

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

Attendance

Mr. Dickson	Sabrina Mattson
Wendy Gorrie	Michelle Bortignon
Melanie VanDregt	Jill Ogloff
Nathalie Bergeron	Loreen Martin
Peggy Loran	Cathy Cooke
Mary Catherine Villenasor	

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 October 15, 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:

Mary Catherine discussed Direct Access Grant info.

b. Financial Report:

A report was prepared and reviewed by Mary Catherine.

c. DPAC Report:

Michelle Bortignon attended the last DPAC meeting. A presentation was given by The Salvation Army re: their bag lunch program for kids in some designated schools in SD#42. The goal is to reach students who, for a variety of reasons, do not have a lunch to eat at school. For more info, please contact MRPM Community Services, Colette Madsen @ 604-463-6911. Referrals go through her. This program is in need of donations.

4. Special Guests:

- a. Wes Reamsbottom gave a fabulous presentation re: "What We're Doing In Fine Arts". He provided attendees with a brief video presentation. There is a push for more students to get involved in Fine Arts programs within SD#42. The Encore program for students in grades 9-12 Art classes will be back. There are 2 blocks of drama in Encore 8. He talked about the TED Talk video by John Bohannon (http://www.ted.com/talks/john_bohannon_dance_vs_powerpoint) and

how there is benefit/crossover for those students who take courses within Fine Arts programs @ their local schools. SRT offers the popular School of Rock.

Mr. Reamsbottom also talked about learning outcomes for SD#42. Check out the SD#42 website for this info. The challenge is 'How can our departments integrate some elements of Fine Arts into the educational practice?' School of Rock concert was held November 29/13 @ 7pm in the music room.

5. Awards:

n/a

6. Administration Report:

a. Mr. Dickson

- Middle Childhood Matters Committee (focusing on children 6-12yrs.) member, Roberta O'Bryan, is doing research on programs that will help this age group. Grade 4's have been asked to take an electronic survey about how they feel both inside and outside of school.
- Jan Unwin is retiring sometime before November 14, 2014
- Elementary students are not getting letter grades in their report cards
- SD#42 enrollment decline is not as great as previously thought
- SD#42 budget – 45 positions eliminated last year
- Highschools in California changed their start time to 10am. Been a huge success. Whiterock school is now trying this.
- SD#42 has been given permission to try new ideas in terms of keeping kids in school/engaged. Are seeing a number of schools within SD#42 trying different things
- "blended learning" – come to school, work online with supervision of a teacher
- some ideas to try next year
- Remembrance Day service was great. 800 students attended and could hear
- Hallowe'en Dance went well. Well attended and most were wearing an appropriate costume/dress.
- Project Positive Assembly – students who do something nice for others within the school and are recognized for this
- Collaboration Time – going well
- Evacuation Drills – gone well
- Student Intervention Team was formed. Meet every 2 weeks. Discuss what types of behaviors are going on in our school.
- Assessment is SD#42 focus. Get a team from each school to look at assessments

- Looking @ the Future-predicts enrollment in the future for schools, average income for parents/families, social housing. SRT enrollment is up a bit.
- **January 21, 2014 Winter Formal.** Have to buy tickets for this dinner and dance. Tickets are \$20.00 @ SRT. \$10.00 for dance only.
- **Wake-a-thon** for Grade 2014. Mr. Cluchey running this – Friday Nov. 22/13. Pay for food, to sleep etc. 70 students attending so far.

7. New Business

- PAC Gaming fund request (see attached info sheet)
- SRT Family who lost their home due to fire. Lengthy discussion around how SRT family and Titan Football Club can best assist this family through this trying time. Family currently staying in local hotel. All their furnishings/clothing etc. lost. Jill Ogloff advised family needs rubber maid tubs. Football team will be doing something for the family. Lots of ideas around fundraising for the family. More info to come later.

8. Adjourned: 8:30pm

The next PAC meeting will be Monday Jan. 13, 2014 @ 7pm in the SRT Library.