



École Salish Secondary

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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

Call to order at 7:04pm

- Motion made to pass the minutes from the October 2020 PAC meeting.
Kelly Grayson 1st
Karri Wallsten 2nd
- Motion carried to pass meeting minutes from October 2020 PAC meeting

1. Administration report

- School year being delivered to all students under a quarter system, 2 classes x 10 weeks
- This year has only had 1 quarter completed so far
- Transition went well moving into 2nd quarter with only 1 day turnaround
- Grade 12 Parent meeting scheduled for Monday, November 30th at 7:00pm
- Meeting will be held virtually, through TEAMS and a link will be provided to parents that have RSVP'd and through the school site
- This is a difficult time for everyone. Staff & Student Council are finding ways to encourage students and build connections (ie. admin visits to all of the grade 8 & 9 classrooms to support the thought "You will never regret being kind", chips at the end of the quarter, holiday hot chocolate, Spirit Weeks.

Questions for Administration:

- a. Can teachers "strongly encourage" students to wear masks in the classroom or is that not allowed?
 - i. Teachers encourage students to wear masks everyday
 - ii. School has masks that they hand out

- iii. In addition to the masks supplied to all students at the beginning of the year, the school has burn through another subsequent 2,400 masks
 - iv. Parents need to remind their children to please bring their masks from home to school, EVERYDAY
- b. When will we see quarter 1 marks?
 - i. 1st quarter report card marks published through MYED on November 23rd around 4:00pm
 - ii. Noted that communication regarding report cards being published has not been communicated to families, and it will be added to the school calendar and newsletters
- c. When can Grade 11 & 12 students begin earning their volunteer hours?
 - i. No answer provided
- d. If the numbers rise, could we see all grades doing the same learning system as the seniors, Grades 10 through 12 (in class for the mornings, partial online for the afternoon)?
 - i. Not at this point. Online teaching & learning is not ideal, especially with our hands-on courses and some more technical courses.
- e. For our Fine Arts showcases, is there a way to be able to offer programs through a live link, so that our school community can see a dance recital or band concert, or an art show, similar to the commencement ceremony in June for seniors?
 - i. Sheila will approach the Fine Arts teachers to find a way to show off our students & their skills.
- f. Do teachers of Block B seniors, have the ability to do online lessons/lectures 5 days a week (or a variation similar), to increase the teaching contact and connection, versus the current 1 afternoon session per week?
 - i. Most teachers are using TEAMS really well and in lots of different ways. Please share any feedback about what has worked and not worked with teachers and admin so everyone can improve.
- g. Has there been any follow-up to address the success of the current Block B teaching model, of student co-hort/classroom teacher time?
 - i. An in-school survey shows that most kids say they are doing okay, but not great. It is difficult for teachers to help students who don't ask for help during online learning time and wait until late at night to do their work. Students are reminded to talk

with their teachers during either the Blended Learning time or during class time.

h. Is there any follow-up regarding the questions last month about helping kids learn how to be successful online learners?

i. This has been hard to find as it is such a new problem for everyone. If anyone has any ideas, please let Sheila know.

2. President report – Claire

a. Elections

i. President

ii. Vice-President

iii. Treasurer

iv. Secretary

b. Looking for a volunteer for our social media contact

1. Kelly Grayson nominated Claire Moore for President, Karri Wallsten 1st and Ian Foulds 2nd (discussed whether Claire should serve as Past President but had no other nominations or volunteers)

2. Motion carried to pass Claire Moore serving another term as President

3. Claire Moore nominated Kelly Grayson for Vice President, ???? 1st and Karri Wallsten 2nd

4. Motion carried to pass Kelly Grayson for Vice President

5. Claire Moore nominated Angela McCormick for Treasurer, ???? 1st and Kelly Grayson 2nd

6. Motion carried to pass Angela McCormick for Treasurer

7. No nominations or volunteers to serve as secretary. Position currently still vacant

8. Social media volunteer position currently still vacant (this position does not need to be voted on)

9. Both Andrea Ashton (DPAC) and Mary-Em Waddington (CPF) will continue in their role

3. Vice-President report – Kelly

4. Treasurer report – Angela

a. No update this meeting because we've had no expenditures

- b. Discussed teacher requests and Angela will provide details (gaming funds handbook) of what gaming funds can be used for and administration will coordinate requests from the teachers

5. DPAC report – Andrea

- a. DPAC meeting Wednesday, November 25th, 2020
- b. Guest speaker Dr. Lapointe to discuss Mental Health with kids during COVID-19
- c. February 9th, DPAC will have a stand-alone presentation with Dr. Kane on Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- d. Last year, Adams Road Elementary sponsored Ecole Salish Secondary's DPAC membership, but it has expired, and we are interested in renewing our membership
- e. \$75 annual fee for DPAC membership, but we cannot use gaming funds for the membership fees
 - i. We can use our general funds to cover this cost. Andrea & Angela will coordinate to make this happen.
- f. If you are looking for any information about COVID safety & protocols in Surrey Schools, this link has all the information in one place. "Surrey Schools continues to monitor the ongoing situation with regard to COVID-19 and will provide updated information and resources on this page and through our social media accounts as it becomes available www.surreyschools.ca/covid19/

6. Canadian Parents for French – Mary-Em

- a. Delf exams for Ecole Salish Secondary Grade 12's will be happening in the New Year

7. Questions from the floor

- a. Parents have noticed an increase of erratic "N" drivers in the parking lot that are unable to follow the direction traffic and have a "lead foot". Administration will be following up with the drivers.

8. Adjourn

****Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm****

Next Meeting: 7:00pm, Monday, January 18th, 2021