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GENERAL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

November 1st, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

In attendance: Marisa T (co-president), Carmen D (co-president), Kelly G (vice-president), Moira H (treasurer), Jennifer Y (social-media coordinator), Andrea A (secretary & DPAC), Natalie B (Canadian Parents for French), Sheila H (Principal), and 16 general members

1. Welcome and introductions – Welcome to Carmen Dean Day, who was appointed as PAC Co-President, following the regulations in our bylaws.

2. Approval of agenda & September minutes (Jennifer Y motioned, Jasbir B seconded, motion approved)

3. Principal's Report

- Salish athletic teams are performing well. Junior Girls Cross Country, Grade 8 Girls Volleyball, and the Swim Team have all done great at their meets. Basketball try-outs happening now, and hockey has over 26 kids registered.
- Clubs are up and running. Currently 18 clubs are active. Clubs are advertised through the E-genda, social media, tv monitors, and website:
<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/salish/Extra-curricular/Clubs/Pages/default.aspx>.
- Parent-Teacher interviews happened October 20 and went well. Parents are encouraged to reach out to teachers directly if they have any concerns.
- Post-Secondary meetings took place on Teams for Grade 12 students and parents. Both meetings were recorded and available to view online
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNHyyvHOFyYU> (parents) or through Teams (Grade 12 students).
- Informal report cards went out Friday through various formats, December's report cards will be more formal and posted on MyEd.

- Halloween Spirit Week took place October 25 – 29 with lots of fun and participation.
- Relieving Ceremony happening November 2 with honoured guests, District staff, and Senior Jazz performances. Ceremony will be live as well as streamed into classrooms.
- Wednesday, November 3, is Take Your Kid to Work day for grade 9s.
- Various groups in the school are pre-recording segments for November 10th virtual Remembrance Day Assembly.
- Salish Band program will once again be welcoming guests to the large gym for a live Holiday performance December 9. All Covid Health and Safety regulations will be followed, and the audience will be limited to 300 people.
- Grade 12 planning is cautiously moving ahead with Grad Convocation taking place on May 16 at the Bell Centre, and the Dinner & Dance planned for June 19th at Newlands. Fundraising is being organized by students and parents for Grad events. Details can be found in the school newsletter.

4. PAC Reports

a. President's Report -Marisa T

▪ Proposed Revisions to Constitution and Bylaws:

- Change "parent" to parent/guardian throughout document
- Move AGM from September to May
- Add DPAC & CPF reps to executive roles (non-voting members) and added their job descriptions
- Add instructions for how to run elections
- Approval to amend Executive non-voted spending limit to \$500 from \$250
- Add Code of Ethics

* Motion to divide all changes into two parts (keeping spending limit separate) (Jenn Y motioned, Tracy B seconded, motion approved by majority)

* Motion to vote on all changes expect spending increase (Mary Em W motioned, Tracy B seconded, motion approved by majority)

* Motion to vote on increased Executive spending limits (from \$250 to \$500) (Natalie F motioned, Louise M seconded, 8 in favour, 17 against or abstained – motion defeated)

- **PAC Fundraising** – various ideas are being considered to allow for more spending options

- **PAC meetings** – to encourage greater attendance and more volunteers, meetings will happen every two months (September 26, November 1, January 17, March 7, May 16 (AGM))

b. VP's Report – Kelly G

- Kelly followed-up with the City of Surrey Traffic Management Department about the back-ups and delays on 184th due to the timing of the lights. At this point there will be no structural changes until development begins. The Traffic Management Department will study the timing of the lights to help move cars more efficiently.

c. Treasurer Report – Moira H

- 2021/2022 Budget (attached)

Budget Questions

- Can the grad treasurer & funds be more connected to the PAC budget?
That is something to be considered, especially for any Gaming Funds raised by the Grad Committee. A meeting will be set up to look at the details.
- How many PAC scholarships are available and how will they be decided?
That will be determined by PAC Exec. Considering 6 \$500 or 3 \$1000 scholarships available to grads meeting various criteria. The school Scholarship committee (not the PAC Exec) will make the decision on who will receive scholarships.
- How does the PAC Executive get funding requests?
Any group in the school can request funds from the PAC as long as they meet the Gaming Grant Criteria.

- Vote on 2021/2022 Budget

* Motion to approve entire proposed budget (Julie S motioned, Jenn Y seconded, 15 in favour, motion approved)

d. District PAC – Andrea A

- Last meeting on October 27 PAC 101
(<https://surreydpac.ca/resources/pac-administration-resources/>)
- Next meeting November 24 at 7 pm through Zoom with a closer look at FSA's. All parents are welcome to attend.

- All parents are asked to complete DPAC's advocacy survey looking for input on Covid-19 vaccines and protocols.

e. Canadian Parents for French – Natalie B

Last meeting took place October 13, Main points:

- Covid has brought to light the lack of resources available online for French students, resources are being developed to support students online
- For the first time in 20 years, there is a drop in registrations for French Immersion, possible due to a lack of international students
- Ministry of Education considering an online French school to support students throughout the province
- There is a shortage of teachers in French Immersion programs, the Ministry of Education is looking for ways to recruit and train more teachers
- Concours Virtual will happen this year in a hybrid format

5. New Business/Open Discussion

Questions:

- Is the school aware of the vaping in the girls' change rooms?

The school is aware and making plans to deal with it.

- Will the dates be changed in the school calendars to reflect the new PAC meeting dates?

Yes

- New Year's Day is on a Saturday, when will the kids return to school after the holidays?

Monday, January 3, 2022

- Are teachers able to provide time for transitions between classes, are TTOCs aware of our systems, and what is the procedure if students are marked late or absent in error?

There are no bells at Salish and teachers know that classes have a hard end and a soft start to allow for transitions. TTOCs are generally aware of this procedure but will be reminded. If students are regularly marked late or absent, the office does receive a report with this information and will follow up.

6. Dates of General Meetings for 2021/2022 school year:

- September 26, November 1, January 17, March 7, May 16 (AGM)

7. Adjournment at 8:22 pm

Next meeting January 17, 2022