

# Minutes for Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:It PAC Meeting

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**Date:** January 16, 2024

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Attendees:** Melissa Benz (Secretary), Cindy Luther, Zena Turple, Christina Spielman, Helen Plummer (Principal), Haley Read (Chair), Melissa Hill (Vice Chair) and Amanda Gervais (Fundraising).

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Meeting called to order at 6:33pm, followed by territorial acknowledgments, a welcome to attendees and introductions around the table.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was adopted by Melissa B. and Melissa H.

Motion to approve the minutes from November was adopted by Christina S. and Haley R.

## **Chair Report (Haley Read.)**

- 21 students have registered for the babysitting course so far. There are spaces for 20. The first 20 who submitted their forms will be contacted for payment, with a due date of February 2, 2024. Anyone who withdraws or doesn't pay in time will lose their spot to the next on the list.
  - Payments can be made by e-transfer or with cash or cheques being dropped off in the PAC box located in the office.

## **Treasurer Report (Andrea Lees. - Absent)**

- Still waiting to receive invoice from District for the PAC box. Was quoted as \$350.00.
- Donation envelope amount is not recorded on Treasurer Report
- Available Account Balances are unclear on report, but looks like there is \$11,660.00 available in the Gaming account and \$3,765.57 available in the general account.

## **DPAC Report (Stacey G.)**

- Attached

## **Fundraising (Amanda G.)**

- Purdy's fundraiser profit: \$818.67
- Little Mountain Greenhouse fundraiser will run in April.
- Pizza Hot Lunches are proving difficult to initiate with the size of the school and no online ordering system in place.
- Bottle Return-it program has \$24 in the account so far.
  - Don't forget to return your empty bottles and cans at any return-it location and use the school's phone number at the kiosk to donate to the grade 8 year end activities!
- Fundraising updates will continue to be advertised on the [Facebook](#) page as well as our new upcoming PAC newsletter!

## **Principal Report**

- Hiring for 6 on-call noon hour supervisor positions.
  - Visit the [Make a Future](#) website to apply.
- Online ordering portal open for schools to order for their Breakfast Programs. Stitó:s has been given a budget of \$400/month.
  - Thank you to the PAC for helping support the Breakfast Program while this was sorted out!
  - Grants have also been applied for, but nothing has been approved yet.
  - Amanda Gervais motions to cease monthly Breakfast Program donations. Motion seconded by Haley Read. None are opposed. Motion carries.
- Barrier Free Menstrual products are now available in all school washrooms. There have been the expected amount of waste and clogged toilets so far, but hopefully the novelty will wear off soon.
  - A parent asked if the informal survey that was conducted at local schools could be provided to parents in the district.
    - It was suggested that anyone interested in this information should speak to their DPAC Rep and/or your school's trustee liason.
- Grade 8 articulation and course selection is beginning for grade 8 students.
  - High school placement is based the elementary school attended. If you are wanting to choose a different school, it is recommended that you choose courses based on the catchment school as you will be placed on a waitlist for a choice school, and register as soon as possible.
- Hoodies for the grade 8 graduating class are being finalized. The cost of these will be roughly \$50 as of right now.
- There was a presentation by Helen Plummer on the schools operating budget for the year.
  - Schools receive funds based on the current year's enrollment, so they don't know how much they will receive right away.
  - Photocopying is the biggest expense.

## **New Business**

- Staff Appreciation lunch: There are 84 staff members at the school. Looking at May 31<sup>st</sup> as a possible date as the staff will all be on site for a Pro-D day.
- Grade 8 donation (150 students): Waiting to hear more information on the plans and costs.
- PAC Newsletter: The PAC will be releasing a mid-month newsletter to ensure any information we have to share will reach all parents as not everyone can access information via [Facebook](#).

Next meeting to be held on February 13th at 6:30pm in the school home ec. room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

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**DPAC Rep Report:** November 2023 DPAC General Meeting

**GRANT UPDATES:**

- TransMountain Community Investment Grant has been submitted. I requested \$5000 (maximum): (\$1000 for hot breakfast support [1/month for 10months], \$600 [disposable plates, bowls, utensils, etc] and \$3900 in food). I am hoping they aren't super sticklers about budget projections vs actuals.
- United Way grant – missed this opportunity given when I realized the opportunity and the deadline that was around the corner. I am speaking with Teri Westerby – potential partnership with Kwiyeqel (their land) for a gardening program. I am waiting to hear more from Teri.

**GENERAL UPDATES:**

- Changes to the *School Act*, specific to better supporting Indigenous students through the creation of a parallel Indigenous Board amongst others, can be reviewed here: [Province makes systemic change to improve outcomes for K-12 Indigenous students | BC Gov News.](#)
- After advocacy by BCSTA, the minister of education and child care, and B.C.'s K-12 education partners, have made a joint statement about creating safe, caring and inclusive schools. Joint statement on safe, caring and inclusive schools.
- The B.C. Principals and Vice Principal's Association has released its annual report. [2022- 2023-bcpvpa-annualreport-nov2023.pdf \(cyberimpact.com\)](#)
- Statistics Canada has released data containing key trends in elementary to postsecondary student enrolments, graduations and tuition fees. Key Trends in Elementary to Postsecondary Student Enrolments, Graduations and Tuition Fees ([statcan.gc.ca](#))
- CBIEP (competency based IEP) Implementation - Last year the district was focused on the Family of Schools training structure but have moved to more of an altogether approach so everyone is receiving the same information. This was an issue DPAC highlighted last year so we are thankful this shift has happened.
  - The CBIEP Implementation is a pedagogical shift. Our District is now at the stage where assessments include: data collection, triangulated evidence, teacher involvement, and collaboration from other involved parties.
- Full CBIEP implementation is expected in the coming year or two and is subject to ongoing improvement and practice to increase teacher capacity for universal design teaching.
- Learning Environment Temperatures (Info only – doesn't apply to stitos):
  - Principals have to reach out to the District to let them know how many AC units they would like.
  - The District is "planning on installing the venting in portables that are in use for educational instruction purposes by spring break. This will be paid for from a department budget and the work done by our facilities team. The facilities team will work on identifying an AC unit that meets specifications for our use and on which we can get a good competitive price. They will then bulk purchase units based on school orders."..... "As we have reviewed the budget with revised enrolment numbers and an expected increase in revenue, we have decided that we will fund the cost of AC units for portables from a Districtwide budget. As a gentle reminder, all funding school or department, actually comes from the same "bucket." The information and update to our AC rollout has been shared with school administrators."

- EA Supports
  - Strategy is currently being developed Provincially to address recruitment and retention and gaps in training – 10 year plan.
  - Discussed the concern that came out of a change to an Admin Procedure a few School Board meetings ago regarding EAs not being allowed to work with students from the school they work at privately. This issue affects a small number of families but the impact is great. The District is working towards some type of resolution on this to ensure the interest of the students is a top priority.
  - Parent concerns – (1) high turnover in EAs. Students sometimes only have an EA for a month. Also, sometimes students have different EAs throughout the year. The inconsistencies are not helping children thrive, especially those that do better with consistency. (2) Busses are arriving early so EAs are having to start earlier to supervise. This means they end earlier as their hours aren't extended.
- Bussing
  - DPAC is still having conversations with the District on this. A MOTION was passed that directed DPAC to send a letter to the District and the city to address bussing infrastructure. Ccs are to include: MLA Coulter and Padden as well as Jason Lum and Jeff Shields who are Transportation Advisory Committee ([Transportation Advisory Committee - City of Chilliwack](#)). Letter will be sent out by January 25<sup>th</sup> (aligns with TAC January meeting date).
- Feeding Futures First (FFF)
  - One or two vehicles have been purchased to better disseminate the food to schools.
  - None of the DPAC Reps have seen a difference with their lunch programs.
  - Bowls of Hope are looking to better collaborate with FFF.
- Menstrual Health
  - There was a September 30th due date to have products available in all bathrooms.
  - [Provision of Menstrual Products - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)