**Garibaldi Senior Secondary Parent Advisory Committee**  
**APPROVED Minutes**  
*Wednesday January 8th, 2020*  
*7:00 pm Garibaldi Library*

In Attendance:  
**Executive Members: PAC Members:**  
Chair – Sandra Acutt Pascale S.   
Vice Chair – Lori Skinner   
Treasurer – Thea Skorbinski   
Secretary – Jodi Murphy   
DPAC Rep – Jodi Murphy **School Staff:** Principal – Ian Liversidge

Vice Principal – Colin Sharpe

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order** at 7:01 pm - Chairperson  
o Acknowledgment to the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Katzie First Nations

• Approval of Agenda  
**Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the Agenda for January be approved as distributed.  
**CARRIED**  
  
• Approval of Minutes

**Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the Minutes from the last meeting (November 13th, 2019) be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
November’s minutes entered into the record.

**2. Presentation regarding Garibaldi’s Special Education Program – Liv B. and Sue B.**

• PAC went on an in-school ‘field trip’ to the learning centres and sensory room to see

both the space and resources available to students; 200 to 300 students currently Ministry

Identified at Garibaldi (grades 8 through 12)—heading towards 25% SPED student population

**Presentation regarding Music at GSS – Rebekah B. and Dwayne K.**

• there are currently fourteen blocks of Music available for students, including Band, Choir,

three blocks of Dance and eight blocks of Visual Arts

• next year hoping to add a course—digital music recording/composition

• aiming to change Guitar 8 rotation to ‘Music’ rotation, not just guitar; plan to use emergent

funding to obtain instruments for this new rotation class

• Fine Arts is well-represented at GSS

**3. Principal’s Report – Ian Liversidge**  
o Since November’s meeting:

* staffing: Mr. Kirkpatrick in Band / Choir (previous GSS student teacher)
* 2 Grad meetings relating to Post Secondary progression; next meeting relates to Grad Dinner & Dance, Dry Grad and School Leaving Ceremony
* Lockdown / Fire Drills as per regulations
* The Wiz! several sold out shows
* IB – MYP report card session
* Psycho Session – Drama presentation
* Band and Choir concerts 500 plus spectators
* transition of athletics season
  + many new uniforms…look good…back to the yellow for the Gr 8 boys😊
  + basketball tourney…first in several years
* “Rebels with  a Cause” Food Drive
  + Mr. Silva WE event formal recognition
* Grad Bottle Drive
* several field trips including:
  + Ski/Snowboard Club
  + Gardens for Photo Club
  + Hiking Club (Golden Ears)
* new carpets in theatre (upgrade in process)
* new fencing on westside – pending
* Education Planner session coming (Career Ed)
* First Nations / drums and blessings
* Reach-Out Psychosis presentation (Link Crew and Gr. 8)
* student teacher transitions…some finished and some starting—UBC, SFU and UFV
* Robotics Club $2 500 Microsoft Grant
* Link Crew wellness initiative
* growth in MYP planning and pedagogy

o Coming Soon:

**•** Honours dinner (January 14th)

**•** Japan trip (Spring Break)

**4. Treasurer’s Report – Thea Skorbinski**  
**Currently:**o Chequing (General) $1 377.25  
o Gaming $21 095.98

**5. DPAC Report – Jodi Murphy**  
•  **November’s meeting was at Kanaka Creek Elementary**

o Parents and the New Math Curriculum presentation--David Vandergugten (SD42 Assistant

Superintendent) and Rory Payment (SD42 Intermediate Helping Teacher)

• circulated “Math Tips for Parents” and played a short video by Nikki Lineham

(specialist teacher from the Victoria School District)

• video can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waEbChsa0LY>

o Superintendent’s Report—no representative  
o Trustee Report—no representative  
o MRTA—no representative  
o CUPE (Local 703 for SD42 Employees)—Christine and Diane from Local 703

• recycling after hot lunch remains issue for custodians; can provide bags and principals have keys to

dumpsters so that PACs can do more to clean up afterwards

• discussion about communication challenges, especially in Elementary Schools where custodians

don’t start until 2:30 pm; suggestion for custodians to reach out through school administration

• safety during Halloween is also a concern (e.g., fireworks in playgrounds); suggestion for PACs to

consider organizing walk-abouts where parents do a patrol of the school grounds every 30 minutes

• 25 year dinner held recently – ten SD 42 employees from CUPE were recognized

o Youth Planning Council  
 • setting goals for youth planning strategy; making sure goals reflect what the youth want

o SD42 DPAC

• PACs providing DPAC their total spending amount for the 2018/2019 school year; DPAC may

request those numbers annually; suggestion to provide a standardized template so that amounts are

categorized consistently

• BCCPAC AGM is on May 1 - 3, 2020 at Richmond; looking for 10 parents to attend

(workshop day is on Friday, general meeting on Saturday and Sunday…more details to come)

• Next meeting is at Harry Hooge Elementary on Thursday December 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm

• Child Anxiety presentation

▪ **December’s meeting was at Harry Hooge Elementary**

o in future, these minutes will include a link or attachment of the latest DPAC minutes, but the minutes

were not available at this time

o Understanding Anxiety in Children K-12 Presenter – Wendy Bastiaanssen (Team Leader for Child and

Youth Mental Health for the Ministry of Children and Family Development)

▪ power point link to be included in minutes

~anxiety community services available in most BC communities; nine have The Foundry

(we are one of them)…currently called ‘Youth Wellness Centre’

~difference between anxiety (‘normal’ level) and anxiety disorder; avoidance of anxiety-

inducing activities actually increases anxiety or at least doesn’t decrease it

~social anxiety in teens increased considerably during past twenty years(linked with social media)

▪ anxietycanada.ca is a great resource

o Superintendent’s Report

▪ teacher bargaining continues; still have a mediator and are meeting again after Christmas

▪ policy revision is big with the Board right now (revisions to be shared with PACs end of Jan.)

(ie) Inclusive Education Policy (how we work with the diversity of kids in our schools)

~the diversity has expanded (ELL/LGBTQ/cultural differences, etc.)

(ie) Safe and Caring Schools policy (to update from 2013)

▪ Centre for youth mental health and addictions (Foundry) projected to start-up in April

o Trustee Report – Kim Dumore

▪ French Immersion was the focus of most recent meeting

~parent survival night for French parents is planned for end of January

▪ feedback is encouraged for the Budget (the Board can be fired if the Budget is not balanced)

o MRTA and CUPE 703 – no representative present

o Community Action Table (STORM) – free ‘What is Trauma?’ presentation at The Act on January 23rd

(Event Brite for tickets)

o Youth Planning Council

• November’s planning meeting ‘passed’ the strategy of ‘the youth’ planning from a youth-led

perception regarding the new Youth Safe House development

o Education Advisory Committee – end of January next meeting

o SD42 DPAC

• proposed plan for Jesse Miller presentation (Mediated Reality) in February/March for

elementary schools (three days at several schools and presentation for parents)

o Old Business

• PACs providing DPAC their total spending amount for the 2018/19 school year

~to recognize the contributions PACs make to schools and school community

~the totals are what is being shared, not specifics

~reminder that PACs were never meant to be fundraisers, but the estimate for yearly PAC

contributions for secondary schools is $100 000+ and for elementary schools, $800 000+

~the goal is to create/provide a list of organizations for grants to possibly obtain

(discussion regarding hiring a grant-writer for the district’s schools to share)

o New Business

• no longer need to amend the 2019/2020 SD42 DPAC Budget

• PAC Succession Planning

~Executive positions are available for next year; to start thinking about for June

• Parent Math Night at Thomas Haney in January (tickets to come out on Event Brite)

▪ Next meeting is at Thomas Haney on Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 pm

**▪** grade 8 registration session

**6. Old Business**—none

**7. New Business**--none

▪ Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

***Next meeting:***  
***Wednesday March 11th, 2020 at 7:00 pm***