

Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary

Parent Advisory Committee Minutes

Monday, May 7, 2022

Attendance:

Ken Elphick, Robyn Sheridan, Katie Zilkowsky, Kate Heath, Kara Dosanj, Laurie Tulip, Huang Thon, Amanda Cawker

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm
2. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of March 7, 2022 PAC Meeting approved.
4. Financial Report: Kara Dosanj, Treasurer
 - Gaming Account Balance: \$16,390.64
 - Katie and Laurie are signers and have signed more cheques.
 - Email sent out to teachers regarding gaming fund cheques has had no response. Not all teachers have spent the money they requested. It was decided that at the staff meeting on Thursday, Mr. Elphick will give teachers the deadline of May 31 to spend money and get receipts in.
 - Kelly Sadler is working on purchase of new projector.
 - Kara and Katie will assist Huang Thon, as newly elected PAC Treasurer, to contact Ines at Van City Credit Union to start the process for becoming a signer for the next school year.
5. DPAC Report: Open Position, DPAC Representative
District 42 IT Survey has just been sent out to PACs.
Those wanting to participate can email Katie to have the survey link sent to them.
6. Administration Report: Ken Elphick, Principal; Robyn Sheridan, Vice Principal
 - SRT is considering Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). This has not been done in the past, however, there are 3 carts of computers that more teachers are using, there are 45 computers in the library that are fully booked out every day and are not enough for all the students that need to use them, and the computer lab has 8 blocks of classes, with many of these computers needing to be replaced. The school does not have the capital to replace the computers that need to be replaced and purchase more that are needed. BYOD could be encouraged, but optional, with some available for those students that don't have access to a device. Idea suggested to approach a company or two, to request a deal (eg 10% discount) for parents if the school sends parents to purchase device from them. Discussion regarding difficulties some students

find logging in to district guest code. The district has a barcode now to manually cut and paste, but parents would like to see this made easier.

- Activities:
Pancake Breakfast is being held on Wednesday and Thursday.
Presentation for Grades 9 and 10 by guy from Downtown Eastside.
Pajama Day on Friday, and Zoo field trip.
Ms. Sheridan is working on Literacy Exams.
Another Spirit Week is happening from May 16-20, with activities each day.
There will be a Gym Riot on May 20.
A Tailgate Party/BBQ for Grade 12s will be held in the parking lot
- Extra-curricular Activities:
Ball Hockey, Soccer, Track & Field. Badminton club meets on Mon/Thursdays. Ping Pong Club meets after school in cafeteria with Ms. Adams. She also runs the Outdoors Club which has done mountain biking and other activities.
- Grade 7 Day on May 25. SRT is over student numbers in catchment (150 already just for in catchment students). There is so much development in catchment area, so many students moving into catchment. Thomas Haney, Garibaldi, and MRSS are all full. An addition for SRT is slated for 2035.

7. Parent Voice:

- Request that Flex Time not be taken away next year.
SRT has no intention of taking Flex away and will continue with 4x 70 minute classes with 40 minute Flex time where students get to “pick a spot”. There are concerns though regarding how students are spending their Flex. Many think it is free time and staff spend a lot of time chasing down students. Students are being encouraged to think about how they spend their time and self-regulate. With semester system, some semesters can be heavy with homework and students may need flex for doing homework, getting instruction for one semester, but not as much the next semester. Semesters will be district-wide next year. Math students/teachers use flex time well, and in fact math classes are “hot spots” for Flex. There are not enough spaces, math rooms are crowded, teachers can’t help everyone. There are a couple of Math EAs, but they also try to encourage peer tutoring, student aids.

8. New Business:

- PAC Elections: Chairperson – Katie Zilkowsky
Co-Chairperson – Amanda Cawker
Treasurer – Huong Thon
Secretary – Laurie Tulip
DPAC – Open Position

9. Adjournment: 8:00 pm.

Next PAC Meeting:

Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30pm, in-person at Black Sheep Pub