

## **SEXSMITH PAC • ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

June 2nd 2021• 6:33pm –?pm

Online Zoom Meeting

### **EXECUTIVE**

Chairperson:	Mandeep Sidhu	Treasurer:	Angela Wong
Vice-Chairperson:	Deljit Beesla	Secretary:	Jacqui Crawford
Fundraiser:	Penny Wong		

### **APPOINTED**

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Eva Jung (absent) and Amit Sisodia (absent)

### **GUEST**

Joel Levine, Principal

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

1. Determine quorum – 15 members present
2. Welcome and acknowledgement
  - Thanks to teacher and staff students for keeping our children safe and calm during this very challenging year. Thanks to the students and parents for following all the health, safety and school and keeping case numbers to a minimum. Also thanks to the PAC executive and volunteers for thinking outside the box for celebrations and fundraisers.
    - 2.1. Voting eligibility reminder
    - 2.2. Online meeting procedures
  - Approval of agenda (no additions)
  - Approval of May 5th 2021 Minutes (approved by Angela and seconded by Mandeep)

5. **Guest - Principal Levine's Report**

- 5.1 Update for numbers for next school year, approx. 400 students at the moment, we will have 17 divisions. Classes are full and we have a wait list. If there is an educational reason that you want your child in a specific class, let Mr. Levine know in writing by May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 5.2 Covid update; we are very thankful that we have got through this challenging year. There has been recent exposure, some kids and a teacher stayed home, to my knowledge only the original person got sick. In September, there will most likely be some health and safety protocols still in place.
- 5.3 The students, teachers and staff, in addition to the VSB have a desire to acknowledge the findings associated with the Kamloops Residential School. We decided to create a display near office, the display is orange and will display personal messages, tea lights and teddy bears created by the students. This helps children in an age appropriate way to understand what is going on, it is a part of Canadian history.
- 5.4 Grade 7 Graduation is happening, thanks for funding certain aspects of it. The kids and teachers will be in gym and we will use Microsoft Teams to broadcast the ceremony to the families on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The video can be reviewed afterwards for those unable to attend. Grade 7 will come in late that day then ceremony will take place followed by pizza lunch and they will do something in the afternoon.
- 5.5 Previously we talked about a new trophy case for the school. In our old school there was a trophy case, so we have lots of archives, old trophies and new trophies that are not on display. There is an alcove near the office that would be a good place. I looked into the price of having one made it was quite expensive, maybe we could have it a door beside the office. School Board estimated a cost of \$2000, half the price of being hand made. Can we request a contribution from the gaming account?
- 5.6 Thanks so much for the PAC, it has been so nice, I will miss the school. The kids here are great kids, caring and kind and I will miss this school community. We don't have a name yet for the new temporary Principal for the fall. The new principal will start in January, after completing maternity leave, she will come to the school next week to meet the teachers.

## QUESTIONS:

- What does the support staff numbers look like for September? As the VSB they are cutting the number of support staff. *Right now we have nine support staff and there are 30-40 kids across the school that need help. There are kids that need an individual support and can't be left alone, there are other kids that need a little support in the classroom and some that just need a break from the classroom there are kids that need supervision at recess/lunch, the support teachers can help with that. The position of the VSB, is that support staff should focus and provide safety, feeding, toileting. The VSB felt we were over staffed for the kids that we have. I fought against this and managed to get them to cut 2 of our support staff. In September, we can go back to the board with a case that we need more coverage. Nicole, the resource teacher working with SSA's. I'm very proud of all the kids, we have 17 kids with autism and the SSA's are working one on one with them and the kids are doing really well. The VSB \$12,000,000 deficit, so this why they are cutting staffing where they think they can. Teachers and resource teachers will pick up the slack and make it work.*
- Comments from Tanya (parent) to Mr. Levine; I know you have been really advocating and fighting a system that doesn't have enough money. However, the VSB have a legal obligation to support special needs students to a point of undue hardship that was in the court case. My frustration is that I found this out through the grapevine, late in the school year I think there is a role for parents to do outside of the school, so how can we add our voice to the schools voice? Even this year my son did not get the help he needed. I feel it might be too late to act on this in September, I would like to do something starting now.
- *Mr. Levine; Rosie Finch and David Platt are now the people dealing with this issue and are our contacts, they're saying teachers should run inclusive classrooms, but it's hard for teachers to meet the all the kids needs. This year SSA's were taken away from kids to teach classes as there was a shortage of teaches on call.*
- Are all the parents of kids that are diverse learners been notified? *Nicole is letting people know when she is having IP meetings with parents now.*
- Tanya asked for the PAC to support this issue, Mandeep agreed. Tanya can help draw up the letter and involve the other parents. If VSB can mandarin and French, then it is not undue hardship to support our kids. Angela suggested that DPAC maybe help too.

No further questions.

6. **Treasurer's Report and Hot Lunch Refund update – Angela**

6.1 **May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 BALANCES**

Our current funds available are **\$37, 214.20**

Breakdown as follows:

PAC General Account	19, 851.50
PAC General Account Hot Lunch Funds	11, 514.15 (restricted)
PAC fundraising – Nil	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>26, 365.65</b>

**Included in the above amount;**

I-Ride \$600.00 (approved last year)

**Total** **\$600.00**

Gaming account 13,908.32

Members shares 6.11

**Total** **\$13,914.43**

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**GAMING ACCOUNT**

**FUNDS REMAINING** **\$5960** **\$7880**

6.2 PAC Hot lunch responses from the google forms received. We received 126 responses, were duplicates, so we have 123 responses. We have \$5400 to be returned to parents. Some parents did not read the email as there is a language barrier, so we will try and communicate with those parents, maybe send a paper copy out to them and maybe the letter can be translated.

6.3 I-ride program is going ahead next week, the PAC is contributing \$600 towards it. Tassy can transfer the amount from the general account when the expense comes through.

- 6.4 \$1200 funding for graduation celebration. We donated \$600 towards the grad lunch and a further \$600 towards a sketch artist, sketching each Grade 7 student for a picture memorabilia. Suggestion was made by Pandora and Ms. Conrad and Mr. Kay though it was a great idea.
- 6.5 Lana suggested by email personalised grad water bottles. We posed this idea to Mr. Kay and Ms. Conrad. It would cost around \$800, Lana will investigate further and send the information to the PAC executive for future ideas.
- 6.6 There are enough funds from the Gaming Account for the Trophy Case. However, we need to vote on it.

No further questions, Treasurers Report has been filed as submitted.

## **7. Hotlunch update - Mandeep**

We are in the preliminary stages of planning how to go forward with the Hot Lunch Program. Previously we in housed the hot lunch program, many volunteer parents were responsible for buying, making, serving, collecting the cash and doing the administrative work., 3 times a year. It's labour intensive.

I've done a little bit of research and found a company called Munchalunch, it eliminates the admin work. It's a online registration, online selection and payment system. It costs \$300 to use this service. They then deposit the money into the PAC account. They prepare the food lists by divisions and there will be no involvement of cash collection. This is one suggestions, but this means we will still need volunteers in the school, come September we may not be allowed into the school to volunteer.

Another program I looked into; C'est mon Café, they deliver the food items to school, compostable containers, more costly \$5 per meal. They will take care of the admin and delivery. If we do choose this hot lunch program, then the program would not be one of the biggest PAC fundraisers.

## 8. Fundraiser Report – Penny

- 8.1 I would like to offer the dress up unicorn to welcome the kindergarten kids.
- 8.2 Ongoing fundraisers.
  - We have **Fundscrip gift cards** as an ongoing fundraiser. The sign up link is: <https://www.fundscrip.com/Sign-Up.aspx?IID=2CBHHR>
  - **Olivers Labels** Keep your items out of the lost and found pile by labelling your personal items with Oliver's labels. Custom labels can be printed with your child's name to use on all their belongings. When you purchase labels from Oliver's Labels, 20% of the purchases will support Sexsmith PAC's fundraising effort.

## 9. Electing the board executive 2021/2022 – Deljit

- **CHAIR Position**; Mandeep Dishu was nominated with 100% of the votes and accepted
- **VICE CHAIR position**; Mike Atwal nominated himself and with 100% of the votes he accepted.
- **TREASURER position**; No one was interested in the position, so Angela Wong will stay on in the interim.
- **FUNDRAISER position**; Penny was nominated and will 100% of the votes she accepted.
- **SECRETARY position**; Kim Auja nominated herself, with 100% of the votes, she accepted.

## 10. Other Business/Questions/Comments

Email [sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering

No further questions

The next PAC meeting is set for Wednesday September 22nd at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Typed by Jacqui Crawford – PAC secretary

*Note: The above meeting was held while B.C. was in State of Emergency. Under the Emergency Program Act, Ministerial Order No. M116 (“the order”) was in effect at the time the meeting was held. The order allows electronic attendance and electronic voting at the virtual meeting irrespective of any provisions under the PAC’s corporate enactment.*