

Minutes for Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt PAC Meeting

Location: Stitó:s School - Foods Room

Date: January 23, 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Attendees: Melissa Benz (Secretary), Amanda Esau (Popcorn Day Coordinator), Bel Bhushan, Sherisse Ellerby, Kenneth MacKenzie, Sue MacKenzie, Amanda Gervais (Treasurer), Lisa Brine, Karmen Sawracki, Esther Maloney, Deirdre O'Connor (Fundraising Coordinator), Brad Patrick (Band Teacher), Melissa Hill (Vice Chair), Brian Leong (Chair) and Chris Falk (Vice Principal).

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm, followed by territorial acknowledgments, a welcome to attendees and introductions.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting as amended was motioned by Amanda Gervais and seconded by Melissa Hill. None opposed, motion carries.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was motioned by Amanda Gervais and seconded by Karmen Sawracki. None opposed, motion carries.

Vice Principal's Report (Chris Falk):

- Around the School
 - o Tropical day was on January 20th
 - o Assessment and Evaluation Day on January 24th
 - o Grade 8 Transitions have started
 - Course selections due to teachers early February
 - o An RCMP Liaison visited the grade 8 students and an assembly will be had for grade 6 & 7 students on January 22nd
- Athletics
 - o Basketball season for grade 7 and 8
 - Grade 6 season starts mid February
 - Congrats to grade 8 teams for winning their home tournament!!
 - Grade 8 provincials, hosted by Stitó:s will run Feb. 27 to Mar. 1
 - Teams get automatic entry for hosting!
 - o Volleyball season for elementary students
- Next Year Planning
 - o Looking into changing bell schedule
 - Gathering feedback from Staff on three proposals
 - Goal is to have slightly longer learning time in the morning and less in the afternoon. This will include a "robust snack time" in the morning
 - o Staffing info from the district will be received in March
- Opportunity to PAC
 - o As Stitó:s is hosting the Provincial Basketball Tournament, would the PAC be interested in having a concession table, and providing volunteers and/or supervision for student volunteers during the Tournament? PAC could use the concession as a fundraiser.

Chair/Vice Chair Report:

- Preparing reports to show upcoming and completed events, as well as possible events in the future.

Treasurer's Report:

- General Account: Available balance \$13,254.24
 - o Popcorn profits for November/December were approximately \$196.20
 - Munch-A-Lunch (MAL) stripe fees are currently being lumped into profits. Is there a way to make it easier to see these fees in the reports?
 - Next year's budget should have a line item for stripe fees.
 - o Grade 8 Bottle Drive Fundraiser made approximately \$176.00
- Gaming Account: Available balance \$3,011.48
- Treasurer Reports are currently done using an excel spreadsheet. PAC might want to look into getting an accounting software in the future to make reporting easier.
- Mrs. Humphries (Librarian) would like to purchase new games for the Learning Commons.
 - o Amanda Gervais motions to spend up to \$500 from the "Extracurricular Program Assistance" budget line item to purchase games for the Learning Commons. Deirdre O'Connor second the motion. None are opposed – Motion Carries.
- Ready Set Explore is on May 2nd, and Kinderfair is on June 6th. PAC should think of ways to support these events.
- Vote:
 - o Add \$2000 to the "School Wide Year End Event" line – 5 votes
 - o Add \$2.00/student to be used for an upcoming (TBD) field trip – 3 votes

Fundraising Report:

- Purdy's Fundraiser made \$591.54
- All fundraising can be found on the school's [website!](#)
- West Coast Seeds fundraiser open now. Closes February 3rd. Orders are only able to be shipped to the school (no direct shipping)
 - o 40% of sales go to the school
- Concert Bake Sale made \$949.89
- Looking into gaming license regulations for future raffle ideas
- Mabel's Labels is a perpetual fundraiser and is posted on the website
 - o Need to spread the word better on this one as many do not know about it
- Melissa Hill to head a bake sale in February
- Communication should be sent out roughly 2 weeks before fundraisers begin.

DPAC Report:

- Attached.
- Deirdre O'Connor circulated the drafted Anti-Bullying Letter the DPAC is hoping to get feedback on, then send to the School Board requesting that they develop a plan with actionable and measurable consequences.
 - o Discussion topics;

- Has the DPAC considered mailing the letter or placing a news ad to spread the word to more parents?
- Communication between school district and parents needs to improve to allow for better transparency, especially when larger safety issues arise, such as bullying, sexual harassment and racism.
- Are there stats being kept on these types of issues?
 - Schools keep their own logs of incidents.
- Plan is to have PACs vote in February on if they would like to sign the letter.

New Business:

- Two parent attendees expressed concern that there are issues with bullying, sexual harassment and lack of communication at the school.
- Mr. Patrick (band teacher) presented information regarding a district wide band concert set to take place in May at the Chilliwack Cultural Center with a theme focused on mental health. He is asking the PAC to donate \$150 to assist with tickets so all members of the band can have at least one family member in attendance.
 - Brian motions to spend up to \$300 from the General Account, budget line item “teacher requests” to support this. Motion seconded by Amanda G. None are opposed – motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 7pm.

DPAC Rep Updates for January 2025

GENERAL UPDATES:

- DPAC has an open executive position – the BCCPAC Rep. Nominations have closed and
we are working our way through the process.
- DPAC Chair is on a leave of absence as she is running for school board trustee.
- Bussing and Band Instrument survey has closed. See infographic on next page. DPAC A/Chair, Deirdre O'Connor, will bring this information forward to the district. Conversations will focus in removing the barrier that some are facing with band instruments and access to bussing.
- Outside Agencies in schools
 - The district is moving towards not having any contactors in schools (e.g., therapists).
 - Rationale: The district wants to be more inline with provincial practices. No other district's allow contractors to come in. There are also liability risks.
 - Concerns: lack of equity, lack of accessibility (some children only have access to services in schools), the district hasn't offered a solution to the gap that will be created.
- Advocacy - Next Steps:
 - Advocacy priorities this year have been informed by the priority survey that was sent out at the beginning of the year.
 - Anti-bullying letter is with PACs to consider signing.
 - Anti-bullying/racism information was also included in the DPAC Newsletter.
 - EA letter is on hold. We will be seeking drafting support from membership at the DPAC general meeting on the 30th .

DATES TO NOTE:

- General Meeting – January 30th, 2024 @ 7pm
 - In person at the School Board office and online via TEAMS
- School Board Meeting – February 18, 2025.