



PAC Meeting Minutes: Wednesday November 9, 2022

- **Meeting convened at:** 7:02 pm
- **Participants:** 12 attendees
- 1. **WELCOME:** held in person in the SLSS Library
- 2. **INTRODUCTIONS**
 - a. PAC CHAIR -- Ms. Karen Pezzuto (regrets)
 - b. Past PAC CHAIR -- Ms. Kelly Hambleton (regrets)
 - c. TREASURER -- Ms. Eliza Ko
 - d. SECRETARIES – Ms. Marlene Wu, Ms. Shirley Lim
 - e. DPAC REPRESENTATIVE - Mr. Volker Helmuth
 - f. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE -- Ms. Cigdem Cinaroglu (regrets), Ms. Dora Groumoutis (regrets), Mr. Alaric Wang (regrets)
 - g. PRINCIPAL – Ms. Annie Varghese
 - h. VICE PRINCIPALS – Mr. Lee Banta (regrets), Ms. Bronwyn Fackler (regrets)
- 3. **BUSINESS MEETING:** (*Ms. Marlene Wu*)
 - a. Adopt minutes from October 12, 2022 meeting
 - 1st motion: Mr. Volker Helmuth* *2nd motion: Mr. Ed Hung*
 - b. Adopt agenda for November 9, 2022 meeting
 - 1st motion: Mr. Volker Helmuth* *2nd motion: Mr. Ed Hung*
- 4. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** (*Ms. Annie Varghese*)
 - a. This year's Remembrance Day ceremony will be on November 10. Due to gym usage, the ceremony will be held in two sessions, before and after lunch, each about 30-40 minutes. The theme this year is Reconciliation and Hope. The ceremony will be student-led, with three MCs, and band and drama performances by the students. It is nice to have the ceremony in person this year after having held it virtually in the last two years.
 - b. Report cards will be available on November 17, with Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled the following week on November 23. Parents can sign up for meeting slots with the teachers. School will continue using the same sign up system as last year, due to good feedback and ease of use. On the same Conference day, there will be presentations for the students in the different grades:
 - i. Grade 12 - Volunteer and Career Fair
 - ii. Grades 10 & 11 -ICBC and the RCMP on driver safety
 - iii. Grades 8 & 9 - Mental Health & Telus Wise in ControlAll students will also complete a Core Competency Self-reflection as well at the end of the day.
 - c. Student council is organizing a Winter Dance on December 1. Feedback from students in the lower grades was that they are more comfortable and preferred to be with their peers in smaller groups, so the dance will be held in two sessions with a break in between. Grade 8 and 9 will be from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm and Grades 10 to 12 will be from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Organizers are securing supervision right now.

- d. Breakfast with Santa will be fully in person this year and will be on December 16, the last day of school. There will be a canned food drive and students can make a donation or bring canned food for a cold treat.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: (*Ms. Eliza Ko*)

- a. In October, the SLSS PAC wrote four cheques: two for PAC scholarship, one for Sharkfest, and one to BCCPAC. The balance stands at \$36,523.21.
- b. Eliza will follow-up with Ms. Karen Campbell on what the teachers would like to see funded. Ms. Varghese will share the lists compiled from previous years, after which priorities will be determined.

6. RICHMOND DISTRICT PARENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

- a. Mr. Volker Helmuth attended the DPAC meeting at MacNeill. There were presentations on the various working groups, specific sessions for Chairs, Treasurers, Fundraising, and Dry Grad. The key takeaway from the Chairs session is for PACs to review its bylaws regularly to ensure that they are up-to-date.
- b. There was information on the new Student and Family Affordability Fund. Ms. Varghese shared that in SLSS, notices are shared in the community and the fund can cover a range of expenses: school fees, athletic fees (though KidSport provides funding for this as well), equipment, classroom materials (sketchbooks, workbooks), supporting food security with supplemental supplies for weekends, camp fees
- c. Movie licenses were discussed. Licenses can be expensive when used outside the classrooms. Each costs about \$300 to \$400 even though schools do not normally charge admission. We are not allowed to use streaming accounts because they are private accounts.
- d. What If students use their own accounts? No, because still private accounts. Copyrights are involved

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Regarding Breakfast with Santa

- a. Breakfast with Santa is on December 16, the last day of school. The event is co-organized by the Student Council, with support from PAC and the school. Ms. Varghese will have the schedule and more information next Monday, which she will share with Ms. Karen Pezzuto for planning purposes. Ms. Marlene Wu will organize the sign-up sheet for the parents.

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Wednesday December 14, 2022 – mode to be determined

Meeting adjourned at: 8:00 pm