



# HD Stafford Middle School PAC

## MINUTES

### Feb 8th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

I would like to acknowledge that we join together tonight on the unceded territories of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Matsqui First Nations. We honor their grandfather teachings of love, respect, courage, honesty, wisdom, humility and truth

In attendance: Gina Twellmann, Cathy Worrall, Chantale Hubbs, Carmen Phelan, Lisa Tatarniuk, Cindy Chung, Sarah Preston, Solanlle Panquinao, Vanessa Joehl, Natalie Carmichael, Michelle Greene

#### I. Approval of previous minutes:

- A. Jan 11th PAC Meeting Minutes: Approved by Solanlle P. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chantale H., all in favor
- B. Meeting agenda: Approved by Cathy W. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Solanlle P, all in favor

#### II. School reports:

- A. Principal – John Hantke: Not in attendance, by GT

Huge thankyou to PAC for putting on a successful dance, Teachers were nervous about the dance but were reassured that all would go smoothly. There were a few relationship drama fallouts from the dance which surfaced on the Friday.

Thanks to Sarah and all volunteers for help with Breakfast Program, have seen a huge uptake of students coming for breakfast.

Have obtained the master photos from the photo booth from the dance. Will be working on getting them distributed soon. There was a privacy issue with photos being available for all to see.

February is Black History month and Respect and Diversity week is coming up Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. Will be sending out info in the Scoop of all events which will take place.

Will be putting up Valentine Hearts in the front foyer, 1 for each student. Will have the students name on the front with an encouraging message from their teacher on the back.

On Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, the new School Board Trustees will be coming to the school. Will be showing off the plans for the new Theatre, outside courts and new foods room.

- B. Community Coordinator – Kinder Sandher: Not in attendance, by GT

The Ukrainian Family Tea was held last month. Was a success. Thanks to PAC and all volunteers. Great feedback from families that attended. Oleya from SWIS (Settlement workers in Schools) attended and was the main mediator between admin and families and translators. Great turnout from all feeder schools. There were translators from the Langley City Community Services which were really helpful. Mr. Hantke showed a video on Stafford and our school spirit and all the activities offered. The families got to mingle and ask questions. The main concern that most families had, was if their children would be able to attend University (if their English would be good enough), and were reassured with all the resources available, to make it happen. There were lots of volunteers and for next event will be more specific in duties and times needed. Had many student helpers to set up and decorate for the Tea.

Have started a Chess Club on Monday's afterschool, great turnout by students and may have to put a cap on how many can come.

Wants to start a buddy system with LSS. Every grade 8 student would be linked with a LSS buddy (maybe grade 11). So they can ask question and have a mentor when they start at LSS. Hoping to start a once a month Ukraine Social/ meeting time for families to come and connect. With regards to Respect and diversity week, this year would like to have a day/ evening big event after Spring Break. Details have not been worked out yet between John and Kinder.

### III. Old Business:

#### A. Dance "Great Success"

##### 1. Feedback

*Attendees:* 136 Grade sixes, 150 Grade sevens, 96 Grade 8's – Total- 382

Great feedback from parents and students. The DJ Said that Stafford was the best, well behaved school that he has gone to. Students now know what a school dance is and involves and will hopefully be more excited for the next ones. Gift cards were given to the 2 SEA's that were there and helped. There was a sub teacher that came and helped out in the coat check and will get a gift card to him for all his help.

*Things that worked:* Great DJ & music, good to focus decoration in hallway, tattoo station, SEAs and principal at door, coat check, pizza delivery went smooth, no dress code issues, kids dancing, neon theme was popular, signup genius for volunteers, great poster from Lindsay, the box seats from the theatre were great for having in the hallway,

*Things to improve:* Reserve gym earlier, finish posters earlier, have more volunteers on entrance at start, add coat check to volunteer list, pizza payment closer to pizza, add executive PAC to specific stations/tasks, more time to give volunteers clear expectations, more men to volunteer, volunteer on garbage detail, have a designated First Aide person, use students for garbage detail at end with prizes, monitor coat check more closely, set up tables at entrance better for students leaving, be ready for more food donations, sell free tickets ahead of time for estimate numbers, maybe charge \$2 to come to dance, Get flyers out to teachers to post on the classroom doors for advertising, no student loitering in coat check area, no student loitering in hawk's nest area.

Budget: Dance Jan 26, 2023

#### **Income**

Hawk's Nest	\$1,472.50
Pizza	\$1,039.00

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Total	\$2,511.50
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#### **Expenses**

DJ Video Max	\$1,260.00
Hawk's Nest Supplies	\$427.13
Dance advertising	\$57.26
Hawk's Nest Supplies	\$505.41

Veggie Straws	\$50.00
Pizza	\$876.00
Photo Booth	\$200.00
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	\$3,375.80
Total net	-\$864.30

B. G&F etransfer account

1. Create wording for account request

Request from the bank – “Please request, for the meeting minutes to be specific, that you would like to open a membership at Gulf and Fraser. Who you would like to be signers on the account, what their roles are, if you would like it to be 2 signatures required and if you would like Online Banking. Do any of your pending signers currently bank at Gulf and Fraser? This would be helpful as 2 of the 4 signers have to be members which would require Credit bureaus to be pulled to be members.”

HD Stafford PAC nonprofit, would like to open a membership for an e-transfer/ online account at Gulf & Fraser. We would like an online account with two signatures required. The signers will be Carmen Phelan (Treasurer), Cathy Worrall (Secretary), Alex Joehl {Vice President, also he has signing authority at G&F through the Valley Ball Hockey Association), Lisa Tatarniuk (Member at Large, she is a member of G&F). As an alternative signer, if required, Gina Twellmann (President, she is also a member of G&F).

IV. Executive reports:

- A. President: GT, Nothing to report
- B. Vice President: AJ, Not in attendance
- C. Treasurer: by CP

Dance Budget is inputted, Munchalunch has been successful. The new cheques should be arriving this week so will get cheques written and then inputted into budget. Will recap again at next exec meeting and make sure that all funds are inputted correctly and all expenses/ credits are in line.

General Account balance \$14,694.93  
 Gaming Account balance \$20,958.13

- D. Secretary: CW, Nothing to report
- E. DPAC: by CH

**No DPAC Meeting in December**  
**DPAC General Meeting: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Presentation:** Safe Schools and Student Wellness  
 Lisa Lainchbury, Assistant Superintendent  
 Magdy Ghobrial, District Principal of School Safety and Diversity  
 Cpl. Julie Bion, RCMP, School Liaison Officer

- Work in partnership for the success of all students: goal is to support all family schools and staff

- Values – connections with one another, parents and community partners to meet the mandate of supporting student families and staff.
- 7 school officers plus Julie - each officer is assigned a high school and the feeder schools
- Programs: Kids clubs out of elementary, reading club (with LAPS & fire dept.), basketball pilot program underway.
- Regular interaction is important so the students get to know them and there are positive interactions.
- Key goal – not to arrest. Last resort. Looking to work with restorative partners to direct kids back onto a positive path.
- Attend community events – incredibly important to liaise in a different way. They will try their best to come if invited. Attending Spring Fling and others.
- Magdy Ghobrial – Review process to examine and define what students need in the Langley School District. Everybody should feel support from the community. Going to be moving forward with the school community to review everything the SLO program does is being felt. Goal is to ensure all students feel supported.
- Officers are available to introduce themselves, explain SLO program
- PACs are encouraged to share info about SLO program and the liaison officer at their school via newsletters or social media
- Bridging events like “coffee with a cop” or “meet the police” would help foster positive interactions
- Incidents at school involving police and communication to parents are being reviewed on a case by case basis. Privacy, investigation, attention seeking...no one policy is applicable in every situation.

#### **Trustee Report: Trustee Ward**

- Committee changes with Joel being signed off. School Liaison officer update. Regular public board meeting next week.
- Strategic education plan meeting was held. Public can attend some of these meetings. A new plan is underway.
- Meetings held with Langley Environment Program (LEAP) i.e., outdoor education. Board is recommending that the program become a special academy in the school system – very popular with value added benefits and it will also focus on numeracy and literacy.

#### **Superintendent Report - Mal Gill, SD 35 Superintendent**

- Meeting with various groups to review the 4 year strategic plan to receive feedback and take it to the education meeting in March. Then at the end of April to the public.
- Uncertified TTOCs - short TTOCs in classrooms so VPs and Principals are covering classes. Plans to implement this over the last few months examining Chilliwack (60-70 uncertified) as an example. Langley is continuing to hire, but need to overcome immediate shortage. Intend to max at 10 hires and examine if this could work to support staff, teachers' parents and kids in school. All are term (temp) positions and no uncertified TTOCs can post into permanent positions.
- Collective Agreements – moving forward. No job actions. Good news.
- Enhancement Agreement – working through this with First Nation.
- Planning for Idea Summit (May 9<sup>th</sup>) and Idea X (May 23<sup>rd</sup>).

#### **Upcoming**

1. District Parent/Guardian Information Meeting: Admin Procedure 356 (Exclusion)  
January 31 – parents must RSVP by Monday, Jan 23.

2. DPAC: Feb 23 and April 27 – two-part series with SD35 Director of Michael Morgan, Director Learning Support Services for families with / needing IEPs
3. April 13 – DPAC Presents “Let’s Talk Youth Exploitation” with Tiana Sharifi, Sexual Exploitation Education. Free, but registration required – details to follow.

### **Scholarship Committee**

Richard Bulpitt education awards - 4 @ \$500 each awarded to SD 35 2023 graduates.

Application cut off is Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Application on FB Page and Website:

<https://langleydpac.ca/scholarships/> Also looking for parents who might be interested in being a judge. Email [scholarship@langleydpac.ca](mailto:scholarship@langleydpac.ca).

### **President’s Report - Alicia Rempel**

Attended BCCPAC leadership summit. Valuable presentations and participation in discussions. Especially the chance to connect with other DPACs across the province. Around that time the family affordability fund was being reviewed. It became clear how well Langley SD handled the consultation and distribution compared to other districts.

Plea for those who wish to participate in Langley DPAC and to consider a role now as a Member at Large and consideration to running for the 2023 / 2024 term as president.

### **Announcements**

- Next School Board Meeting: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Parent/Guardian Information Meeting: Admin Procedure 356 January 31<sup>st</sup> 7pm SBO
- Next DPAC Meeting: February 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 7pm @ SBO

Q: Would love to hear some ideas on how to get more parents to attend meetings for our PACs?

A: Snacks!

A: one-hour meetings, short and sweet

A: Draw for gift cards or free hot lunch

A: rotate between morning and evening meetings.

A: Publish agenda ahead of time and stick to the agenda, helps moves the meeting along

There was some discussion and concerns from parents who attended the Admin Procedure 356 meeting that was held, Chantale will get more details of concerns to bring back to the DPAC

## **V. Committee Reports & New business:**

### **A. Hot Lunches by CW**

Seems to be going smoothly, Wonderful parent helpers

### **B. Popcorn by LT**

Grade 6 and 7 are keener on ordering, Will have to reiterate to students and teachers that there is a limit of 1 bag per student. Makes it hard to organize and get popcorn popped and in bags if too many.

### **C. Hawk’s Nest by LT**

Supply costs are going up. Grade 7 & 8 are next week.

### **D. Fundraising by CW**

Neufeld’s fundraiser is scheduled. Ordering from Monday April 3 till Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up for 10-10:15 am on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>

## VI. PAC Fundraising & Grade 7 camp

Discussion over fundraising for Grade 7 camp came to conclusion that fundraising should be done by Grade 7 parents and not a PAC responsibility

Mr. Hantke does not want us to put on a Movie Night for the students. Feels it would be too hard to control and contain students for the duration of a movie.

Brainstorming for PAC fundraising

Sarah and Lisa will organize a Bake Sale for March 8/9 to correspond with parent/teacher conferences

Krispy Kreme donut sales for Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Cathy will organize through Munchalunch presales and individual sales for students at lunch. The presold boxes will be delivered to the classrooms for students to bring home.

Concession at Diversity and Respect Evening, until we know what the diversity evening is going to be encompassing we will not make plans.

## VII. Gaming Account changes

Due to the elevated cost of a scoring table, the school has decided not to purchase one. We now have the \$2000 in our gaming account which needs to be reallocated. Some thoughts were giving more to Grade 7 camp. Which is a no because it is in the gaming account and all funds need to be fairly distributed through the grades.

Talk about supporting the Chess Club, Long Jump, or Badminton rackets for the Badminton team.

Will hopefully get some costs of items for the next meeting so that reallocation can be proposed.

## VIII. Next Meeting Date:

A. Wed. April 12th, 6:30pm in the HD Stafford Library

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 by GT

### Dates:

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day – no school

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Design and Assessment – no school

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Day

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7&8 Hawk's Nest

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – Family Day – no school

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Hot Lunch - StrEATS

Feb 21 – 24 – Respect and Diversity Week

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pink Shirt Day

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – White Hatter Presentation

March 1<sup>st</sup> – PAC Executive Meeting

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Hawk's Nest

March 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> – early dismissal

Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> – Hot Lunch -Caesar's Pizza

March 11<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – No school

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday – No School

April 12<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting

May 10<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting

May 19<sup>th</sup> – No School

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Victoria Day – No School

June 7<sup>th</sup> – PAC AGM

June 21<sup>st</sup> – PAC executive meeting