

Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary

Parent Advisory Committee Minutes

Monday, January 10, 2022

Attendance:

Ken Elphick, Robyn Sheridan, Katie Zilkowsky, Kate Heath, Laurie Tulip, Diana Campbell, Trang Tran

1. Call to Order: 7pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approve Minutes: Minutes of November 2021 PAC Meeting approved.
4. Financial Report: Kara Dosanj, Treasurer absent.
A few cheques have been handed out. Kara will be speaking to Jen about financial discrepancies from previous years. Discussion regarding money left over after distribution to teachers. Wireless speakers have been purchased and it was agreed that PAC will contribute to these. Mr. Elphick will get quotes for wireless microphones, projector, and cafeteria window coverings.
5. DPAC Report: Open Position, DPAC Representative.
Minutes can be found on district website. There was no December meeting.
Next meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7:00pm. Diana Campbell to attend.
6. Administration Report: Ken Elphick, Principal; Robyn Sheridan, Vice Principal
December was a fantastic month as it was closest to a regular school month since Covid. Still modified activities. Winter Formal was a sit down dinner, with Karaoke, that went very well according to both staff and students. January plan is to keep things as normal and safe as possible. First week had daily formal compulsory staff meetings for questions. There will be gradual entry with access to school starting at 7:45 to 8:30 am. 11 Portables have their own entrances. Trades have their own start times and schedules. Portables all have new Hepa filters, heat pumps and air conditioning. Dual lunch services (upstairs, downstairs). Cafeteria used only for specific groups to keep the numbers down to ensure social distancing.
On-Line learning has been a huge topic with many questions from parents. Teachers are not able to provide both in-class and on-line learning. They will provide work for certain situations, such as students who are sick or must isolate at home, but they are not able to accommodate students staying home until February or June. Everyone needs, however, to be prepared to go on-line if necessary. Most probable school closure will be due to staffing shortages.
7. Parent Voice:
 - Concerns voiced regarding the impression that Grade 8 Pod teachers are not communicating with each other regarding amounts of homework, projects due. Some teachers seem to be trying to cover every piece of curriculum to make up for the lost week. Advice is to speak to individual teachers to ask for accommodation. Admin will support as necessary.
 - Request for Grad Updates. There have been 2 Grad meetings. Updates to Grad Parents are sent through the Parent Portal, and there is a Facebook page for the Grad Chairperson. Parents can email Chris Watts with any questions. Decisions will be made as soon as it is known what the Covid restrictions will be for Grad ceremonies and celebrations. Grad clothing has not all arrived yet.
8. Adjournment: 7:50 pm.
Next PAC Meeting, Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00pm