

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

Attendance

Mr. Dickson
Sandra Russell
Gaylene Penneykid
Peggy Loran
Loreen Martin
Melanie VanDregt
Cathy Cooke

Sabrina Mattson
Michelle Bortignon
Jeff Curwen
Brent Crich
Marcel C. Dellasettor
Tammy Carruthers

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 September 16, 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:

PAC received a grant. Please see handout. Also, a few financial reports discussed. Please see handout.

b. Financial Report:

A report was prepared and reviewed

c. DPAC Report:

Michelle Bortignon attended last month's DPAC meeting @ Thomas Haney Secondary. Discussed were roles of the executives on PAC's. This information is online at SD#42 website for more info, ie roles, gaming grants.

4. Special Guests:

a. ***Denise Johannson of Student Support Services*** – There are 8 teachers within SSS and 10 SEA's. This staff work with students who have special needs, ASD, Down Syndrome, vision, mental health. The team is responsible for IEP's, meeting parents/legal guardians, provide support to classes. They offer a *homework club after school on Tuesday and Thursdays with support from support teacher or SEA.*

Some of the students with special needs are coded.

b. **Lisa Walton, Department Head for Languages** - Spanish and French are taught at SRT. There are 3 teachers, Ms. Walton, Mdme. Lapointe and Melissa ??

In grade 8, SRT offers ½ year of French and ½ year of Spanish.

In grade 11, there is intro to Spanish 11.

French 12, a couple of students are doing independent study with virtual backpacking trip to francophone countries and then they write about their experiences on a blog.

Goal for Language Dept. – to implement more and more technology as the school district is not replacing textbooks. “Bring your own device” which helps the student translate work and for students to do more oral work.

There is no Spanish 12 as there is no demand for it.

5. Awards

a. Lisa Walton provided handouts. (pls. see attached)

b. Mr. Crich talked about SRT and it being more than a vocational school. We have both an academic curriculum and technology program. SRT also has a Microsoft academy with a cap at 150. Michelle will take this to the next DPAC.

6. Administration Report:

a. Mr. Dickson

- Keith Hawkins “Dare to be Different” will be coming to talk with the students. Very unique and “will be better than good!”
- Dr. Drew Cluchey will be recognizing students in the school for doing (or be seen to be doing) something positive. Project Positive.
- Me to We, a social justice group, will be attending Rogers Arena on October 15.
- 2 fire drills will be taking place
- Safe Teen Assembly to come – about teen safety w/respect to internet usage, drug/alcohol info, sexual health and safety etc. The boys and girls will be separated and will be facilitated by counselors. Takes place October 29, 2013.
- Hallowe’en Dance October 30, 2013.
- Hallowe’en Fashion show October 31, 2013
- October 25, 2013 is a professional day. Theme is Assessment Strategy/Practises

- Vice Chair position is vacant – this position works on obtaining gaming funds and looks at budget requests from teachers. Peggy was elected. Motion carried by all attending.
- School Planning Council – opportunity to give an opinion on what’s going on at the school. Mary Catherine has been elected. Motion carried
- Budget change for year end PAC account – change from August 31 to June 15 as the PAC year end.
- Reminder – SRT front office is down some hours so please, if you need to speak to front office staff (Kelly and Christine) – please email them first and try to arrive to the school before 3:30pm.

6. Adjourned: 8:30pm

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

The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday November 18, 2013 @ 7pm in the SRT Library.