

Selkirk Secondary School Parent Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 3, 2023

Location: Selkirk Secondary School

Attended by – In Person: Coralie Hockly, Nicholas Bailey, Paula Mihalcheon, Katie Tersmette, Karen Cowl, Clint Dolgopol, and Brad Carrier

Student Leadership Guest: Halle Krahn

Regrets: Dawneen Robison, Joanna Sleik, Tiffany Jowitt, Nevy Nevlud

Teams: no members joined

Meeting called to order: 7:04 p.m.

Student Leadership Report:

- The Open House went well with 200 in attendance; a lot of good dialogue with teachers and parents, and getting to know the school.
- The Terry Fox run went well and there was a good showing through town and everyone enjoyed the lunch; we raised \$1,000 for cancer research with Toonies for Terry.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day (Truth and Reconciliation) assembly also went well and helped a lot of students; there were many stories shared that had not been heard before and drummers were in attendance; a school photo, forming a t-shirt, took place outside with the help of graduate Adrian Moody who used his drone for the shot; \$500 in funds were raised to go towards the **ᐱᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐ Nation** rebuilding efforts.
- The Hallowe'en Dance will be held on October 26th from 7-10pm.
- The Student Focus Group is starting up again this year; this is where students offer mentorship and tutoring clubs during Storm Time; work is continuing on setting up a mental health wellness club segment; the next plan is to also address Equity and Diversity; plans are to involve International students, and also look at other challenges in this area; some members from this group also attend District level meetings with students from other schools to raise and collaborate on topics around overall growth and successes in these areas.

AGM Elections of 2023-2023 Executive:

There were not enough present to form a Quorum so elections of members to executive positions is moved to the November 7th PAC meeting. Any other nominations will take place at this meeting

- Nicholas Bailey self-nominated to become the PAC Chairperson.
- Katie Tersmette self-nominated to become one of two PAC Secretaries.
- Karen Cowl self-nominated to become the second PAC Secretary.
- Coralie Hockly agreed to stay on as PAC Treasurer

Approval of June 6, 2023 minutes:

- Minutes will be available and approved at the November meeting.

Approval of September 12, 2023 minutes:

- Paula Mihalcheon approved minutes with amendments.
- Nicholas Bailey seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balances are:
 - General Account: \$1,556.51
 - Gaming Account: \$17,201.03
 - We have one scholarship from previous years and 3 scholarships from last June to be claimed for a total of \$4,000.00, giving us a balance of \$13,201.03.
 - We are waiting for confirmation of the Grant for this school year and are expecting it to be around \$10,000.00.

Principal's Report:

- Funding report for this year's enrollment went into the Ministry; there are about 539 full time students in the building currently; this is an increase of 10 students compared to last year; school building is at capacity based on current classroom setups but admin feels we could take up to 585 students with some adjustments to class spaces.
- The Stewardship for the Future survey results were presented; consisting of 4 overarching questions with discussions by teachers in presenting the survey to students, the survey focuses on how and what students feel they are learning about environmental issues and solutions and how empowered they feel to take part; another survey will take place in the Spring to gain further insight towards learning goals in this area; PAC members suggested some amendments and additional questions to help further direct survey results to achieve better outcomes or yield more information.
- The first belonging and generosity survey of the year will be given to students in November; this survey is given to determine how kids are feeling about the school and determine any areas that need to be addressed or built on.
- Interim Progress Reports will go home with students the week of Oct 10-12; the reports provide a brief snapshot of how the start of the year has gone for your student(s); the mid-term report card in November be a regular report card (including % for gr. 10-12 classes).
- We have three Early Dismissal Days in October (Oct. 17-19). Students will be dismissed at 2 pm on these days.
- Parent-Teacher Interviews will happen on Tuesday Oct. 17 from 3:30-6:00 PM and Wednesday Oct. 18 from 5:30-8:00 PM.
- October 20th is a Pro-D Day

DPAC Report (Coralie Hockly):

- They will hold the first meeting and AGM on November 2nd at 7pm by Zoom.
- Karen Cowl offered to be the Selkirk rep on the call.

Correspondence:

- PAC received thank you cards and photos from last year's scholarship recipients.

Old Business:

- Bylaws are still in process of being updated
- Final nominations and voting in the new Executive will take place at the November 7th PAC Meeting and AGM.
- Purchase of a BCCPAC membership of \$75.00 for the 2023/2024 school year as a PAC will be presented with this year's budget.

New Business:

- Members of the executive will meet on October 10th at 7pm in the school learning commons to review funding requests and draw up the budget for approval at the November 7th meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

Next PAC meeting: November 7, 2023 at 7pm.