

PAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 16, 2023 -Meeting through Zoom

Attendees

Donna Thomas, Linda Pollastretti, Lorie Jensen, Linda Grange, Nicole McIlravey, Wendy Nelson, Colleen Bertrand, Mikkel Blowin, Anja Friesen, Heather Neufeld, Margaret Kurpiel, Lize Costa, Boeun Chung

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Donna Thomas

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Proposed by Donna Thomas
- Seconded by Linda Grange

Principal's Report given by Linda Pollastretti

1. Updates:
 - a) Semester 2 Staffing: Katrina Roy (English & Socials), Josh Fraser (Math, Science, Careers), Jordie Lynn (Indigenous support 3 days a week), Increased staffing due to increased enrollment for the 2nd semester
 - b) International Students: 18 new students and a about a dozen that are funding eligible through the ministry of education while their parents are here on work visas
 - c) Basketball Home Games: currently on hold while a basketball hoop needs repaired. Due to a recent WorkSafe incident, staff cannot assist in this type of repair. It will be fixed soon and games should resume in the next couple weeks.
 - d) Reminder of Affordability Fund: Please help spread word to parents that these funds are available for those who need them (supplies, fees, transportation)
2. School Activities:
 - a) Deeper Learning Week: January 23-Feb 1st gives 2.5hr chunks of time with 2 classes per day for inquiry learning (Thursday, Feb 2nd back to 4 classes)
 - b) Semester End: No school February 3 (Turn Around Day)
 - c) Grade 12 Night to Remember-Roaring Twenties – February 17th
3. Calendar:
 - a) My School Day App
 - b) Abby School App (for parents). This has news, events, announcements, and you can also view other schools. Discussion on how many parents use this app and are they aware of it. By response, it did not seem to be utilized by parents.
 - c) Website: parents can use to view NFTN, announcements, events, etc.

Treasurer Report by Linda Grange

Main account \$5,449.38. (available to spend)

Gaming account \$24, 650.08 (only a few cheques have been issued thus far)

Pursuant to the motion last meeting, the TD Account has been closed and a new PAC account has been opened with Envision as of today (no fees).

DPAC/BCCPAC Report by Donna Thomas

- Nothing new to report
- Next meeting January 26th at 7pm through Zoom

Other Business

- Staff Appreciation: Feb 15th. Lorie will post re: donations on the PAC Facebook page
- Bingo Association AGM: Lorie Jensen attended in Nov. (cheque to come in the spring).
- Purdy's Easter Fundraiser - Donna Thomas will run it and advertise on the PAC page.
- Yearbook Sales: Mouat yearbooks are available on school cash online for \$45 until Jan 31st. On Feb 1st the price moves to \$48 with sales cut off at Spring Break.

Current Fundraisers

- **Green Bins:** There 2 green donation bins in our parking lot. Bins accept soft items (clothes, shoes, purses, stuffed animals, linens etc.) Everything has to be in good, clean condition.
- **Return-It Express:** Return you empty cans, bottles, & drink containers to any Return-It location using label # 956-682-8722 (WJMOUATPAC). Labels can be printed at these locations or are available in the school office.
- **Cobs Bread:** Mention your child attends Mouat ("Raising Dough for Mouat"). 5 percent of your purchase goes to the PAC.

Questions/Comments

- **Grad Photos:** Current company for grad photos is Vibrant photos. Parents expressed concerns re: increased costs to packages and touch ups and there is less choice with packages. There is also a tighter deadline to order photos. Some parents are opting for private photos due to the cost. Linda Pollastretti will look into the changes.
- **Convocation:** Saturday, June 24 (this will change if Abbotsford Canucks make it to end of the playoffs). There is a back-up date planned. Convocation cost/Grad cap and gown/2 tickets are available on school cash online (\$60). Extra Tickets will be available for purchase.
- Discussion regarding convocation at Abbotsford Events Centre as it's a significant cost (\$6000 per school), but bill ended up being \$13,000. The big pro is it doesn't limit seating. Do we look for alternatives, such as a church or other venue that can seat 3500?
- Discussion regarding whether caps can be bought separately. Linda P. to follow up.
- **Poll Results for PAC Meetings:** Zoom was the preferred meeting platform. The next meeting will be on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:36 pm.

Next meeting is February 27th @ 7pm *** through Zoom