**Garibaldi Senior Secondary Parent Advisory Committee**  
**APPROVED Minutes**  
*Wednesday March 11th, 2020*  
*7:00 pm Garibaldi Library*

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

Vice Principal – Tom Levesque

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order** at 7:02 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 March be approved as distributed.  
**CARRIED**  
  
• Approval of Minutes

**Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the Minutes from the last meeting (January 8th, 2020) be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
January’s minutes entered into the record.

**2. Presentation regarding Garibaldi’s Literacy Programs – Karen T. (English Department Head)**

• Literacy Collaboration Team

o Laura R. and Karen T. attend district-wide meetings with Faye Brownlie (avg every 6 wks)

o each grade 8 in district completed reading assessment in October 2019 (spring test this May)

o Laura R. and Karen T. mark all assessments and report back to GSS English teachers

• Literacy Week (April 27th-30th)

o Theme/2020 Vision: *Seeing Through a Literacy Lens*

o school-wide contests and events, including Battle of the Books (GSS hosting roughly 100

student participants from district); thank-you given to PAC for Battle of the Books funds

• Graduation Literacy Assessment (grade 10 and 12)

o GSS grade 10s write April 14th – 20th

o GSS 2020/21 grade 12s write next year (can possibly begin November 2020)

o English/Science/Social Studies departments all coming together--working on digital literacy

o all exams are completed on computer

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

* Honours Dinner
* school newsletter to website
* Buddy Readers (elementary students paired-up with grade 8 English students for Literacy Week)
* two grad meetings relating to post-secondary progression, Grad Dinner/Dance & Dry Grad and School Leaving Ceremony
  + Scholarship process review
* ICBC/RCMP/MRFD Grade 10 Graduated Licencing Program Presentation—was today
* GSS Senior Formal at Pitt Meadows Golf Club
* Band Dinner/Dessert Concert
* Transition of athletics season
  + basketball progress--grade 8 Boys MRPM Champions (first Banner in many seasons)
  + now in badminton and track seasons
* ‘Rebels with a Cause’ Fund Night
* Band/Choir Loon Lake Retreat
* math contests…more coming
* ongoing: staff attending IB training
* several field trips including:
  + Ski/Snowboard Club
  + Criminology classes to Courts (upcoming)
* Robotics event in Victoria
* softball/baseball open houses

o World Record for softball catch in one hour…currently under Guinness Review

(approximately 2 300)

* Student Led conferences (February)
* French crepes truck
* Ballers Cup Progressive Basketball Games (staff against student teams)
* Field trip to Japan – Cancelled due to health/safety concerns (coronavirus)
* Student Teachers: one from SFU, two from UFV and two from UBC
* EA Practicum Students from Douglas College and MRC
* Guest Speaker – geneticist doing gel electrophoresis lab
* Course selection well under way

o grade 10-12 Career Education courses coming next academic year

* grade 7 allocations – 190 grade 8s for 2020/21
* Spirit Week this week

Upcoming…looking at a bell schedule change (possibly begin school five minutes earlier each day—will

add six lunchtime dismissals for the year for teacher collaboration time)

Coming Soon

* Parent Evening (MYP reporting)
* Literacy Week
* Fall 2021 Production (*Matilda*)

**4. Treasurer’s Report – Thea Skorbinski**  
**Currently:**o Chequing (General) $4 420.14  
o Gaming $16 955.24

o invoices from the various clubs are beginning to be submitted

**5. DPAC Report – Jodi Murphy**  
•  **January’s meeting was at Thomas Haney Senior Secondary on January 22nd, 2020**

Grade 8 Registration Information Session by Shannon Derinzy - Assistant Superintendent

https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Grade-8-Registration-and-Transfer-Guidelines-2020\_21

o all our schools accommodate student needs; most students assigned to catchment school

o parent anxiety for grade 7/8 transition not uncommon; often harder on parents than kids

o portal opens at noon on February 4th, 2020…is timed to four digits (.0001)

o if not on portal, need to be at school district office for noon to get paper processed

o home address needed--if different from elementary school address, proof required

o catchment is first priority, sibling is second; enter first and second choice on portal

o student support services information--May 27th

o grade 8 visits to assigned schools (not mandatory)--August (during last week)

o placement information will be shared Feb. 27th

o Phase 1 Transfer deadline March 5th--1.Catchment 2.Siblings 3.Out of catchment (lottery)

SD42 website <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Secondary-Transfer-Guidelines-2020_21>

o transfers taken until September--3 transfer periods

o Academies include hockey, soccer, basketball and integrated arts; no priority in grade 8

o French immersion has its own catchment, different from traditional schools

•  **February’s meeting was at Pitt Meadows Elementary on February 20th, 2020**

o reminder to PACs that if you would like any particular presentations made available at a DPAC

meeting, please let your DPAC representative know

o Rotary Club Presentation: contact Libby Nelson for Duck Race tickets (available March 7th)-fundraiser

o Starfish Backpack Program Presentation: to provide students with food during weekends

(time away from school)

o Superintendent’s Report

• greatest Kindergarten registration this year (for 2020/21) in District 42’s history (1 200 registered)

• parents now aware of where students (Kindergarten and grade 8) will be going (school attending)

• Budget Process—will be revealed March 13th/reviewed with DPAC, Student Voice, etc. on April 1st

• coronavirus: has made it into the Fraser Health region/looking into how the containment in China

has worked/children not too seriously affected/advice from Provincial Health

Officer not changing since initial information provided to parents so no new

updates sent to parents from the district at this time

• Prime Learning Time is from January to March (biggest learning gains often made)

o request to parents to have kids at school if well (not ill)

o grade 4 and 7 Developmental Index shows that students are not getting enough sleep

o Trustee Report

• Trustees and some other District staff attended a forum on how to help the School Board develop

strategic plans

• teacher bargaining mediator meeting twice next week and then also in March

• Trustee school tours are being organized

• taking place next week is a Student Forum (200ish students) focused on Mental Wellness

o Trustees will sit/listen to students in small groups (also going to high schools to meet students)

o MRTA—no representative

o CUPE (Local 703 for SD42 Employees)—Chief Steward (and EA) and school secretary present

• super sticky adhesive can wreck walls/floors (for example: sensory stickers)

• parents not letting schools know of student absences is an issue (taking long time to contact parents)

o Emergency Preparedness Focus Group  
 • includes district Health and Safety/police/DPAC/district superintendent...

• most recent meeting: feedback regarding Great Shakeout and Student Release Program; only one

high school participated in Student Release Program so far (will be annual event for elementary)

o SD42 DPAC

• has been invited to both east DPAC’s meeting (in Abbotsford) and west (in Coquitlam) to

network with other PACs: *Bridging PACs with Communities* (Coquitlam) and

*Becoming an Advocate for Your Child* (Mission)

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

(workshop day is on Friday, general meeting on Saturday and Sunday)

• SD42 Budget feedback/input due April 1st (access on district website)…DPAC asking for general

ideas for input: current strengths/current struggles/what can slow down with (will then provide

budget input on behalf of parents)

o New Business

• annual PAC Appreciation Dinner is on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm (MRSS)

• Next meeting is at cesqenela Elementary on April 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 pm

~ *IEPs—What Parents Need to Know* (presented by Suzanne Perrault)

**6. Old Business** -- none

**7. New Business** -- nominations for PAC Executive (2020/21)

o current position holders are fine to remain in current positions

(no other parents in attendance at the meeting)

▪ Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

***Next meeting:***  
***Wednesday May 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm***