



Aberdeen Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 1, 2021

Place: Zoom Meeting

Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Attendees: Tanya Rogers, Dave Conroy, Kristen G., Kristy B., Justine R., Kirsten P., Jenn M., Val M.

- **Welcome and introductions**

- **Review and approve last meetings minutes (Jan 11, 2021)**

- Approved

- **Treasurer's report**

- Gaming Account - \$21,730
- General Account - \$5,994

- **Budget review**

- Discussed not being able to top up the class allotments this year so that we are able to start next year with funds in the bank. Class allotments cannot be paid with gaming funds; they can only be paid from the General account.

- **DPAC report and updates**

1. **Presentation by Vessy Mochikas, District SOGI Lead**

- Discussed district vision for SOGI (Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity)
- Access to her PowerPoint presentation by request

2. **Electronic Submission of PAC Contacts** – finally received all of the contacts and they have all been put into a contact list

3. **SD73 Indigenous Education Family Voices (previously IDPAC)** – next meeting is Feb 4th, creating generic email address and working on creating Facebook page. Zoom meeting info will be forthcoming.

4. **FoodSafe** – PACs are still unable to be in the kitchens due to COVID and no FoodSafe spots have been requested by schools yet

5. **Future of Schools Committee** – is meeting with Todd Stone and Peter Milobar, to discuss SD73 long range facility plans



6. **Zoom Licenses** – no new information. Reminder that if Grad committees want use of zoom to organize or host events it would be available through DPAC zoom licences.
 7. **New Superintendent and CEO hired for SD73** – Dr. Rhonda Nixon has been appointed to the role starting July 1, 2021.
 8. **School PAC Email Addresses** – discussing possibility for school PACs to have an @sd73.bc.ca email address
 9. **Education for Parents – Upcoming**
 - Navigating the Talk(s): Sexual Health Workshops for Parents
 - Free online workshop - preregistration required
 - All workshops from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
 - February 11 – The Early Years (preschool – grade 3)
 - February 18 – The Middle Years (grades 4 – 7)
 - March 4th – The Teen Years (Grades 8+)
 - Will not be recorded but will have printable material for those that would like it
 - Please email sd73dpaczoom@gmail.com for registration.
 - This is paid for by DPAC but you will need to register in order to receive the zoom link
 10. **Treasurer's report** - Call to parents to put on thinking caps for what they want to spend from DPAC funds, about \$1200 left
 11. **Superintendent Report**
 - Concentrating on 2 items: school visits (communication enhancement) and Covid-19 concerns (increase in exposures since Christmas)
 - Indoor air quality – 5.4 million earmarked for Covid concerns – air filter improvement is being implemented with part of these funds
 - Question regarding implementing mandatory mask wearing – This is being discussed to implement at the high school level but not elementary. In elementary kids, transmission rates have been very low.
 12. **BCCPAC** - Andrea Sinclair (BCCPAC chair) to present at next DPAC meeting
 13. **New report card system** – overall teachers are enjoying it. Challenges with the language not resonating with the parents.
 14. **Next DPAC meeting** is Tuesday February 16, 2021 @ 6:30 pm
- **Principal's report**
 - Covid exposure last week
 - IH determines who was in close contact
 - IH is leaning on the side of caution and casting a larger net to keep everyone safe
 - Going forward will let parents know when those that need to be contacted have been
 - First student learning report for the year (coming home Thursday)
 - Only some areas get reported on now but all will be reported on at the end of June
 - Emerging & Developing – areas of ongoing development – not quite at grade level - shouldn't be the first time parents are hearing about it



- Proficient – right where they are supposed to be for their grade level
- Extending – above and beyond
- If you have questions after receiving the report card, please reach out to your child's teacher to discuss goals and strategies
- Hope parents feel well communicated with and that they have a solid understanding of where their child is at during this time of the year
- Next point of progress – April
- School Survey
 - Coming out for parents with children in Grade 4 & 7
 - Completely anonymous
 - Please take the time to fill it out to give the school some feedback
- **Masks in the school & on school grounds**
 - Concern raised regarding adults not wearing masks inside while teaching.
 - Staff that are crossing cohorts have to wear masks all the time. As long as teachers are with their cohort/class only then it becomes a different scenario. Always encourage our adults to wear their masks if they are stepping out of their cohort area.
 - Large rise in mask wearing of students and parents on school grounds
 - We ask parents to role model and encourage a mask wearing environment
- **Sub-council reports**
 - **Fundraising**
 - **Global Coffee** – sell 4 coffee types (light, medium, dark, decaf), well set-up, can be done online, get significant percentage back (\$5 per bag)
 - **Camino** – has coffee & chocolate bars, not as simple, have to order in large packs
 - **Masks** – help increase mask use, \$12-13 range when sold through the school apparel link at the beginning of the year, might be more interest now with increase in cases in the community
 - **Outdoor Classroom**
 - Waiting to see what the district provides us with for options
 - **Gaming Funds**
 - Determine what we are able to use the gaming funds on – possibly an additional Chrome cards? Each Chrome card has 30 chrome books inside of it. Staff members can book it for their class. We currently have 3 Chrome cards available at the school.
 - Funds can be spent on sporting equipment, field trips, things that enhance the school experience