



## PAC Meeting Minutes: Wednesday January 11, 2023

- Meeting convened at: 7:02pm
- Participants: 16 attendees
- 1. **WELCOME:** Held Virtually
- 2. **INTRODUCTIONS**
  - a. PAC CHAIR -- Ms. Karen Pezzuto
  - b. Past PAC CHAIR -- Ms. Kelly Hambleton
  - c. TREASURER -- Ms. Eliza Ko
  - d. SECRETARIES – Ms. Marlene Wu (regrets), Ms. Shirley Lim
  - e. DPAC REPRESENTATIVE - Mr. Volker Helmuth
  - f. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE -- Ms. Cigdem Cinaroglu (regrets), Ms. Dora Groumoutis (regrets), Mr. Alaric Wang
  - g. PRINCIPAL – Ms. Annie Varghese (regrets)
  - h. VICE PRINCIPALS – Mr. Lee Banta, Ms. Bronwyn Fackler (regrets)
- 3. **BUSINESS MEETING:** *(Ms. Karen Pezzuto)*
  - a. Adopt minutes from December 14, 2022 meeting  
*1st motion: Kelly Hambleton    2nd motion: Eliza Ko*
  - b. Adopt agenda for January 11, 2023 meeting  
*1st motion: Kelly Hambleton    2nd motion: Volker Helmuth*
- 4. **GUEST SPEAKER - on Mental Health by Ms. Constance Easton**

Resources:

  - a. Parenting Your Teen/Teening Your Parent by Dr. Stan Kutcher  
Teen Mental Health: <https://mentalhealthliteracy.org/parents/>
  - b. The Youth Development Instrument: Dr. Samji (SFU). Global Report <https://chartlab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/YDI-Phase-2-Pilot-Global-Report-2020-2021-2.pdf>
  - c. Notes from the YDI Covid 19 and Youth Study 2022 Symposium attended in November, 2022  
<https://vimeo.com/779142489>
- 5. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** *(Mr. Lee Banta)*
  - a. Thank you to PAC and parent community for Breakfast with Santa on the last day of school in December
  - b. Starting tomorrow until January 20, Artona's mobile studio is on site for the Grade 12s to take their photos. Grade 12s can book their slots here:  
<https://artona.com/schools/SLON/programs/graduation> It is important for the Grade 12s to take their photos for them to be included in the grad photo in school, even though they may not want to purchase any photos.
  - c. Schedules for Semester 2 will be out on January 18 and if students would like to make changes, they are to fill out course change forms by February 3 and submit them to their respective counsellors. There is very little room for time changes, and priority will be given to graduating Grade 12s. Other students are to follow their old schedules until they receive their new ones, if at all. Not all requests can be accommodated.

- d. Grad assessments are on January 23 and 24 and are mandatory for Grade 10s.
- e. There is no class on January 27 due to semester turnaround day. January 30 is Pro-D day and Semester 2 starts on January 31.
- f. Semester 1 final reports will be posted online by Feb 3 and will be available for a month. Parents are asked to download a copy while the report cards are available. Parents can also request printed copies from the office.
- g. Winter formal for Grade 12s is on January 26 and approximately 140 tickets were sold.
- h. The basketball tournament starts tomorrow.

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

- a. There was approximately \$36,500 in the bank at the beginning of December 2022. The balance at the beginning of this month was just under \$36,500. One cheque was issued during the month of January and we paid \$3.75 service charge for the month.
- b. There are still five cheques that have not been cashed. PAC Chair will follow-up with the payees and will provide updates next month to determine next steps.

**7. RICHMOND DISTRICT PARENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT** (*Mr. Volker Helmuth*)

- a. At the most recent Richmond DPAC meeting on January 10, 2023, DPAC President Andrew Scallion reported that:
  - DPAC has \$4,000 budgeted for speakers, and if any PAC would like to propose a speaker (and all other PACs could also attend the presentation), then the DPAC would be glad to consider funding that speaker;
  - DPAC's 'preventing sexual exploitation' presentation has been rescheduled Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at Richmond High, with pre-registration required, and schools asked to send out notice of the event through their WAAG updates; and
  - the School District has substantial monies available to students in need through the 'Student & Family Affordability Fund', to support students being able to participate in educational and extra-curricular activities, and the District will send information to school administrators to further highlight the fund.
- b. District Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Jane MacMillan advised of the new "Indigenous Focus Graduation Requirement" for 2023 graduating students. Ms. MacMillan advised that students will be required to take one class (4 credits) in either grade 11 or 12 that is one of: Eng. – First Peoples 12; or Socials – First Peoples 12. Younger years can complete the requirement earlier by taking: Eng. – First Peoples 10. Students also have the option of instead taking a First Nations language class, where available, to meet the requirement. The B.C. Min. of Education website can be referred to for an outline of the curriculum and a parent information brochure. Teacher training to deliver the class is being made available to district schools.

**8. NEW BUSINESS** (*Ms. Karen Pezzuto*)

- a. All of the attached items for PAC's consideration were approved. These requests do not include the standing items that the PAC normally funds: First Responders, PAC Scholarships, Breakfast with Santa and Sharkfest.
- b. PAC received two more new requests after the last meeting. The PAC executives reviewed the two requests and approved both of them. The complete list of approved requests will be forwarded to the school's Business Assistant for processing.
- c. PAC would like to inform teachers that requests can be submitted for review throughout the year, instead of the previous practice of doing this once a year. This is to accommodate requests that may

arise anytime during the year. There are still funds that PAC can use for the remainder of the school year.

- d. There will be a guest speaker at the next meeting from the RCMP, speaking on social media. The meeting will be on February 8 and is likely to be virtual. More details to follow.

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

**NEXT PAC MEETING:** Wednesday February 8, 2023 – mode to be confirmed

**Meeting adjourned at:** 8:26pm