



TAMANAWIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Caring Community, Engaged Learners, Inspired Citizens

PAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 2nd, 2023

Meeting called to order @ 6:41 PM

16 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 Shante
- Motion carried; Agenda approved

2. Approval of PAC Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2023

- Motion to accept by Mandy, Seconded by Ollie
- Motion carried; Minutes approved

3. 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, has been created for general inquiries from our parents, parents encouraged to get Tamanawis App for keeping up to date with school event.

4. Principal's Report (James Johnston)

- Great to see students at the Monster Mash.
- Post-secondary fair, set up was in gym for gr 11/12 students and some gr 10s. Representatives from institutions all over province and country for students to see.
- Field Hockey qualified for championship to West-Van- provincials.
- Band Concert went well, great turn out.
- Parent/teacher conferences coming up. Emails going out soon. Follow instructions

closely and pay attention to times booked.

- Honour Roll- getting teachers together in December to come up with new criteria to work with new grading system.
- Moving forward we have Remembrance Day, ceremonies and events. Wear a poppy.
- 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. Mid-term reporting coming up.
- Students are starting to develop clubs for the clubs' fair, where students will be able to see presentations about the clubs.
- Sports teams are starting up Soccer, Basketball tryouts, Volleyball in 2 weeks.
- Mid semester reports will formally appear as Emerging, developing, extending...students report how they feel about their progress.
- Still waiting for vaping sensors to be installed through a private company. Parents will be notified when installed and results will be shared after trial run at PAC meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report (Rina Sidhu) (Absent this evening)

- Still setting up signing authority, challenges with TD bank
 - PAC Bank Account – \$4,319
 - Gaming Account- \$41,134.26.
 - \$682 for White Hatter
 - Outstanding- dry grad drapes

6. DPAC Representatives Report (Ollie)

- DPAC meeting, October 25, 7-9pm
- Discussed bike racks for schools- application process
- Election for 2 directors
- Discussed portables again used in Surrey, currently at 361 in use. How to handle growing.
- Pub nights? PAC is on its own without coverage for drinks.

7. Committee Report – Dry Grad (Shante Sidhu)

- Dry grad meeting to be held after PAC meeting for feedback and parent input.
- Fundraising events currently being planned are for the purpose of raising funds for Dry Grad event held in June.
- Grade 8,9,10s are asking for an event, may help offset costs.
- Monster Mash dance, October 26, we had 91 students attend, our volleyball team stopped by after games. DJ was great, read the group well to keep them dancing. About 40% of kids were dressed up. Creepy Carnival theme was well received. Our photo booth vendor was great, we were able to get a deal with Newton Pizza. We had donations for decorations, Students helped with set up and a student helped with take down. We have prizes to hand out, still working on votes. Our expenses came to a shortfall of \$60. There was a very low turnout compared to past events, could be economics, Halloween may not be as popular time for dances.
- Suggestion from parent for back-to-back dances
- Suggestion from parent that low turnout for dance may be affordability

- Suggestion made for alternate payment options, such as e-transfers
- Suggestion made to get sponsorships to help with funding for events
- Next few events will be discussed at our Dry Grad meeting after our PAC meeting is concluded. We will discuss boat cruise affordability, number crunching, May 9th as tentative date, Winter Wonderland dance December 12th, need to decide for which Grades group.

8. Old 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 1st- June 30th.
- Signing authorities- amend to not allow spouses and immediate family members to sign for same accounts.

Due to previous situations within PAC, changes to be made for consistency, transparency, smooth transitions for future PACs.

9. New Business

Request for Gaming Funds

- Par Bains, Grade 8+ junior girls' volleyball uniforms sublimated. Cost will be \$1836.80, 20 uniforms for 2 teams. Motion to approve, Shante 1st, Ollie 2nd, voting All in Favour, request approved.
- White Hatter- Shante shared information. Digital literacy for parents. Parents and caregivers' course, 48-hour link, online is \$650 for course. Looking for interest first, in person is more costly. Suggestion to share the cost among local schools, Tamanawis feeder schools.

10. Open Forum

- Ask about pipe and drapes Dry Grad purchased, motion was made for PAC to pay \$1,953.75, and to reimburse Dry Grad for expense.
 - Motion to accept by Jag, Seconded by Shante, 2 abstentions
 - Motion carried and approved

Next PAC meeting: Thursday December 7th, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:15 PM, Motion to accept by Mandy. Motion carried, all approved

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