



École Salish Secondary

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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA **FEBRUARY 22nd, 2021**

****Call to order at 7:05pm****

- Motion made to pass the minutes from the November 23rd, 2020 PAC Meeting
Karri Wallsten 1st
Kelly Grayson 2nd
- Motion made to pass the minutes from the January 18th, 2021 PAC Meeting
Karri Wallsten 1st
Mary-Em Waddington 2nd

1. Administration report

- Grade 7 Parent Night
 - There were some technology issues
 - When you have more than 100 participants, the videos freeze and don't work
 - Re-recorded the presentations and sent the full presentation to the elementary principals to forward to Grade 7 families. Presentation includes information on course selection process
 - Virtual tour still planned
 - Question from the floor: "Could the video be posted on the school website as well, for out of catchment families?"
- Course Selection
 - Grade 8's, 9's and 10's have been completed. If students need to make changes they are still able to.
 - Grade 11's to be completed this week (February 22nd week)
 - Course selection presentation was pre-recorded and posted
 - Confirmation has occurred that school will be in a quarter system for next year as well
- Weekend of February 6 – 7
 - 5 COVID exposures letters sent to families

- Fraser Health did a thorough investigation
 - Cases were NOT spread or linked through Salish Secondary and it's unclear why they all happened at once other than pure coincidence
 - Admin met with students and reiterated the Health & Safety expectations and wearing masks
- Wednesday, February 24th is **PINK SHIRT DAY**
- We currently have 6 basketball teams running and we're trying to determine and understand what teams will/can run in the spring
- Student council is working on planning activities (candy-grams, positive affirmations attached to the pods, pink shirt day, tik-tok video for staff/students)
- Parking lot maintenance will be happening the first week of March break. More painting to be completed and asked for more directional arrows to help with the flow of traffic

Questions for Administration:

- a. Are you able to provide some detail how students in electives such as WoodWork during a Block B have the opportunity to engage in the full scope of the course, ie. ability to work with tools, building and creating when they are only in the building 1 day a week because it is being taught in an online forum? At our PAC Meeting last month, it was relayed that scheduling will be tweaked to allow for classes that require hands-on access to be in a Block A.
 - i. Added 1 more day per week in the building during the week (total of 2) to participate in the class to allow for more safe access to tools and it's less than ideal. Foods and performing arts will stay at 1 day per week. For these students impacted, there will be little at-home learning opportunities
 - ii. Smaller class sizes to allow for 2 in person, one week and one class the following week
 - iii. Safety in shop classes are a concern
 - iv. We will be in quarter system for next year
 - v. Hands on classes will be for Block A
- b. Are you able to provide some detail regarding the fast approaching Grade 12 onsite commencement ceremony?
 - a. Will there be multiple ceremonies like last year or just one now that more people (students) can be in the building?
 - b. Will parents be allowed in the school to watch, or if we have the ceremony done in groups, can parents come in and watch if groups are small?

- c. Will you be surveying the kids to get feedback from them about how they want to be celebrated?
- d. Will you be surveying the parents about how they can be included and/or help celebrate this occasion?
- e. Will there be a live weblink to watch?
- f. Will the ceremony be recorded and available on disk for the graduates?
 - i. Not much can be shared at this time as we are still in the planning stages, but if we were to hold a commencement ceremony right now, with current restrictions it would be limited to cohorts, no families and all participants would be masked
 - ii. District to provide details of "how to run commencement" so that all the schools will have a similar event at the school
 - iii. Meetings will take place before spring break and after spring break with school admin teams and the district to work on a commencement design
 - iv. This year more difficult to try and plan commencement because there are no more bubbles
 - v. Kids would be celebrated in Block A co-orts if current restrictions right now are still in place in late June
 - vi. Realistically small event likely to occur in the school
 - vii. Don't have a commencement date yet, but realistically should be at the end of June, when there are no kids in the building learning
 - viii. Grade 12 student survey regarding commencement event will be happening
 - ix. Grade 12 parent survey regarding commencement event will be happening
 - x. Hoping to have a live link for commencement ceremony
 - xi. Hoping to also receive a disk formatted from the ceremony for all the Grade 12's
 - xii. Estimated costs for high-quality live link and video is about \$10,000, last year's class the videographer never produced the video. Ms. Ryan did the video throughout the summer for the graduates
 - xiii. Grad fee last year was \$45 per graduate and it included CAP, GOWN, TASSEL, FOLDER AND DECORATIONS AT THE SCHOOL

- xiv. To do the live link, video, and everything above an estimated number for the student grad fee would be about \$105
 - xv. If there are parents with connections and contacts in the field, please contact Sheila
- c. Will there be a “baby grad” section in the yearbook this year, since you are looking for “stuff” to fill a yearbook with. When will the information be shared with parents?
 - i. Yes, baby section for Grade 12's will be included in yearbook
 - ii. One picture can be submitted
 - iii. 75% of the grads completed their grad yearbook write-ups
- d. Is there an update on when students can begin to earn volunteer hours?
 - i. Can earn through CLC course
 - ii. Teachers provide students opportunities to earn volunteer hours
 - iii. Students can reach out to Mr. Third (Career Facilitator) for more information

2. President report – Claire

- We are still looking for volunteers to assist us in the following positions:
 - I. Secretary (Elected)
 - II. Social Media Coordinator
- Ecole Salish Secondary Scholarship will be posted this week for all Grade 12's to apply

3. Vice-President report – Kelly

- Echoed the same concerns regarding the parking lot
- Thank you to the admin team for keeping our school safe and running so smoothly
- Mental Health is so important, please find ways to reach out and support our kids during these tough times

4. Treasurer report – Angela

- Budget was presented (see below)
- PAC Funding Requests were reviewed

Budget Questions

- I. Change to give “two scholarships” rather than to a boy and girl because we're trying to be gender neutral. The gender language will be removed to “two deserving candidates”

II. Will the PAC continue to give money to grad events moving forward or just this year because there is additional funding available? It's too early to determine this.

III. Does this budget reflect the needs of the music program? No it doesn't and we should expect some more items from Music in the coming months. Suggestions include band shirts and/or matching ties. The program is also looking for sheet music

- Motion to pass funding requests and budget

Karri Walsten 1st

Susan Steimecke 2nd

Ecole Salish PAC			
GAMING ACCOUNT 2020/2021	FUNDS		BALANCE
Balance 2019/2020 School Year	\$9,503.44		
Gaming Funds (1061 Students@ \$20 each)	\$21,220.00		
Estimated Total Available			\$30,723.44
	Amount	Paid	Balance
Departments			
Athletics	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Academics			
Arts/Electives			
Performing Arts	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Clubs			
Photography Club	\$2,060.00	\$0.00	\$2,060.00
PAC			
Scholarship (2 \$500 Scholarships)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Student Grad Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dry Grad	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Allocated	\$12,260.00	\$0.00	
Current (estimated) Bank Balance			\$30,723.44

5. DPAC report – Andrea

- January 27th meeting brought about a new committee being formed about inclusive learning for diverse learners and trying to create a DPAC link that will outline who does

what and who you can go to for support and they're working on setting up monthly meetings virtually (hoping for after spring break) <http://surreydpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Student-Support-Honeycomb.pdf>

- There will be a special presentation on March 2nd from Dr. Kang, founder of Dolphin Kids, on the Dolphin Parent. She is a renowned speaker on mental health, helping kids build resiliency and preparing for the future <https://www.dolphinkids.ca/>
- Reminder to our Grade 12's that Ecole Salish Secondary PAC is a part of BCCPAC, and they ARE eligible to apply for the BCCPAC scholarship which is due February 28th
- Next meeting Wednesday, February 24th and a speaker from the EASE program will be there

6. Canadian Parents for French – Mary-Em

- February is FRIM Celebration week
- \$200 grant from CPF to each school is available to encourage FRIM Studies (previous examples would be the crepe truck or FRIM movie)
- Grant process is open until March 31st
- Grade 12 award nominations are open and information will be forwarded
- Concorde Speech Competition still happening, virtually in May for students in Grade 11 and Grade 12

7. Questions from the floor

8. Adjourn

****Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm****

Next Meeting: 7:00pm, Monday, April 12th, 2021