

**Samuel Robertson Technical Senior Secondary  
Parent Advisory Committee**

**Attendance**

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| Michelle Bortignon        | Mr. Dickson     |
| Melanie VanDregt          | Nancy McNeil    |
| Rishan Szymanski          | Sabrina Mattson |
| Cathy Cooke               | Peggy Loran     |
| Natalie Bergeron          | Loreen Martin   |
| Mary Catherine Villasenor | Jeffrey Curwen  |
| Deborah Raymond           | Greg Raymond    |
| Tammy Caruthers           |                 |

**1. Call to order:**

Motion was made to call the meeting to order. Upon motion unanimously carried the meeting was called to order.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of May 13, 2013 were presented for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. Upon motion unanimously carried the minutes were approved.

**3. Committee Reports:**

**a. Direct Access Grant:**

Report prepared and reviewed

**b. Financial Report:**

A report was prepared and reviewed

**c. DPAC Report:**

The next DPAC meeting will be held at Thomas Haney on October 10, 2013 @ 6:30pm. For more information and upcoming events, you can go to the SD#42 website to check the calendar.

**4. Administration Report:**

**a. Mr. Dickson**

1. Mr. Dickson advised that things went quite smooth with the transition to the new school year and new school. There were a few hiccups, but, overall, things went very well!
2. The new portal payment/online system to pay for school fees began this year. One third of parents chose to utilize this system.

3. Mr. Dickson thanked all of the office/administrative staff for stepping up to help make this school year's transition so successful!
4. Mr. Dickson's administrative list is very long so there will be some revisions. Things have been a little busier than normal.
5. There have been some staffing changes/new staff: Chelsea Hampton (John Sneddon retired), Hanna Murray for Science and Math, Shaana McBay for English, Nikki Lunoch for Marketing, Melissa Wong for support and Natalie Baxter for new library and reception.
6. A big thank you to the LINK CREW for calling all of the grade 8 parents to help welcome both parents and new students to SRT.
7. School Report –
  - Class size (Bill 22) 4 classes are over 30 students. SRT will meet with the MRTA reps and LIF committee to review composition issues
  - SRT has 837 students
  - SRT is staffed for 844 students (includes the 96 partnership students
  - 125 full time grade 12 students
8. Provincial Exams – 2014 -- students can re-write their provincial exams(s) if they are not happy with their original mark
9. Mr. Dickson will invite all department heads to attend one of the future PAC meetings.
10. School Growth Plan –
  - SRT will be teaching with a Focus on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century/Personalized Learning
  - Emphasis on continue to improve technology
  - Continue to improve Community Connections and making SRT an attractive school for students in SD#42
11. Upcoming Events –
  - Students photos – retakes on ???
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Collaboration Day is on September 20, 2013, late start @ 9:50am (school will be open for at usual time with some teachers available to help students who are in the school)
  - SGP day is on September 24<sup>th</sup>
  - NID on September 23, 2013 – Assessment with Alphonse Kohen
12. June Exam Results were discussed.
13. Culture Update-What's Happening @ SRT?
  - had the Awards Ceremony
  - grade assemblies
  - continuing with Collaboration Time – parents have a lot of say in this . Their opinion is important. Accountability for staff – Staff will report to admin.

## **5. New Business**

**a.** CUPE had a strike vote today. There is the possibility of a strike starting Monday September 23. For more information, listen to CKNW/GLOBAL News. If there is a

strike, students may still come to the school to do work. The school will remain open.

**b.** Guest Speaker - If anyone has any idea(s) about a guest speaker, please come to the PAC meeting to bring forward. SRT will have a couple of special speakers attending: i) **Keith Hawkins** - on Monday September 30, 2013 he will attend SRT to present to the whole school about accepting others as to who they are; ii) a **Safe Teen independent group** is coming to SRT to talk with the grade 8's re: online safety, date rape. The boys and girls will be separated for this discussion and no teachers will be in the room during discussions.

**c.** School Planning Committee - Members of the PAC committee and the administrative team will meet at 5-5:30pm before the next PAC meeting which will be Tuesday October 15, 2013. (after Thanksgiving Monday)

**d.** Me to We - Mr. Dickson will supply more details at a later date and/or it will be on the SD#42 website.

#### **6. Adjourned: 8:20pm**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

**The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday October 15, 2013 @ 7pm in the SRT Library.**