

Sardis Secondary School PAC Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

Members Present

Leigh Kreitner (PAC Secretary)
Nancy Howden (PAC Treasurer)
Kathy Pearce (PAC Chair)
Joanne Godfrey
Daena Van Agteren (PAC Vice-Chair)
Tina Tisdale
Jill
Mohamed & Sukaina Rehmtulla
Steph Brubaker
Anne Heppell
Dan Heisler (Principal)

1. Welcome

- Kathy Pearce, welcomed those present and called the meeting to order

2. Agenda

- **MOVED** by Dana that the agenda be adopted as presented;. 2nd by Nancy. **CARRIED.**

3. Minutes - **MOVED** by Dana to **Accept the November 2017 minutes.** 2nd by Nancy. **CARRIED**

4. GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) Club presentation

- Kathy introduce Mrs. Klassen the sponsor teacher for the GSA Club. She was invited to speak to PAC about how the students in her club feel about the recent media attention surrounding the SOGI 123 (Sexual orientation and Gender Identity) learning resource.
- Mrs. Klassen reported that most students are unaware of the controversy and feel safe at SSS.
- Her room provides a safe space for students to hang-out and has been in place for the past 15 years. They meet Wednesdays at noon.
- Students have noticed an increase in the use of the rainbow stickers their club provides showing they are supported by teachers and fellow classmates.
- SSS conducts weekly school based team meetings to discuss students they feel are at risk so they can organize action plans and put supports in place. This is for all students not just students in the GSA club.

Reports

4. Treasury Report – Nancy

- Balance as of January meeting is as follows

Gaming account - \$38,654.05

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- Paid for Prom bussing from last year (\$682.50)

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5. **Principal's Report**

- 9 days left till the end of semester one.
- Assessment week will be from Jan 22 to 26th. Students are required to be in attendance for the week.
- New centralized electronic registration will open on January 15th. Students from Mt. Slesse will have to register if they're out of catchment.
- RCMP training scenario is taking place at SSS on Feb 24th. Will include RCMP, Ambulance and Fire Department emergency teams.
- Jan 12 is a Grad Night at the school from 8pm to 1 am. Students will be playing Just Dance, there will be a bouncy castle obstacle course and snacks.
- Grad Dinner Auction is coming up soon. The school is looking for donations for the silent auction. Dinner is on March 7th at 5pm. Tickets are \$15.00

6. **DPAC Report**

- The regular November DPAC meeting was replaced with a presentation on the School Curriculum
- Controversy continues to circulate in the community about the SOGI 123 resources with many requests for DPAC to take some kind of action. The school board had plans to meet early in January to discuss matters that have arisen around the SOGI resource. The plan was for Superintendent Novak to partner with the CTA and DPAC to help share information to both teachers and parents. Trustee Neufeld made a public facebook post that upset many people. As a result, the Board Chair Paul McManus released a statement to the press and DPAC called an emergency electronic meeting. The result of the meeting was DPAC issued a statement to the School Board and Superintendent Novak asking for Trustee Neufeld's resignation.
- Next School Board meeting is January 16th
- PAC had a discussion about the SOGI issues and what it meant. There are lots of opinions but it was agreed that it's not an issue we can resolve.

7. **New Business**

- Boundary Reconfiguration was discussed again. Issues noted were lack of locker space and potentially bathroom overcrowding. SSS is expected to have 1400 students for 2018/2019 school year.
- Transitioning from Middle to high school for the current Grade 8 and 9's. SSS has been working since last year to make sure they have enough money saved for any extra costs to bring an additional Grade to the school. Mr. Heisler is excited to have the Grade nine's next year. They plan to have the senior students support the incoming students.
- SSS Admin is to attend Vedder Middle School PAC meeting to answer questions.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm. Next meeting is February 13, 2018