### 7. Committee Report – Dry Grad (Shante Sidhu)

- gave a brief description of Dry Grad, making dry grad affordable, so far good parent participation
- Fundraising events currently being planned
- Goal is to send 5 grads to Dry Grad and dinner and dance
- Monster Mash dance, looking for parents to help set up and chaperone, decorations donations. Hoping 175 students will attend to bring in \$2000. Cover costs of Photo booth and DJ.
- Looking at ways to keep events accessible this year as we have a grad in a wheelchair.
- Gauging student interest in Boat Cruise, will be very expensive.
- Looking at hosting a fashion show, affordable grad wear for events, possibly a 50/50, silent auction. Connections in the community for donations and support would be appreciated.
- Planning more dances, booking dates.
- Dry Grad off-site potential, Central City Fun Park. Keeping Dry Grad Fun and Accessible!

#### 8. Principal's Report (James Johnston)

- Brief introduction as new Principal, connecting with students and getting to know them.
- Truth and reconciliation week, had a guest speaker for teachers, to share experience.
- Terry Fox this week went well, good discussions.
- Moving forward we have Remembrance Day, Vaisakhi, keeping the events going.
- Kids are starting to feel the weather, daylight, routines important and getting lots of sleep. Tend to see a dip in attendance in October and November. Watch for dip in student participation in the fall.
- Students are starting to develop clubs
- Sports teams are starting up, kids are excited about events
- Mid semester reports will formally appear as Emerging, developing, extending...students report how they feel about their progress.
- Assembly on Orange Shirt Day, a lot of orange shirts, good support.
- Parent feedback is helpful, getting easier, especially for those coming from elementary schools.
  - Question: Roman asked about how the Honour Roll system is in play with the new grading system. Student success will still be recognized.

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## 9. New Business

Amendments to PAC constitution & Bylaws- next meeting to vote %75 or greater.

- Dry Grad representative necessary in executive, as always needed at the start of the school year.
- Elections- revise elections terms so chair may hold position for 2 years to allow consistency. July 1<sup>st</sup>- June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Signing authorities- amend to not allow spouses and immediate family members to sign for same accounts.

Request for Funds

- Patsy Ghoto, Performing Arts- Purchase of 53 awards/trophies for end of year concert. Cost will be \$1000. Motion to approve, Shante 1<sup>st</sup>, Ollie 2<sup>nd</sup>, voting All in Favour, request approved.
- Alex Head, Leadership- Trinity Western High Ropes Team building exercise for grades 9s & 12s classes. Cost for transportation \$1000. Motion to approve Ollie 1<sup>st</sup>, Sarb 2<sup>nd</sup>, voting All in Favour, request approved.
- Dry Grad Committee- Pipe and Drape for events. Help with part of cost \$1230.23. Vote conducted, Sarb 1<sup>st</sup>, Mandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favour, request approved.

**Next PAC meeting:** Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm. ***Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 PM, Motion to accept by Mandy. Motion carried, all approved. 17 in attendance, including Parents, Students, Staff and PAC Executive***

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