

CSS PAC Meeting Minutes: October 3, 2023

Executive Summary

Call to Order: 7:08 moved -Kate second Kundi

In Attendance: Liana, Shannon, Ann (SD46 Trustee), Paula S-M (vice principal), Lia, Kundi, Kate, Corina, Siobhan

Regrets: Jenny M, Susan J, Mark S, Vanda

Accept Agenda: Moved – Kundi Second - Kate

Accept Minutes from September 2023: Moved –Kundi Second – Kate

Treasurer's Report: Shannon (for Vanda)

Gaming account balance: -\$3674.47*

Outstanding bursary cheques have all gone out

General account balance: \$21,199.18 (funds available)

(Awaiting the Subway invoice still to be paid out from the general account)

*gaming grant will replenish the account. The grant is based on the previous year's student number (per student amount)

Accept treasurer's report as presented: moved- Kundi Second-Kate

Community schools report: Lia L

- Community Schools is requesting funds towards: Winter Talent show, Amazing Race, and Grade 7 Transition- already approved at the last PAC meeting
- To simplify the process of paying expenses for these events, Lia is suggesting that PAC hold the funds instead of the funds being sent to Luba first, then Lia has to submit invoices and request the funds be disbursed from Luba. PAC members agree this is a great idea.
- Lia is hoping to order the hotdogs either through the PAC's GFS account or Independent account—action: Kundi and Vanda will assist with this happening via the purchase order book and the PAC agreed as a group

Trustee Report: Ann S

Ann is our main representative for CSS, although protocol generally involves going through the board chair with matters that require board support, she indicated we could contact her directly when needed.

A trustee can be requested to attend our meetings

A survey will go out at the end of the school year to evaluate this new support method

Circles of Care

Go to SD46 website to do survey...blue button

Samantha Haines' position is vacant so a byelection will occur

New student Trustee kale reid

Q: has there been a cost of living increase in the per student funding? (Ann will get back to us on that)

Vice-Principal's Report: Paula S-M

- SOGI letter, strategic plan letter, club sign up, grade 8 day, terry fox run, T & R ceremony with student speakers, good energy in the building, district visitors have stopped in at CSS for a tour, positive feedback from visitors
- Q: changes with recycling and compost in our building A: a whole new system with beautiful new collection bins has replaced the previous system that was run by a CSS EA and teacher. Some glitches need to be ironed out, including needing more bins, as there are spaces that are missing collection bins, including the hot lunch kitchen
- Parent teacher night informal reports go out on october 13, conferences potentially the week of October 16th Q: is there an online option for parents to speak to teachers
- Tuesday morning is school photo day and Early Dismissals are next week
- Q: parents would like an updated list of clubs that are running and they are finding the Chat To Go App seems not to be working well/there is outdated information on the app/there are no instructions for new parents to understand how to interact with the app. They would like to know how to use the app properly. Can they get some information sent out

A: Paula will follow up

Q: students wanting to use the gym...is adult support available

A: student must participate in an orientation and will be given a card. Small annual fee \$

Q: a parent has been hearing there is a rise in school violence? What is happening at CSS?

A: Admin is aware of a small percentage of students participating in this and are building a community of care with the student body, as well as proactively addressing it. It gets a bit tricky when it's out in the community after hours, unless there is a spillover into school time/in the building. Support from the Youth Liaison officer is in place.

Grad Lead Report:

A few things: Bottle drive \$1000 was raised. Parents are anxious to get involved with helping the grads. There is a halloween dance being organized by grad. This year rather than having a Parent Grad Lead the school principal has advised that there will be a Collaborative Leadership Parent Committee made up of Grade 12 parents and Grade 11 parents so there is succession planning, which will support Grad Council/Grads

DPAC Report:

Next meeting

Hot Lunch Report: Kundi

The success of hot lunch this year has created the need to order more products, which has caused the freezers to fill up quickly. There may be a necessity to add another freezer

New Business:

- Teacher request: Mr Hanem-senior basketball uniforms- about \$600 for a team of 12, as well as 6 more basketballs for practices \$304. Paula to follow up with funding sources through the PE/Athletics department. PAC to follow up and potentially do an evote.
- Status of Gaming Grant: coming in october
- PAC bursary discussion regarding possibly changing the wording as well as the criteria, held over to next meeting. In addition, discussion of potentially adding an separate criteria for the Indigenous PAC Bursary

Adjourned at 8:45

Next meeting Monday November 6, 2023 @CSS Library