

SLSS PAC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 14, 2018

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Michele McLean and Roisin Clenachan Johnson (PAC Co-chairs),
Tammy Ross (Treasurer), Faye Bork (RDPAC Rep), Mark Wu, Marlene Wu,
Lily Wong, John Zhang, Olivia Orr

Administration: Principal Ms. Carol-Lyn Sakata, Vice Principal Ms. Anita Kwon

BUSINESS

Adoption of minutes from meeting February 21st, 2018

1st motion – Faye Bork 2nd motion – Lily Wong

Adoption of Agenda for meeting March 14th, 2018

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PRESENTATION – Core Competencies and Student Self-Reporting

(Ms. Sakata and Ms. Kwon)

- review of what parents remembered from last year's June report cards about student self-assessment in the area of Core Competencies – an attachment that was done by students was included with the June reports
- referred to CORE COMPETENCIES poster (**see link on SLSS website**)
 - emphasis on point that this is not a new curriculum but a shift in priorities
 - value is no longer placed on rote memory and recall
 - content of curriculum has been reduced so Teachers can go deeper into the subject with emphasis on understanding, thinking, communicating and personal and social skills
 - teachers are to make explicit which areas of the competencies are connected to their teaching/ discussions/activities so students can learn which competencies they are using/developing
 - some discussion regarding how this connects to the requirements of post-secondary institutes (concern that these are not the things that are valued in post-secondary)
- emphasis on self-assessment in the Transformed Curriculum – so that students are more aware of their own learning
- focus on communication and thinking skills (students will assess themselves in these two areas) The District has sent out a document called “Core Competency Information and Conversation Starters” to help focus this assessment. There are also “Profiles” in each area of Core Competencies on the ministry website.
- Capstone project- NEW way of specific representation of students own development (portfolio type project)
- currently there is “Grad Transitions” requirement for grade 12 students that is a reflection/portfolio type communication by the student that provides information on their own learning

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Ms. Sakata)

- Education Week - March 2 Arts Department was featured
- Drama Department is working on a play called Keith and Carole's wedding
- Dance Team is currently in competitions
- table tennis teams doing well – girls are 1st in Richmond and boys are 2nd and 3rd
- alumni connection – Game of Apps – group of SLSS students worked with an IT mentor to develop and market a Tech APP. Grade 10 team won the competition! Their APP is Shark Connects – information about SLSS on an APP.
- academic alerts have been sent out today to any students needing them
- “Geo Trip” Mr. Jeff Alan is teacher in charge of a group of 60 students who chose to go on this year's Geo trip to Utah, Arizona, California (Las Vegas and Disneyland!) for lots of hiking and a look at variety of geographic features
- Spectrum program has trips coming up – grade 8/9 camp and Grade 10 Ottawa
- Japanese students coming to SLSS this year as part of ongoing student exchange
- Yearbook is ready to be printed... an impressive souvenir given out at end of year
- Year End at SLSS – input given by parents led to revised year end schedule
Thursday/Friday/Monday will be the Numeracy exam and flex time
Wednesday June 27th annuals will be handed out and Sharkfest year-end event

NEW BUSINESS

no new business to report at this time

TREASURER'S REPORT (Ms. Tammy Ross)

- current bank report shared, some funds paid out, account balance is \$30 322.08

RDPA UPDATE: (Ms. Faye Bork our District PAC representative)

- Parent information night on Financial Literacy - Monday April 9 7pm- 8:15pm at Hamilton Elementary School

Dry After Grad- year-end event for Grade 12 students. This is organized by a group of parents as a fun and safe way to celebrate together after the school grad event. Mr. Simon Ellis is the chairperson of the DAG committee. Meetings are held monthly at 7:30pm, after PAC meetings. Special events are planned as part of their fund raising for the after-grad party. Please watch for and support upcoming events such as the car wash and bake sale.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 11th, 2018 at 6:30pm in the school library.

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