



SARDIS SENIOR SECONDARY

November 9, 2020 PAC Meeting Minutes

People in attendance (via Zoom)

Dan Heisler (Vice-Principal); Kathy Pearce (PAC Chair); Amy Brosinski (Secretary); Andrea Stiller; Rebecca Legros (Vice Chair); Leigh Kreitner; Rice Causton (Treasurer), Pam Loat, Ramona, Kimberlei Dool, Michelle McGrath, Megan Reid

1. Meeting Called to Order

Kathy welcomed those present and meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

2. Attendance and Introductions

Members present made introductions and attendance was taken.

3. Agenda

MOVED by Rebecca that the agenda be adopted. 2nd by Rice. **CARRIED**.

4. October 2020 Minutes

MOVED by Kimberlei that the minutes from the October 2020 PAC meeting be adopted. 2nd by Michelle. **CARRIED**.

5. Treasurer's Report (Rice Causton)

- Gaming account balance at November 1, 2020: \$10,312.84
- General account balance at November 1, 2020: \$8,534.66

6. Principal's Report (Dan Heisler)

- End of Octet 2 is at the end of this week (Nov.13)
- Today the school had a remote assembly
 - Reminded students that end of Octet 2 is this week and to get any missing assignments handed in
 - Also served as a test run for tomorrow's Remembrance Day assembly that is being held district-wide
- Next Monday (Nov.16) is an assessment day for staff; no school for students
- Term 1 reports should be complete next week (by Friday at the latest)
- OCR Program (Octet Course Recovery)
 - In prior years, there has been a program for students who are close to passing a course – took place during spring break and last two weeks in August
 - Success rate of about 90%
 - OCR is new design of this, as running the program at spring break won't work with the octet system
 - 2 weeks long, with 3 hours sessions
 - Program ran after Octet 1 and will run again after the completion of Octet 2

- Numeracy testing started last week – started with the Grade 12 students who missed the assessment in Spring of 2020 due to Covid-19
- Octet 3 – some families are transitioning back to school, while others are transitioning out
 - School is working to accommodate these families
- Questions from parents:
 - Q: District has indicated that absentee rate is 32%. What is the rate at SSS?
 - A: For Sept and Oct, it was about 12-14%. Today, it was 19%. Last week, after the announcement came that there were Covid-19 students at SSS, absentee rate increased to approximately 22% for the week.
 - Q: What is being done to help these students complete their coursework?
 - A: Depends on the course and grade of student. Teachers are trying to work with families to ensure success of the students.
 - Q: Are fewer students coming to school for Octet 3?
 - A: Unsure at this point. Had expected more emails, but they could still come this week. There are some families who are skipping this octet. There is a portable being used to help those students who are doing distance learning. There are never more than a handful of students in the class. Teacher and students must wear masks.
 - Q: Is there an option to do less than 100% face to face instructions, as some other school districts are doing?
 - A: Some districts are doing two courses at a time in their high schools – one in the morning at school and one in the afternoon online and vice versa. This wouldn't work in our district as the district is not able to bus students home or to school mid-day. The hope is to get to two courses at a time before the end of this school year.

7. DPAC Report (Michelle McGrath)

- Dan Coulter has been elected as MLA; therefore, it is anticipated that he will submit a resignation to the school board; by-election will likely take place in Spring
- "Elements of Wellness" brochure will be in local newspaper in November and will also be distributed to middle & high school students
- Trans Mountain Pipeline Hearing is taking place via video conference on November 24th at 10:00 am.

8. New Business

- Gaming Committee:
 - Gaming Committee met last week to review funding requests
 - 9 applications were received this year; we usually receive 45-70 applications
 - Lack of applications likely due to Covid-19
 - Total funds available to spend: \$32,712.88
 - Recommended by Gaming Committee:
 - Football uprights, total cost of \$11,462.70
 - PAC to match up to \$6,000 of funds raised towards this project
 - Trophies & awards for Strongman competition
 - PAC to fund total request of \$1,200
 - Games club pizza lunches and "Sushi Go Party" tournaments
 - PAC to fund total request of \$300

- Books for book club
 - PAC to fund total request of **\$300**
- Boxing gloves and mitts
 - PAC to fund total request of **\$1,957.94**
- 6 scholarships of \$500 each
 - PAC to fund total of **\$3,000**
- New basketball court
 - PAC to match up to **\$6,000** of funds raised towards this project to pay for the basketball hoops (total cost of the hoops is \$6,000)
- Bowls of Hope soup containers and Christmas decorations for cultural program
 - PAC to fund total request of **\$700.00**
- Exit escape room and bussing for Physics class. Request was for \$2,316.
 - PAC recommends that students each pay \$20 and PAC to fund remaining **\$1,200**
- Total recommended spending of **\$20,707.94**
- This leaves \$12,004.94 of unspent funds that could be used later in the year, if the situation around Covid-19 changes or to be carried forward to next year.

MOVED by Kimberlei that the Gaming Fund recommendations be approved as presented. 2nd by Rice. **CARRIED.**

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Rice that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40. 2nd by Kimberlei. **CARRIED.**