

Salish PAC Meeting Minutes  
October 19th, 2020

Call to order by President Claire Moore 7:05pm

### **Principals Report:**

- Really appreciate everyone coming it has been quite a unique start to the year
- Introduce Brad Tait VP and Helen Rogan, new VP to Salish Secondary
- Newsletter comes out weekly, sign up on our website
- All staff are included on the newsletter and listed on the website
- NEW staff is listed in the newsletters at the beginning of the year
- No student Fee this year
- No Grad Fee right now, as nobody knows what things will look like. It looks like groups of less than 50 and social distancing will be continuing throughout the year
- Yearbook will be focusing on "Humans of Salish" with the focus on the students
- Numeracy and literacy assessment November

**Q** – Why are there blocks with no teachers name listed?

- Empty spaces on timetables are due to hiring for specific quarters. As the year progresses the spots will fill because you/we can't hire teachers until the quarter in which it occurs

**Q**- Are there extra curricular activities? Sports?

- Extra curricular clubs are starting virtually
- Student council meets (max 6 people) and social distancing measures are in place while the rest connect via. TEAMS
- Student Grad council is up and running, meeting via. TEAMS but information is very limited. Working on finalizing grad clothing wear
- Hold high the torch is still running and has run all summer meeting virtually
- Students are getting creative thinking up clubs to host virtually
- Restart to sports has been announced and limited sports teams and athletes will start training, ie. practicing and working on skills
  - Coaches will wear masks, no whistles, no locker rooms, no games, no spectators
  - Cohorts will be playing together, and social distancing and hand hygiene will be amplified

**Q**- Will we be able to see any fine arts showcases this year (band, art, drama, dance)?

- Hoping for a Fine Arts Showcase, but it is very challenging on a quarter system and using ZOOM or TEAMS

**Q-** How can we help teach kids how to teach themselves? A focus last school year was placed on teachers how to be virtual online teachers, but how do we support students, no having to learn through online measures?

- Online and blended learning will be continuing. Teachers are available to students. There is a 15 min blended time each morning, lunch and afterschool where teachers are available to help students. If students are having trouble connecting to teachers, parents try and reach out to teacher and if that still doesn't work, let administration know. Feedback is important as we are a learning as well. Many students are not logging on. Connect with your teacher have conversations and zoom calls.

**Q-** Concerned about students having an academic class, such as math, during a Q1 and not for the rest of the year or end of next year?

- That's the downfall of the quarter system. We have those concerns as well. We are always finding and talking about ways to make this system better for everyone.

**Q-** The anxiety that some students are feeling is overwhelming how can we help them make it through the year?

- Connect with your councillor and teachers, everyone wants success through this. Do what is best for your student. Work at what pace the student is comfortable with.

**Q-** Why can't school sports resume if students are playing community sports now within cohorts like a 4 team grouping?

- It's the mixing of the schools. Going from outside to inside makes a cleaning schedule issue. We are starting sports according to the guidelines for schools.

**Q-** Do all students have technology to do online?

- Yes, the teachers have made sure that students have access. If anyone needs help please let us know.

### **Presidents Report**

- In May-June 2020, there was an extension of the current PAC Exec for 6 months, so no elections were held in June 2020
- November we will have elections for the school year
- Any parent interested in running for one of the executive positions should contact Claire (PAC President)

### **Financials and Gaming**

Balance \$9,503.44

Gaming \$21,220.00

Total: \$30,723.44

## **DPAC**

- Next meeting October 28th

## **Canadian Parents for French**

- Survey coming out late winter for parents and students
- DELF exams have been scheduled for November and April

Meeting end 8:12pm by Claire Moore

Next meeting – November 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm