



TAMANAWIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Caring Community, Engaged Learners, Inspired Citizens

PAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 7th, 2024

Meeting called to order @ 630 PM.

9 in attendance, including Parents, Students, Staff and PAC Executive

PAC Executive

- Valen Kayaks – Chair
- Mandy Waggett – Co-Chair
- Dana Papais– Treasurer
- Sundeeep Purewal – Secretary
- Bobby Gill-DPAC Representative

Staff

- James Johnston – Principal

1. Approval of Agenda

- Motion approved, 1st Mandy and 2nd Bobby.
- Motion carried; Agenda approved.

2. Approval of PAC Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2024

- Motion to carry to next meeting, 1st Mandy and 2nd Valen.

3. Chair's Report (Valen)

- Motion to table requests from October 3rd, 2024, till next meeting as grant money has not yet been received into account. 1st Mandy and 2nd Bobby.
- New Requests: Boys Rugby Club \$ 2217.60 for uniforms, Track and Field \$ 2100 and Digital Literacy and Internet Safety Virtual Presentation \$ 708. 75, plan to hold off to discuss further in next meeting as gaming grant not officially in account yet.

4. Principal's Report (James Johnston)

- Busy month with Diwali, Halloween day activities and dance
- Targeting grade 8s for encouraging them to join in on school clubs.
- Senior girls went to Provincials for field hockey.
- Band concert went well and today they performed at the Remembrance Day Assembly
- Ms. Tran is the new band teacher.
- Grads signed a contract to create a photo book, students looked excited about this and Mr. Johnston and two teachers to help support grads with this.
- Take your kid to work, had a good attendance. Valuable experience.
- Remembrance Day ceremonies were student-led.
- 1st Report Cards to be posted next week.
- Looking for feedback from students/parents regarding the new reporting system at next PAC meeting
- Mr. Johnston shared pictures of future new build for the school: 3 floors, new building will line up with large gym and expand to soccer field. Removal of roughly three trees which will be replanted later. There were some engineering issues, which were fixed. All new builds now require childcare space, and this will be located at the back of the new building. Childcare space benefits community. Outdoor basketball court will need to be relocated. New building will have more kitchen space for foods, 20+ regular classes, science labs, theatre space (retractable seats 175-196 seats and investment in curtains

so space can be used for teaching as well) and smaller gym space. Loss of 10 parking spaces. Hallways will be wider. Once building company hired there will most likely be minor changes to plan. New build to accommodate up to 2000 students.

5. Treasurer's Report (Dana)

- Gaming grant has not yet been officially received. Dana will provide further details at next meeting.

6. DPAC Representatives Report (Bobby Gill)

- Bobby attended, long meeting over 2 hours.
- Growing community, need a provincial response, not district by district. Not just Surrey growing in student population.
- Province has promised 550 million a year which is a significant increase, funding comes from hospital and roads.
- Surrey asking for 5 billion, province said 1.65 billion for whole province, reason of shortage in money from province. Cost for each student is \$9000.
- No politicians talking about it, so we need to advocate for more money.
- Hard to keep choice programs such as french immersion as those are usually the ones that are first cut.
- Challenging problem for government but difficult to tackle.
- Moving of portables expensive, currently roughly 360 portables in Surrey for 9000 students. New schools have portables because plan was from when it was passed 5 years before
- 1500 new students to Surrey this year
- 8200 people gave feedback for long range facilities, how to handle problem, report recommendations. Board past a motion to have staff explore and go into consultation into converting our traditional schools into attachment schools.
- Consideration for Hybrid option, half online or tri-semester, this may work well for high school but not well for elementary.
- Coal Harbour model, housing, and school together, is that what is needed, needs to be looked at.
- It's encouraged we as a PAC have voting rights, currently we are not registered with DPAC. Bobby to look further into this of cost and upcoming event in Richmond.

7. Committee Report – Dry Grad (Mandy)

- Bottle drive Jan 2-3, 2025, in parking lot. Mr. Johnston to look into this plan.
- Dance planning for Grade 12s only, hoping for January. Mr. Johnston will look into potential dates.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- Parent teacher Conferences coming up, plan is to have a dry grad and PAC table. Valen to support with basket for a free draw for parents.

10. Open Forum

- Parents reported concerns regarding no common space in new build. Mr. Johnston reported Ministry is strict with what they can do with new build. Teachers have been keeping classrooms open during lunch for students to use as extra space to eat lunch.

Next PAC meeting: December 5th, 2024, at 6:30pm. **Meeting Adjourned @ 1917 PM, Motion to accept, Motion carried, all approved. 9 in attendance, including Parents, Students, Staff and PAC Executive**

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