

Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary
Parent Advisory Committee General Meeting

October 7th, 2024

SRT PAC October Minutes

Place: via Zoom

Attending: Ken Elphick, Karl L/S, Andrea Clayton
Katie McElgunn Jonas, Huong Thon, Katie Zilkowsky and Tara Byrne

1. Welcome and Territory Recognition
 - Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm
 - We acknowledge that we work and learn on the unceded territory and lands of the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - Motion to Adopt Agenda
 - Motioned KMJ, 2nd KZ M/C
3. Approve minutes from previous month
 - Motion to Approve Minutes from previous month
 - Motioned KMJ, 2nd KZ M/C
4. Committee Reports:

Financial Report-Huong

- Gaming Grant was received: \$16,280
 - After our Gaming Grant our current balance is: \$28,062.37

DPAC Report- Katie MJ

- District Program – Feeding the Future, approximately 1.8 million. Focused on schools with teaching kitchens
- Relief Teachers have been deployed throughout our district
 - Applications were taken over the summer, over 150 people applied and 45 were hired. Many of the Relief Teachers hired were teachers

either in another province or another country and are not certified in BC for various reasons. The Relief Teachers will be called out after the current TOC pool has been exhausted. Last year SD 42 had an average of 28 teaching positions could not be filled each day: with the highest being 52 positions in one day.

- No other Reports

4. SRT Administration Report: Ken, Karl, and Andrea

- September was extremely busy
 - 1st time in SRT history, a Gr 9 and 10 timetable change occurred after school started. The students adjusted well to the changes. Scheduling is very difficult because single run classes like Hockey Academy and Wood Working must run at specific times – limiting the ability to shift students and classes. Karl and the team worked very hard to ensure students were minimally impacted. The Gr 9s and 10s received a pizza lunch.
- Growth Planning Day
 - Focused on New curriculum touches all learning areas - who is responsible for what part of the curriculum? Determined that all teachers need to share responsibilities. Ex/ Literacy teacher and Truth and Reconciliation teacher – areas overlap
 - Who owns responsibility for IEPs?
 - The responsibility sits with all High School stakeholders, not just the Support Teacher
 - Teachers and Students
 - Looking for solutions on how to ensure IEPs aren't lost in the system of 8 teachers, plus specialities and ensuring that the students needs, adaptations and modifications are met
 - Staff are supportive
- Andrea's report
 - The Gr 8 and Gr 12 pancake breakfasts were successful
 - The 1st Field Trip is for the Gr 8s' going to Grouse Mountain
 - Photo retakes have been taken
 - PSI Day for Gr 11s and Gr 12s students was held at SRT. 17 institutions set up booths: including local colleges and universities, the Coast Guard, and many different Trades programs

- There was also a PSI Day held at Meadowridge – students were bussed there if they were interested, as Meadowridge has more presenters
- Karl's report
 - Met with the Gr 9s, focusing on making good choices and recommendations for Gr 11 and Gr 12
- Ken's report
 - Linear School year vs Semester School year:
 - The district is putting together a working committee which will include students, parents, teachers and EAs to discuss which system to adopt moving forward. There are pros and cons for both systems such as
 - Students' abilities to juggle 8 different classes Post Covid
 - Consider returning to the PODS for Gr 8s; this system helped provide the new Gr 8 needed support and community to prepare them for the balance of High School
 - Flex Attendance System
 - The cost is \$500/year, which is a good value
 - Text, telephone calls
 - No other Reports

5. Old Business

- n/a

6. New Business

- Gaming Grant Funds
 - Letters to teachers to go out with a deadline for Gaming Grant fund requests of Oct 29, 2024.
 - Some requests have already come into Ken. Ken will scan paper requests (as they come in) and forward them on to Katie McJ. He will keep the hard copies. Ken will also forward any email requests to Katie McJ.
 - KZ asked: What do they want to spend the \$\$ on; noting that Gaming Funds cannot be used for Curricular items and cannot be used for individuals.

- Parent Voice
 - Why is it so expensive for SRT students to participate in team sports? Last year it was \$400/student player for Basketball. Parent said that Garibaldi students pay \$50/8 weeks of Basketball and another school paid \$165/8 weeks of basketball.
 - Admin responded that each school would have determine their own EC fees and that the costs could be very different per school depending on the teams play schedule and tournaments entered Ex/ 3 tournaments vs 1 tournament
 - An inquiry about the Attendance System was made – Is it up and running ... properly? It is used to communicate to parents via text, email, and phone calls if a student is away. The old system failed systemically, and our tech department has informed the district that the current system cannot be updated.

7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
 - Motioned KMJ, 2nd KZ MC
 - Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 pm

8. Next Meeting: November 4th

PAC President - Katie McElgunn Jonas
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Meeting Dates:

September 9th

October 7th

November 4th

December 2nd

January- Only if needed

February 3rd

March 3rd

April 7th

May 5th- AGM

June 2nd.