

Selkirk Secondary School Parent Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 12, 2023

Location: Selkirk Secondary School

Attended by – In Person: Coralie Hockly, Nicholas Bailey, Joanna Steik, Paula Gordon, Michelle Fuchs, Tiffany Jowitt, Dawneed Robison, Tracy Brenton, Nevy Nevlud, Paula Mihalcheon, Katie Tersmette (guest), Karen Cowl, Clint Dolgopol, Brad Carriere and Michelle Iacobucci

Student Leadership Guest: Halle Krahn

Regrets: no regrets were sent

Teams: no members joined

Meeting called to order: 7:05 p.m.

Student Leadership Report:

- The new student lunch for all students new to the school is organized with a pizza lunch in the Foods Room
- The Open House is planned for September 19th for parents to tour the school with parents; there is a BBQ hosted by Leadership
- The 21st Terry Fox run is taking place on September 21st; we are doing Toonies for Terry; the class who raises the most funds gets a pizza lunch
- National Indigenous Peoples Day is on September 29th; orange shirts and bracelets will be sold by donation (Suggested: \$10 for a shirt \$1 for a bracelet), as well as a “guess the number in a candy jar”, with funds going to the Rebuild Acqant Nation to help with fire recovery; the Nation will be offering food stuffs to help raise funds; there will be a school assembly at a later date to present the funds.

Approval of June 6, 2023 minutes:

- Minutes were not available; to be approved at the October meeting.

Treasurer’s Report :

- We received bank statements finally
- Balances are:
General: \$1,588.75; no cheques outstanding
Gaming: \$17,201.22
Budgeted items: we are waiting on two to three scholarships to come out

Principal's Report:

- Discussions were about the importance of keeping up PAC meeting attendance with many new parents in attendance; these meetings are a good place to learn what is going on in the school, how the school is tracking results and any changes in education and reporting on student achievements etc
- The school used to rely on parent volunteers for activities like the Open House BBQ but now the Leadership classes plan and run these types of activities and events
- A thank you to parents for their patience while the school gets the new payment (Cash Online) and forms system (Clevr) up and running fully
- International students can use the system to pay their fees as well
- Preparations to plan this year's Grad Ceremonies and Prom are underway; Michelle will be meeting with Grade 12s; there will be two major fundraisers coming up with one this year and one after the Christmas break; will be setting up a grad council; there will be grad photos the week after we return from the break where parents can setup a 30-minute session for photos with cap and gown and props.
- Staff updates: Jeff Bates is on leave; Jenny Healey is filling in for him; Jeff Pew is back; Scott Sharun is now at McKim; Brad Carriere is now VP at Selkirk; Lindsay Gunn is covering Senior Math and some Junior Math and Science classes.
- Enrollment numbers are showing quite a few students attending part-time or online and more part-time senior students than in past years; estimates are that we have 540 students attending in person.
- International student numbers are 27-28 students, but could take 28-30 students now, as two are here staying with family; this is up from last year, but still lower than in past years; challenge is finding Homestays; International students bring a lot of funds into the school and are what enables the school to offer more specialized classes like outdoor education.
- Homestays can take up to two students and must provide a bedroom for each and a private bathroom; students are from Grade 8 to 12 and can come for 3, 5 or 10 month stints; those who have hosted International students have reported what a great experience it is.
- The Selkirk goal for the year is "success for all learners"; literacy and numeracy assessment results will be the main focus; the school saw some growth in literacy with an 80%+ proficiency; numeracy is growing but still lower; school is working on teaching how to apply numeracy knowledge to problem solve using technology to become better critical thinkers and are embedding this type of thinking in other non-numeracy classes.
- Another goal is around equity, diversity and inclusion; increasing the sense of belonging in the school; focus of our Leadership classes is to be examples of generosity and showing how small acts can make a difference; students are involved in mentorship and tutoring; the school needs to work on racial equity
- Teachers are continuing to collaborate this year with teachers attending each others classes to gain further skills and provide constructive feedback.

- The school is still continuing to work on the Values Mission, and on the match between what the school is doing and how it is being received; key areas are: respect, innovation, equity, and growth.
- BC has a new reporting order with 8-9 grades based on a proficiency scale rather than a work habits piece; more work is needed to assess for things like Honour Roll; Grade 8-9 will be doing goal setting a self reflection exercises 3 times per year with a final grade reported at the end of the school year;
- Grade 10-12 still receive a percentage mark and work habits rating
- September 20th is photo day; reminder: no hats, sunglasses, or attire with wording or imagery not fitting the school dress code should be worn.
- This year the PAC will no longer be able to offer scholarships due to gaming rules for the grant money provided; the community is a huge supporter of our grads and offer a large number and variety of scholarships that grads can apply for.

DPAC Report (Coralie Hockly):

- There is currently no news; DPAC will have their AGM in October/November; it is strongly suggested that we have a representative on this body.

Correspondence:

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

Old Business:

- Bylaws are still in process of being updated

New Business:

- It is recommended we purchase of a BCCPAC membership for the 2023/2024 school year as a PAC; cost is \$75 for the year; cost to be presented with this year's budget
- Nominations for PAC executive positions are to be held at the October 3rd PAC meeting

Meeting adjourned: 8:17 pm

Next PAC meeting: October 3, 2023

Budget meeting: October 10, 2023 7pm