

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

Attendance

Mr. Dickson	Sabrina Mattson
Diana Campbell	Jill Ogloff
Nathalie Bergeron	Grant Sych
Loreen Martin	Peggy Loram
Mac Chemies	Cathy Cooke

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 February 17, 2014 were presented for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. Motion unanimously carried and the minutes were approved.

3. Committee Reports:

a. Direct Access Grant:

Mary Catherine reviewed all deposits and withdrawals and supplied information/Treasurer's Report for SRTSS PAC and Final Audit Note.

b. Financial Report:

A SRTSS PAC treasurer's report was prepared, submitted 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.

d. Gaming Grants:

Sabrina Mattson sent an email to the executive re: having vinyl placed on SRT chairs for sports fans of SRT to sit on. Quote for basketball/football chairs for fans to sit and watch is \$225.00.

Gaming Grant Audit Report – re: car. Discussion around how this was rolled out last year. This year, the car donation will be done differently. Please see the Final Audit Report.

e. DPAC Report:

Discussion around talking with school counsellors re: Microsoft Office 365 Parent Portal – SRT parents are getting this for free. Follow link to download Microsoft Office 365. Parents and students can do it.

May 1/14 – DPAC dinner was held (free) @ MRSS.

4. Special Guests:

Mr. Grant Sych attended to talk with parents about the trades programs offered at SRT and how this works.

Mr. Sych, Technology Education Department, spoke about the various programs available from grade 8-12 and how students can rotate through these programs, such as drafting, machinery etc.

What sets SRT apart from other high schools in SD#42 are:

1. Culinary Arts – VCC instructors are involved
2. Hairdressing – VCC instructors are involved
3. Carpentry
4. Metal Fabrication – BCIT involvement

These are “real” programs and some curriculum transfers directly from/to Kwantlan. They lead to credentials in level 1 apprenticeship status and can go in Level 1 apprenticeship status and go onto post secondary trades school.

We have grade 12 students enrolled in full time programs, for example, carpentry goes from 7am to 12pm and in the afternoon students can do their other courses. Metal fabrication runs from 12:30 to 5:30pm. Grade 12 students can receive up to 32 credits. As well, they can decide if they would like to return for grade 13 apprenticeship program – as a mature student. Great success rates/employment post SRT. Students can do “real” work experience and obtain “real” jobs. 60-70% of students transition into full time employment. Preference is given to district wide grade 12 students in SD#42. There is a waitlist to enter post grad programs.

New plumbing program coming to Garibaldi. Please email Mr. Sych @ gsych@sd42.ca for more information on the trades programs.

5. SRT Administration Report

-there will be significant changes to SD#42 budget. CUPE hit hard
-April 16/14 school trustee meeting w/school board. Please see SD#42 website for more information

- proposal to cut 5.2 million from budget
- ratio changes will be across the board/to everything; clerical, SEA's, teachers. CUPE workers will be affected
- possible administration changes

6. Adjourned: 8:55pm

Next and last PAC meeting for this term will be Monday May 12, 2014.