



École Salish Secondary

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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

April 12th, 2021

****Call to order at 7:02pm****

- Motion made to pass the minutes from the February 22nd, 2021 PAC Meeting
 - Karri Wallsten 1st
 - Kelly Grayson 2nd

1. Administration report

- a) We discovered that the Grade 8's didn't fully understand the significance of the welcome pole and what it represented. We now do a Land Acknowledgement will be held moving forward with the singing of both the English and French national anthems. We're the first school in district to create land acknowledgement, and it's included in WolfTV. Students are now more aware about the Indigenous culture.
- b) COVID safety guidelines, are coming in from the district based on how many exposures have been generated at a school, as part of a tiered approach. Schools will remain open and not go virtual. There will be no shutdown. Salish staff received their vaccine (last). There are new safety guidelines – universal, intensive and targeted. Salish under universal rules of 100% masks must be worn, no food/drink, adults cannot meet more than 10mins. All staff have now had the vaccine, Salish was the last school to be completed.
- c) There is 3 early dismissals before the end of the year to review new COVID protocols
- d) Expecting a quartered semester system again next year (2021/22), for at minimum the first half of the year. A block with be face to face, B block is blended.
- e) Start time will be 8:15, ending at 2:35 to stagger traffic congestion in the neighbourhood.
- f) All grades will have classes of the same length

Questions for Administration:

- What happened with the planned spring break parking lot maintenance? I didn't notice anything different.
 - Landscaping company came in and removed 9 beds of shrubbery, directional arrows are the wrong colour and too small, still need better signage. Parking lot stall lines are nearly unrecognizable in less than 3 years. A letter from parents is needed to help with ongoing safety concerns. Parents are encouraged to send letters of parking lot safety concerns to Mme. Hammond at the school.
 - A consultant was brought in during the busiest part of the day to observe the parking lot insanity last year and was supposed to provide a report regarding suggestions for safety improvements and ease of traffic flow, but report has never been forwarded to the school. We want to see the consultant's report from last year.
- Are you able to provide an update regarding the follow-up from the district regarding the upcoming graduation commencement ceremony?
 - Tuesday, June 22nd will be ceremony day (between LTSS and CHSS commencement dates)
 - Date does not conflict with other schools.
 - Event will be outside near the rolling doors, the stage has been ordered, and lighting and black curtains etc (owned by the school) will be utilized (provided by previous PAC funding requests)
 - Video streaming and ceremony video will be made available (\$8,000); grad fees may be applied although there is pressure from the district not to charge any fees until plans can be finalized due to possible changes in COVID restrictions. Plan B would be to have a grad in September, or a 100% virtual grad. Grad Fee for 2019-2020 was only \$45 which did not cover enough of the supplies for commencement.
 - Still working on logistics of how to move students across the stage and determine if parents can attend, will be determined based on the PHO at that time. Grads will not be able to see friends cross the stage
 - Blankets/cards to be presented to each graduate as they cross the stage
 - Grads need to complete their grad write-ups in May because starting June 1st all grad comments will be read daily over the PA at the school so that they can be shared with the students

- Commencement speeches will commence on the 18th at the school, over the PA system, so that the speeches can be shared with the students at the school
- What is the back up plan for Grad if the government decides to shut everything down again?
 - If that happens, we will look at a September Grad
- If the district has asked the school not to charge a Grade Fee, then what will happen, with the district cover the costs?
 - The district has asked the school not to charge fees YET, this is only coming up because the school is asking for an increase in fees and that is what the district wants to hold off on. Last year's fee was \$45

2. President report – Claire

- a) We are still looking for volunteers to assist us in the following positions:
 - i. Secretary (Elected) -
 - ii. Social Media Coordinator
- b) Reminder that the Ecole Salish Secondary Scholarship was posted for all Grade 12's to apply – scholarship application is posted, deadline is May 20th.
- c) Reminder to parent groups from the school, that all parent groups are an arm of the PAC/DPAC and must abide by conduct and code established, including financial matters.
- d) Annual GM will be Monday, June 14th, 2021
- e) Grad and COVID – in lieu of an after grad party, the raised funds will be allocated towards a gift throw blanket, crested with the Salish logo, as a keepsake for each graduate. We'd like to make this a tradition for future graduations. This is a very meaningful gift within the Coast Salish community and generally reserved for very special occasions.

3. Vice-President report – Kelly

- a. Nothing to report at this time
- b. Kelly will take the lead to write a letter to the school district addressing the safety concerns of the school parking lot.

4. Treasurer report – Angela

- a. Angela presented the April budget, noting the library club request for \$300.
 - i. Motion: to approve the gift for the library - majority

- b. Spending has been done for photography club, performing arts, and athletic club and the grad gift blanket totaling \$10, 408.22.
- c. We haven't heard of any gaming fund changes to occur due to the pandemic for the 2021- 2022 school year, but we will need to wait and confirm.

Ecole Salish PAC			
GAMING ACCOUNT 2020/2021	FUNDS		BALANCE
Balance 2019/2020 School Year	\$9,503.44		
Gaming Funds (1061 Students @ \$20	\$21,220.00		
Estimated Total Available			\$30,723.44
	Amount	Paid	Balance
Departments			
Athletics	\$5,682.00	\$2,887.10	\$2,794.90
Academics			
Arts/Electives			
Performing Arts	\$3,200.00	\$2,989.43	\$210.57
Clubs			
Photography Club	\$2,060.00	\$2,031.69	\$28.31
Library Club - Proposed	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
PAC			
Scholarship (2 \$500 Scholarships)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Student Grad Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parent Graduating Committee	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Allocated	\$14,742.00	\$10,408.22	
Current (estimated) Bank Balance			\$20,315.22
Budget for approval - February 22, 2021			
	April 2021		

5. DPAC report – Andrea

- a. Recap from the February DPAC meeting; The meeting focused on mental health issues and support groups (EASE@Schools) lots of good tips were shared, links to various websites will be shared for the parent Facebook page or through the newsletter.
- b. The last meeting was on February 24, 2021, with a special presentation from Jen Poole and Casey Chaulk of the Ease at Home program through Surrey Schools. They are student support & district resource counsellors and focus on resources to help teachers and families deal with anxiety at home and at school. Their program is mainly geared towards elementary-aged kids, but they are currently developing a high school program as well.

A few resources they recommend: ·

<https://healthymindsbc.gov.bc.ca/ease-at-home/>

<https://www.anxietycanada.com/>

(lots of resources specific to Covid anxiety)

<https://www.anxietycanada.com/resources/mindshift-cbt/>

(an excellent app)

- c. April 28th is the next meeting, virtually through ZOOM with presentation by SafeSchools examining bullying behaviour (in person and online), health relationships and how to support your youth as they transition through their school years.
- d. The BCCPAC AGM is May 1st, and Andrea will look at the list of resolutions for BCCPAC to determine what needs to happen to have a transparent process for voting

6. Canadian Parents for French – Mary-Em

- a. DELF exams today and tomorrow, with the oral speaking on April 20th
- b. Grade 12 scholarships is open until May 3rd.

7. Questions from the floor

8. Adjourn

****Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm****

Next Meeting: 7:00pm, Monday, May 10th, 2021