



Alexander Robinson Parent Advisory Committee DRAFT Minutes

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Via Zoom Conference Call

In Attendance:

Executive Members:

Chair – Jas Rai
Vice Chair – Sandra Acutt
Treasurer – Michelle Schultz-Lorentzen
Secretary – Samantha Smirnov
DPAC Rep – Chris Schultz-Lorentzen

PAC Members

Shannon L
Samantha B
Laurie F
Susan S
Jessica T

School Staff:

Principal –Adam Stanley

Vice-Principal – Kathy Kosman

1. Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order at 7:00pm

- Acknowledgement that the work of our PAC takes place on the traditional and unceded territory of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm̓ speaking people of the Katzie First Nations.
- Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda for February 8, 2022 be approved as presented/distributed.

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2. Reports

- **Minutes Committee Report** – Samantha Smirnov
 - Nov,Dec,Jan Minutes have been approved and posted.
- **Principal's Report** – Adam Stanley & Kathy Kosman
 - Today was the first day all the staff were there at the same time.
 - Handed out pink shirts today.
 - We did a Ground Day puppet show at each class door.
 - Valentine's cards are acceptable this year but still no baked goods.
 - March 3rd is early dismissal, and the 4th is no school for conferences.
 - Spring break is coming up fast March 11-28
 - Hoping for Covid protocol update before Family Day.
 - Mr. Stanley is putting on an old video game challenge next month.
 - Not having updates or changes on protocols can be hard on the staff.
 - We have a new ASW Ms. Warner from Vancouver for T/T to work with Nadine.
 - We are continuing with Ms. Sidhu was granted to us from Learning Services
 - Kindness Initiatives daily on announcements
 - Kindness Day Feb 23
 - Kindness Walk on the 23rd same route as Terry Fox one
 - Feb 18th is 1970's day.

Treasurers Report – Michelle Schultz-Lorentzen

- Currently:
 - General Account - \$ 10,064.22
 - Gaming Account - \$ 19,741.95
- No new action

DPAC Report – Chris Schultz-Lorentzen

- DPAC Meeting was January 20, 2022
- As of that meeting that were higher than average staff and student absences across the district anywhere from 30 to 40%
- We did talk about the provincial health order for the staff backlash vaccination status which was misrepresented egregiously in the news for the first few days it was never sufficiently corrected, how it was represented that it was a mandate, but it was never a mandate. There is no vaccine status for staff so that was clarified.
- spoke to us about the updated guidance on contact tracing
- talked about school growth plans that are updated for 2021 2022 and all schools now have growth plans. Our school has one so and you can see it from the school web page
- The draft facilities plan update survey that went out there was many people who respond to it, there's the second survey that is out now until Feb 15th.
- School board budget for next year underway. They must have their budget approved and submitted to the Ministry for next year within the next couple of months.
- Yennadon selected for Active School Travel Pilot Project
- Staff have been adapting as much as possible to keep schools open and covering staff shortages
- BCCPAC Webinar Feb 10 Understanding PACs from A-Z and why they are important for families. Link is in the PDF
- Next DPAC meeting is Feb 24

3. Old Business

- **Grade 7 Grad Parent Committee- Samantha**
 - Hoping our restrictions change like the other provinces
 - Hoping to be able to give the kids a parting gift if it doesn't work out then maybe vote on a donation of some sort.
 - Bottle depot account 604-ARE-GRAD
 - Fun Friday Candy for the whole school. Helps to have clear goals, covid protocols being followed. Waiting for the principal's meeting Feb 17th of protocols for grads hoping things will change so we can plan more. The cohort model is gone so we should be able to do something.
 - Safe distribution of things if in school.
 - Hoping to have some fundraisers through the PAC for accountability
 - We can find always find a way to figure out things we can do within the protocols if still in place.
 - Why can other schools have hot lunch, field trips, or visitors etc. There is a lot to factor in when these decisions are made as we need to stay within the enhanced protocols and we are in a two-level school and cannot as easily have access, it also depends on how many staff are there or can help, also just because a school chooses to do things doesn't mean it's the right thing to do.
 - <https://sd42dpac.files.wordpress.com/2021/09/sd42-dpac-information-regarding-visitors-in-schools-1.pdf>

4. New Business

- None

5. PAC Voice

- Questions & Concerns
None

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Next meeting:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00pm

Meet & Greet 6:45 - 7:00pm

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