



École Salish Secondary

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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 10th, 2021

****Call to order at 7:03pm****

****Motion to pass meeting minutes from April PAC meeting deferred until June meeting, as no one read the meeting minutes****

****Special presentation from Ecole Salish Secondary Leadership group, outlining how the Leadership program at Ecole Salish has grown and developed since the school opened****

Special Presentation – Rylee Fitzgerald, Leadership Program Student Representative

- Many students have been part of the program from the start of Ecole Salish, starting as part of the student transition team, helping bring students together from two high schools
- Part of the planning of many school events – grade 7 transition to high school, Coldest Night of the Year, Care Packages, Senior Connections, Halloween Food Drive, Starfish Project, food drives, toy drives, school dances...

Some thoughts to remember

- Plan together, make sure all voices are heard
- Keep the 'why' in mind
- Remember that it doesn't always go as planned
- This program is just as valuable and fun as any other class
- Definitely helps build school and community spirit

Ways we can help

- Support the events
- Encourage all students to get involved

1. Administration report

Parking Lot Update

- Last year's report found, but the district has no money available for the updates until Summer 2022
- Focus on repainting lines and arrows
- Change to upper (staff) and lower (students) parking areas
- Widen turn, provide more direction for flow

Questions for Administration:

- Are you able to provide an update about the Grade 9 Immunizations and what parents should be doing?
 - No in-school vaccinations this year
 - Program will begin with those in grade 10 (born in 2005)
 - Families will be asked to set up appointments through the Public Health office
 - Program will resume next year with in-school vaccinations for those born in 2006 and 2007
- With the new vaccine roll-out to kids 12+, have we heard any plans regarding the roll-out? If not, when will we hear about them and how could this change school for next year?
 - No news at this point about Covid-19 vaccinations for students
- Regarding next year's classes, do we know what classes will not be offered due to low enrollment and what do kids do then? Kids have heard that drafting, media arts, and robotics 10 don't have enough kids registered, along with Musical Theatre needing more students.
 - Only cancelled due to low enrolment, no classes currently running will be cancelled for next year (MASS may not be running, although IGNITE & ENGAGE are still on)
 - Most hands-on classes will be in Block A to allow for student participation
 - Earlier start and end time to help ease traffic congestion (8:15-2:25)
 - All students will have the same hours in school
 - Timetables should be available in early June
- It's been noted that you've asked for one baby picture to be submitted for each of the Grade 12's through TEAMS, will that notification go out to parents as well? Any update on the possibility of having families pay for sections in the yearbook to

share a few additional pictures and messages since there is nothing really to share significant of Grade 12 memories/activities, and we're still not confident that pictures from even the commencement will be in the yearbook?

- Most updates through TEAMS
- Baby photos accepted until May 12 (only 60 submitted so far)
- Parents will not be able to 'buy' a section of the grade pages (to keep things equitable for all families), but all families will be invited to add a congratulatory message that will be published in the yearbook
- Yearbook likely available at the end of June or beginning of July
- School will pay for grad ceremony livestream
- Students' \$50 fee will cover gowns and diplomas
- Are we able to get an update on what fundraising is happening for the Grade 12's?
 - Please see *President Report* for answers
- Can someone walk us through the process of finding the results for the Math and English competency exams? Where are they found? Who can access them? Where do I get a password? Can these details also be posted in a newsletter and on the school website?
 - Results can be found at www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca
 - Request a login to be emailed to you, student P.E.N. (Personal Education Number) needed
 - Detailed instructions will be included in next newsletter
- Is there a deadline for year book orders or a price increase at a certain point?
 - All yearbook orders must be made by May 31 through school cash online, no late orders accepted

2. President report – Claire

- a. Ecole Salish Secondary Scholarship is due May 20th. Application can be found through the school.
- b. Annual GM will be Monday, June 14th, 2021. We are looking for volunteers to assist with our PAC positions. Interested parents should message Claire.

Grade 12 Fundraising

- May 29 Bottle Drive and cash donation box
- Ongoing Recycling account
- Sheet sale very successful

- Purdy's somewhat successful, depending on the time of year offered
 - Curbside Nursery not as successful due to the wrong types of products offered (hanging baskets would have done really well)
 - Mom's Pantry – on till May 21, available to anyone across Canada, carries a large variety of products including cookie dough, spice mixes, gluten-free items, vegan choices
 - All fund-raising money will go to grad blankets and Salish art cards, yard signs, and grad décor
 - The grad ceremony may include decorated cars
 - Last year's grad committee still trying to release some funds that were tied up
3. Vice-President report – Kelly
- Nothing to report
4. Treasurer report – Angela
- Funding request from art department for silk screening materials approved (Kari & Mary-Em), no one opposed
5. DPAC report – Andrea
- Jaclyn Blaney Safe Schools Program – video presentation available through Facebook
 - DPAC has 2 \$500 scholarships and 1 \$1000 bursary available, applications due May 15
 - Wednesday, May 12, Canada Learning Bonds presentation
 - Thursday, May 13, All About IEPs presentation
 - Next meeting May 26, 7pm, AGM and elections
6. Canadian Parents for French – Mary-Em
- Not a lot of scholarship applications received so will most likely give larger scholarships this year
 - A new parent representative will be needed for next year
 - Many thanks to Mary-Em for her years of dedication and service!
7. Questions from the floor - NOTHING
8. Adjourn at 8:00pm

Next Meeting **AGM**: 7:00pm, Monday, June 14th, 2021