



Virtual PAC Meeting Minutes: Wednesday October 13, 2021

- **Meeting convened at:** 6:58pm
- **Participants:** 26 attendees
- 1. **WELCOME:** Due to Covid-19 and social distancing measures, a PAC meeting was held online over Microsoft Teams.
- 2. **INTRODUCTIONS**
 - a. PAC CHAIR -- Ms. Kelly Hambleton
 - b. TREASURER -- Ms. Tammy Ross
 - c. SECRETARY -- Ms. Marlene Wu
 - d. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE -- Ms. Cigdem Cinarogl (regrets), Ms. Eliza Ko, Ms. Karen Pezzuto
 - e. PRINCIPAL -- Ms. Annie Varghese
 - f. VICE PRINCIPALS -- Mr. Lee Banta (regrets), Ms. Rosalind Poon
- 3. **DISCUSSION: Graduation Assessments Information** (Ms. Rosalind Poon)
 - a. There are 3 Graduation Assessments:
 - i. Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA10)
 - ii. Graduation Numeracy Assessment 10 (GNA10)
 - iii. Graduation Literacy Assessment 12 (GLA12) -- *new this year*
 - b. These assessments are not about "getting the right answer, but showing your thinking"
 - c. GNA10: Application of math concepts across multiple subjects from K to Gr.10 (5 numeracy process: interpret, apply, solve, analyze, communicate)
 - d. GLA10 & GLA12: Assess proficiency in literacy across the curriculum (use critical thinking and analysis from diverse texts, and communicate ideas)
 - e. Format of assessments (broken down into 3 sections):
 - i. GNA10 & GLA10: Part A: common section, Part B: student-choice, Part C: self-reflection
 - ii. GLA12: Part A: "Thinking critically about the texts", Part B: "Going beyond the text", Part C: self-reflection
 - f. will show up on transcript as RM (requirement met) vs. actual score
 - g. GLA12 and post-secondary? --waiting to see how post-secondary institution will use the GLA12 score
 - h. for sample assessments and/or to learn more, go to www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment
 - i. during PLT in the upcoming weeks, will hold Numeracy and Literacy Assessment info sessions for students
 - j. Assessment dates are set by the Ministry:
 - i. November 1-5: GNA10 (students in *Semester1* Math10), GLA12 (students in *Semester1* English12)
 - ii. January 24-28: GLA10 (*all* grade 10 students)
 - iii. April 25-29: GNA10 (students in *Semester2* Math10), GLA12 (students in *Semester2* English12)
 - iv. Technically there's a June sitting for those who didn't/couldn't make April sitting
 - k. Marking is standardized by Ministry: double-blind marked by 2 assessors, if discrepancy then it goes to additional marker
- 4. **BUSINESS MEETING:**
 - a. Adopt minutes from September 15, 2021 meeting
 - 1st motion: Eliza Ko 2nd motion: Jessy Bal*
 - b. Adopt agenda from October 13, 2021
 - 1st motion: Tammy Ross 2nd motion: Jessy Bal*
- 5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Vote in new Member-at-Large: Mr. Alaric Wang
 - i. since tradition ballots could not be done, voting conducted virtually via a show of hands/any objections
 - ii. no objections from attendees: Mr. Alaric Wang voted in

6. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Ms. Annie Varghese)

- a. Big thank you to PAC for the individually packed Baklava treats in honour of World Teacher Day
- b. Happy to bring back extracurricular activities (clubs, concerts, plays, sports); but still no external spectators yet (eg. parents from our school and/or from other schools)
- c. Student Council: is up and running; 39 candidates (for grade rep, general execs); campaigning will start next week, elections will occur on Oct 21st
- d. New digital signage: work to start hopefully next week at both Williams and Gilbert entrance
- e. Immunizations: since couldn't be done for last year's Gr.9s, this year will need to do both current Gr.9s and Gr.10s over 2 dates (1st date: Dec 2nd, 2nd: TBD)
- f. PLT update (have had about 5 full PLT days to date):
 - i. working group's next step (in next couple of weeks) = gathering student feedback via survey
 - ii. will follow up with feedback from parents as well
 - iii. still a learning experience for everyone; have gathered some anecdotal feedback from students just to get a sense from some students
- g. Connection Classes (Ms. Rosalind Poon):
 - i. had halted last year due to Covid
 - ii. 1st one will be this Wednesday, 20Oct at 9:20am (during their PLT time in the morning)
 - iii. Gr.8-10 students (run by Ms. Poon via zoom): focussing on getting to know themselves as a learner; "What does it mean to be a Shark? What do we value as a community?"
 - iv. Gr.11: focussing on personal passions (looking at different types of inquiry); how it's shaped by personal identity, cultural & community identity
 - v. Gr.12: Capstone project (requirement for graduation); showcase their strengths & challenges on their learning journey
 - vi. 7 Connection Classes in the school year (no Connection classes in December and March)
 - vii. 2 Conference Days in the school year

7. TREASURER'S REPORT (Ms. Tammy Ross)

- a. Still waiting to hear back re: Gaming Fund grant, should be next week or so
- b. Re: budget -- no big expenditures to note, just a few Scholarship cheques written

8. RICHMOND DISTRICT PARENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT (*position open*)

- a. looking for a parent to fill this position; reach out to SLSS PAC if interested

9. DRY AFTER GRAD (DAG):

- a. Grad Dinner/Dance tentative date: Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Tsawwassen Springs
- b. Traditionally, DAG follows the dinner dance in the late evening into the early morning at the school. This drug/alcohol free and safe event is coordinated by parents for the students
- c. If you are interested in leading or participating in the DAG2022 Committee, please contact Anne Chen at anne@synergossystems.com for more information
- d. Concern raised by some grads that many grad activities/functions have been denied/postponed
 - i. Process is that the Grad committee (sponsor teacher, Mr. Mah) submits proposal and admin will work with Grad committee to try their best to work within the health & safety guidelines to make things possible
 - ii. As far as Ms. Varghese knows, they have only received 1 proposal today (re: haunted house)
 - iii. How about Grad BBQ? --as of right now, been discouraged to do any food sharing; may be possible the Spring of next year
 - iv. Encourage grads who have these questions/concerns to talk to Mr. Mah or admin so they can work together to figure out how to best make things happen within the health & safety guidelines

For more information on PAC or if you should have questions for the PAC, please contact: pacslss38@gmail.com

NEXT PAC MEETING: Wednesday November 10, 2021

Meeting adjourned at: 8:20pm