



Alexander Robinson Parent Advisory Committee APPROVED Minutes

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 9th, 2021

Via Zoom Conference Call

In Attendance:

Executive Members:

Chair – Chris Schultz-Lorentzen
Vice Chair – Thea Skorbinski
Treasurer – Michelle Schultz-Lorentzen
Secretary – Sandra Acutt
DPAC Rep – Jodi Murphy

PAC Members

Dianna J
Susan S
Aaron S
Will S

School Staff:

Principal – Adam Stanley

Vice Principal – Kathy Kosman

1. Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order at 7:05 pm

- Acknowledgement to the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations.
- Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda for February 9th, 2021 be approved as presented/distributed.

CARRIED

2. Reports

Minutes Committee Report – Sandra Acutt

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes Committee report be adopted as presented

CARRIED

Principal's Report – Adam Stanley

- Staff News – Mrs. Scott is returning next week from medical leave
 - Vacant Gr 4/5 teaching spot – No applicants
 - Outstanding TTOC in that class in the meantime with Mrs. McCarthy helping out
- New health and safety guidelines are coming Feb 26, 2021, but our teachers are already following most of the guidelines
 - Minor points around music class and gym – wear masks? Answer now is Yes!
- Groundhog Day was played up with a groundhog experience. Small parade float made with cardboard and colored paper. Groundhog would pop out! Just having a little fun.

- Grade 4 & 7 students have completed the MDI. Next coming up, the FSA's for those that are taking part.

Treasurer's Report – Michelle Schultz-Lorentzen

- Currently:
 - Chequing – \$19,473.25
 - Gaming – \$23,315.97
 - Total – \$ 42,789.22
- If everything outstanding from the teachers wish list that was voted on and approved is paid for today, we'd have an overage of \$5,593.46
- IXL Math program was budgeted at \$1,575, but the bill came in at \$2,363, leaving an overage of \$788.00.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the PAC fund the overage to IXL in the amount of \$788.00

CARRIED

DPAC Report – Jodi Murphy

- Live YouTube stream for Grade 8 Registration – January 28th, 2021
 - Any questions Grade8reg@gmail.com
- Grade 8 Registration was Thursday, February 4th, 2021 – time stamp is activated when enter the account to register
 - February 19th, is when the registration closes
 - Placement is based on your catchment school (portal will tell you what your catchment school is, as well as your French immersion catchment school)
 - Second is if you have a sibling at the placement school
 - Third is first and second choice
 - If out of catchment school is requested, they will do a draw.
 - May 26th is proposed to do a Grade 7 day at high school visit.
 - This may be virtual or something else.
 - Last week of August is still planned for new Grade 8 students to come get their locker assignments and timetables if they do lockers next year.
- Goal is to do semester system next year for high school students. 4 classes for half the year and 4 classes for the other half. Currently doing quarter system, 2 classes for 10 weeks, but it's not ideal. It could be 1.5 years between having a math class depending on what part of the year the class falls in the students' schedule.
- High school placements will be announced on March 1st, 2021
- High school transfers start on March 5, 2021
- After Spring Break, the Grade 7 teachers will meet with the high school teachers for transition meetings
- If you need any information about Grade 8, go to the district website, under the "parents" tab, it'll tell you all about the registration and transfer process.
- If your child goes to cyber school, wheelhouse, etc. you have no exception to your catchment school
- Cannot register your student for Grade 8 if you are out of the country. Parent Portal does not work out of the country
- Vital Oxide concerns brought up at the meeting
- Next DPAC Meeting on Thursday, Feb 18th, 2021 at 7pm

3. Old Business – Michelle Schultz-Lorentzen

- Families in need update
 - We have donated \$1000 of the \$2000 budgeted to families in need.
 - \$1000 still available to any family required a little help.

4. New Business

- Spirit wear update
 - Available for ordering. Please contact arepacsd42@gmail.com
 - 76 Dragons water bottles @ \$12
 - 30 Stormtech Dragons Masks @ \$13
 - 4 Youth Large Red T-shirts @ \$18
 - 1 Youth Medium Red Zip-up hoodie @ \$40

Moved/Seconded

THAT the PAC purchase another 100 Dragons water bottles for approximately \$1000.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the PAC provide one Dragons water bottle to each new student to the school that arrives after the close of the MAL ordering.

CARRIED

- Fundraising Update
 - Liquor store Fundraiser as of February 6, 2021
 - All you need to do is name drop our school at the liquor store
 - Kanaka Creek Liquor Store - \$853.50
 - Maple Ridge Liquor Store - \$16.70
 - Total: \$870.29 raised
 - Duck Race will be virtual this year
 - 80% of ticket price comes back to the school – Tickets are \$10 each
 - Purchase tickets online
 - Prizes to be announced
 - Small 50/50 raffle as well
 - The race – not sure how that's going to work yet.
- Stained Clothing / Rashes
 - Possible issues with Vital Oxide use in schools
 - DPAC received many reports of staining/damage to student's clothing and reports of rashes possibly associated to exposure to Vital Oxide and/or residue associated with its use.
 - DPAC continues to research and investigate this issue. There are documented reports across Canada and the USA, particularly the stained clothes; certain dyes and/or cotton often noted as being commonly affected.
 - There is no information that Vital Oxide itself is inherently unsafe, there may be a number of factors that are contributing to this issue which may be resolved with updated information/understanding on the use of this product and improved/enhanced cleaning procedures and protocols that may be unique to the school environment, including over cleaning.
 - All emails have been forwarded to the District. Their SD42 Health & Safety committee and Fraser Health will continue to research issues.
 - Possible staining due to wet clothing after being out in the rain is re-activates the Vital Oxide.

- SD42 DPAC resolution to BCCPAC
 - DPAC is in the process of writing an Ordinary Resolution for submission to BCCPAC to be voted on at their AGM on May 1st, 2021. This resolution will be asking BCCPAC to no longer support FSAs for Grade 4 and 7, and if that should fail to pass, to provide complete transparency when advocating for the parents of BC, and encouraging them to have their children participate in writing them, including the option to not have their children participate.

Moved/Seconded

THAT ARE PAC vote in support of SD42 DPAC Resolution submission to BCCPAC to no longer support the FSAs.

CARRIED

5. Questions and Concerns

6. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Meeting be adjourned at 8:22pm

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at pm

***Next meeting:
Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 7:00pm
Meet & Greet 6:45 - 7:00pm***

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or for new registrations

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