

Ecole Mission Secondary PAC Meeting Minutes
General Meeting
September 21, 2022

Meeting Commences: 7:02pm

In attendance: Katrina Lane, Christina Clark, Leah Lovell, Tania Bradley, Yvonne Hale, Kristine Matheson, Sabrina Weisgerber, Jenny Griffiths, Karen Thompson, Dana Rieu, Cassandra Hincks, Melissa Crapo

School Staff present: Jim Pierce (Principal), Melanie Kartik (vice Principal)

Adopt Agenda:

First: Melissa

Second: Yvonne

Passes

Approval Minutes:

First: Melissa

Second: Tania

Passes

Principal's Report:

Melanie is new on staff, Welcome Melanie. Melanie is very experienced and new to our district.

Soft School Opening went well. Feedback from teachers and students is they loved the bbq's and games and starting back more slowly. The purpose of this is relationship building.

Ian Tyson came to the school to present, "The knapsack story." Feedback from students was they were very interested in the story and enjoyed the presenter. This helped set the tone for the school year.

Student Numbers this year:

Grade 12, approx 400

Grade 11, approx 460

Grade 10, approx 550

Our student population is growing each year.

160 teaching/support staff

Jim had asked for three portables going into this year, no approval provided so classrooms were created in the cafeteria.

We are currently offering 550 courses, including 11 blocks of outdoor education

Academically, the youth are improving and taking higher level academic courses this year, which is a good sign. More physics, more math being offered to grade 12's this year.

Attendance is a big focus this year. This has been a struggle since covid. Phone calls will still be made and each week parents will receive an email regarding their child's attendance (Thursday). We need the youth here in the building, when they miss class there are huge learning losses.

Two big trips are happening this year: Costa Rica and Vietnam for youth taking global education etc

Sports are up and running. Volleyball both sr. and jr., Swim Team, Cross Country Running and Football are all running currently.

120 International Students are present this year

144 Students at Summit and/or cross enrolled

Summer school through Summit was well attended. 94 student enrolled and 79 completed their courses

Pro D day event this Friday. Parents are welcome to join us. The focus will be on Social Emotional needs for Students and Staff. Send an email to Jim if you are interested in attending.

Jim reminded us he is happy to receive text, emails anytime and he will respond

Grad Cruise sold out within 24 hours. The boat only holds 200. Discussion around this school outing and their not being enough tickets. Consideration is given to doing two boats in future. The difficulty is staff is needed to go on this trip and it must be voluntary. If we do two days that is two days of staff needed to volunteer their time, if we do an earlier boat this takes staff out of the classroom. Discussion around the cost also excludes some youth. Consideration given to doing another activity in future years that may include everyone. For a grad cruise there must be 1 staff member for every 10 youth attending, that is 20 staff.

Discussion took place around commencements. Jim is open to anything. If we want change, parents will need to organize. Pros and Cons of the racetrack discussed. One of the biggest issues is if we go to the church previously used families will only receive two tickets. The race track allows for unlimited guests. Consideration given to the events center in Abbotsford. Discussion around pros and cons. Cost is over \$12,000 parents will be paying for tickets. Parents sit in bleachers so hard to see youth cross stage. The grad class is much bigger than previous years, so staying to watch all 400 youth would mean that the ceremony is 6 hours long. When we have done things this way, parents do not stay until the end. Discussion took place about how to improve the race track. Concerns around parking, concerns around decor, can we have food trucks and make it a picnic day, concerns around alcohol if that happens. Can we add a big screen to the race track and list the youth's accomplishments? Consideration given to the Clarke Theater and doing 75 students at a time

still... There will be an announcement of a “dry grad” meeting in the next two weeks where the pros and cons will be discussed and planning can begin.

Discussion around grad lawn signs for youth again this year

Grad Photos will take place the end of November

PAC New Business:

We need all new members on PAC. No PAC no gaming grants.
Nominations and Voting took place.

New PAC Committee: Katrina Lane (Chair), Kristine Matheson (DPAC rep), Leah Lovell (Treasurer), Yvonne Hale (Secretary), Karen Thompson (Member at Large, DPAC rep backup), Melissa Crapo (Member at Large), Tania Bradley (Member at Large).

Treasurer’s Report:

General Account Balance: \$60.22

Gaming Account Balance: \$14, 511.30 (Some Scholarships and payments from last year still outstanding, list is in treasurer’s binder).

We must change the approved cheque signers at the bank reflecting the new PAC. Christina Clark and Chris Bucholz to be removed, Yvonne Hale and Leah Lovell to be added. Katrina will connect Christina and Leah to exchange treasurer binder and information.

DPAC: no updates

Questions/Discussions: none

Next PAC meeting: October 19, 2022 7pm MSS Library

Meeting adjourned: 8:09pm.

