



**FRASER HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL
MINUTES OF PAC MEETING
Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

The PAC meeting commenced at 6:00p.m. via Zoom with 19 in attendance.

☒ Minutes

The PAC minutes for October 20, 2020 were approved with 2 edits, one to add the Vice Chair's last name of Singh, and one to reflect the DPAC position as vacant. 1st: Chantelle, 2nd: Leanne, all in favour, none opposed.

☒ Principal Report

Mr. Breen

Principal's report is attached at the end of the minutes.

☒ PAC President's Report

Lucki Kang

Welcome to all parents and guardians. We hope that you and your families are keeping safe. This meeting will be focused on approval of the wish list, the principal's report and open question period. It has been wonderful to connect with parents in the PAC meetings.

**☒ Treasurer's Report
Stariha**

Marnie

The current balance of the General account is \$11,537 and the Gaming account is \$35,596. The school presented a wishlist of items for approval by PAC under the budget line item "School/Student Project(s)" for a total of \$28,100. The Wish List presented included \$27,650 for school/student projects plus \$500 which was allocated to the Dry Grad Fund line item.

MOTION: to approve the Wish List of \$27,650 as presented. 1st: Chantelle, 2nd: Leanne. All in favour, none opposed.

☒ Dry Grad

A Dry Grad Chair has not yet connected with PAC. The PAC treasurer is currently receiving the Dry Grad bank statements and holding same to turn over to the Dry Grad Treasurer once determined.

Question Period

During the question period, many parents asked why it can take over a week to get notified of positive CoVid cases. Mr Breen outlined the school protocols, where the order of notification is: first the school is notified, then the Principal confirms with the affected family, then the school's health & safety committee is notified, which turns it over to Fraser Health.

The parents also asked about Mr. Breen's upcoming retirement and transition plan. Mr. Breen confirmed his retirement effective January 31, 2021 and that a new principal has not yet been identified. Once identified Mr. Breen will prepare the new principal as much as possible to ensure a smooth transition, and will also be available post-retirement as a resource. The parents expressed their appreciation for the wonderful job that Mr. Breen has done.

Next PAC Meeting – January 12, 2021 6-7 p.m. on Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Principal's Report for PAC Meeting, November 24th , 2020

Since our last meeting:

We worked through one more Covid exposure from November 9th. Fortunately, we have no evidence of any transmission. As of Monday morning, SD#36 Surrey has had:

- Over 220 exposure notifications sent out,
- Four have resulted in some form of transmission leading to individuals or up to a class having to self isolate,
- One (Cambridge Elementary) is associated with transmission across cohorts and grades and resulted in a two week school closure.
- Today, at about 2:15, we learned of our 4th exposure. Proper notifications were sent out
- Questions came in regarding would the school be closed? That is a decision made by the Provincial Health Authority in conjunction with the Superintendent.
- We believe that our school is still a safe place, largely because:

We continue to work and learn under the Covid 19 safety precautions and we need to continually remind ourselves to:

- Keep our **social bubbles small**,
- Students do **self checks** and **parents check** your son(s)/daughter(s) daily and do not have them come to school if they are exhibiting any signs of Covid

- **Wear masks** as much as possible, keep **social distancing** (we would appreciate masks on continually when students are on school property) **stay within your cohort** as much as possible and wash hands frequently
 - We see on the news and elsewhere that **Covid cases are rising dramatically** across our country.
 - It is important that we all continue to **do our best to model the desired behaviour** and **follow our provincial and national health authorities.**
- **Since our last PAC meeting we:**
 - Did our **Terry Fox Run** with our grade 8 class and a Terry Fox fundraiser with our entire school. We were able to raise over \$3600 for the Terry Fox Foundation.
 - Our **Leadership Class**, working in conjunction with **Student Council** planned a scaled down version of our annual **Five Days of Fire** school spirit week. We were able to incorporate some traditional elements of **Halloween** into the week and it was a positive week
 - Our focus then shifted to preparing for the end of Quarter 1 and the transition to Quarter 2
 - We ran a **Quarter 1 Completion Day** on November 13th
 - Counselling worked through a slew of quarter 2 through 4 course reviews and timetable change requests.
 - We continue our **Surrey Blended 8/9 Transitions Program**, some students are returning to face to face instruction, many are continuing the blended program. However, we cannot switch students into the blended transitions program if you were not in the September program. The choice then becomes **SAIL** (Surrey's on line school) and we work through Mrs. Fitz, our VP if that is desired
 - We continue to hear encouraging news about **vaccines**, we all hope that positive news continues
 - As we move through November, we ask that graduating students begin their **grad write-ups**. On November 5th the office sent out a form which we asked grads to fill out and return ASAP. Students only get ~50 words, we do not allow any symbols or abbreviations and we reserve the right to edit the submissions. There is a tendency to procrastinate with this, so please encourage your graduating son/daughter to complete and submit this form, as soon as they can. The write-ups are due on November 20th., again we expect to do some 'chasing'
 - We did a video instead of large assemblies for **Remembrance Day**. It was poignant
 - We completed Quarter 1 and our marks will be officially posted by November 26th

Looking forward to December:

- We have an **Early Dismissal for Assessment/Evaluation and Parent Teacher Conferencing on December 7th**. This is usually about 1:50.
- We will do a **Food Drive in December** to support of the Surrey Food Bank. I am not absolutely sure yet what our plans are right now as we have to minimize the amount of touching of food

- We also usually do a student Christmas Pancake Breakfast, but we won't be able to do that this year
- We will do something with a **Winter Holiday Spirit Theme Week**, more details to come
- The **Winter Vacation** runs from December 21st through January 3rd, we resume schools on Monday January 4th
- We do not run a December PAC meeting, so our next PAC meeting is on January 12th, 2021, 6:00 – 7:00 on Zoom

We did ask for submissions for PAC funds for the 2020-2021 school year. As we cannot do 'normal' things under the pandemic, we received fewer requests this year, We have vetted the requests and Lucki will review these with you and see if we can get to a point where we have a motion to accept the recommendations and staff can start moving forward with the purchases and programs.

Our next PAC meeting is on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:00 pm