

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

Attendance

Mr. Dickson	Rick Pennykid
Mr. Turner, guest speaker	Judy Lamont
Glenda Peterson	Sheryl Torres
Steve Gill	Lois Bruce
Mark Ogloff	Andrea Stockall
Jill Ogloff	Nathalie Bergeron
Diana Campbell	Nicolette Maxwell
Peggy Loran	Deanna Dyer
Chuck Dennison	Kathleen Cano
Wendy Gorrie	Cathy Cooke
Loreen Martin	Sabrina Mattson

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 January 13, 2014 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 reviewed all deposits and withdrawals.

b. Financial Report:

A report was prepared and reviewed by Mary Catherine.

c. DPAC Report:

DPAC meeting held Feb. 6, 2014. Sabrina attended this meeting. MRTF was in attendance re: recent court action. Won't be negative ads. Emergency Preparation plans underway re: containers for schools, protocol for elementary and highschool students discussed.

4. Special Guests:

Mr. Turner attended to provide information regarding scholarships and bursaries for grade 12 students moving onto post secondary education.

Where to look? Lots of valuable information provided.

- there are approximately over 2 million scholarships from around the world
- try to find those that are relevant for the student. Lots of sifting through

1. *Good places to start*

- o parents/grandparents employer(s) Do they offer scholarships? This is a good place to start.
- o Does the parent/grandparent belong to any clubs/organizations, ie – Rotary?, unions? etc.
- o If your child is involved in a athletics or other youth organization, ie cadets, scouting etc.
- o Telus, Fortis, Hydro – where do you bills come from?

2. *Universities/Colleges*

- 1) they offer scholarships/bursaries. 2 classes:
by the institution, ie “President’s Scholarship”. Sometimes, you can find them under financial aid. Contact the institutions’ financial aid officer. Dates to start searching Sept. 1, 2014 - October 15, 2014. Contact Mr. Turner for more info. Currently, this is the peak period now to find out the info and begin applying.

3. *District Scholarships*

Pamphlets from Student Financial Aid
SD#42 – puts some together and are managed by the school district

4. *Scholarships Canada*

25,000-30,000 geared to scholarships across the country
Students create a log-in/password. All scholarships are FREE. If they ask for \$\$, move on. You should not have to pay for this.
Scholarships come and go daily. Fluid kind of search.
You can set them up to auto-notify you for those ones you feel are relevant.

5. *Big Business*

Need to know what the student will be going into, ie, engineering/fine arts etc.

On a general “where to look” note, get to know the **institutions’ academic advisor** on a first name basis. Talk with them about financial aid/scholarships and visit them every year.

“How” to look note – look at the date a scholarship is due. If the date is good, move along to see if the next 4 or 5 criteria is met. Write for the ones you can easily say “yes” for.

There are 4/5 parts:

- 1) Application
- 2) Official transcript
- 3) Student letter about why this student deserves the scholarship.
The letter should be designed for each scholarship, ie., letter grades, leadership ability, volunteer experience/paid work experience. Tweak the letter to fit the scholarship.
- 4) Reference Letters from employers/volunteer officials/leaders

6. Bursaries

Students who demonstrate financial need; no means test, ie single parent w/1 child at university.

Scholarship – based on criteria – **60%** of this criteria is likely based on academics. Some will look for a “B” average and the \$\$ amounts are larger than a bursary.

7. Questions and Answer

- PSI (post secondary institution) – blue sheet (gr. 12)
- Student must give consent to give marks to institutions
- “Check this off” :
 - 1st section
 - B.C. Institutions
 - OUAC
- Check the box then these institutions can access the student’s marks
- Every grade 12 has to apply for a scholarship. Part of the grade-trans requirement. (about transition from high school to post secondary)

8. Dogwood Scholarship

- school determines who the winners are
- simple one to apply to
- have to do a presentation to teachers (only) that they know.
Can make it fun/interactive
- applications are due Feb. 27/14

- doesn't have to be oral presentation
- typically, it's oral – can use props, ie basketball
- encourage kids to think outside of the box
- use of video/powerpoint/cooking
- 15 minutes

9. Volunteer

- 100 hours = 4 credits
- no financial application

ALL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE POSTED ON THE BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE P.E. OFFICE – for more info, please check this board on a regular basis

***** Wednesday March 5 – BCIT is having an Open House, 5-8pm*****

10. Committee Reports

Direct Access Grants – Mary Catherine reviewed deposits and withdrawals.

DPAC Report – Feb. 6/14 Report

Some information unavailable pending locating a binder

MRTF attended re: upcoming court action
- won't be any negative ads

11. Administration Report:

a. Mr. Dickson –

- i) Poetry Slam went very well!
- ii) Course Scheduling
- Ongoing now
- Determine what courses the kids want
- iii) Grade 7 Night – 175 grads, 150 expected to come in
- iv) Student Led Conference – went well. Talked about some of the glitches.
- v) Report Cards out March 13, 2014 with satisfaction survey
- vi) Assemblies – Valedictorian, RCMP Assembly re: graduated licensing and Staying Safe Online.

12. New Business

- Lots of gaming money left over
- \$1,575 – Mr. Demos' request (discussed)
- went over some other requests made, ie grade 8 football program.

i) Adjourned: 8:55pm

The next PAC meeting will be Monday ??? 7pm in the SRT Library.