



**Claremont Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting
November 15, 2016**

Attending:

Hugh Hughson, Gillian England, Meaghan O'Brien, Tammy Candela, Brenda Chan, Peter Westhaver, Lynda Mason, Joanne Buxton, Christa Easton, Bronwyn Phillips

Welcome and Introductions and Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of November PAC Meeting Agenda

Hugh motions to approve, Lynda seconds

Approval of October 2016 minutes

Lynda motions to approve, Joanne seconds

Guest speakers from Claremont

- Teachers – Mr. Vucko and Mr. Ewan
- STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- Student presenters – Nicholas Fedrigo and Nubia De La Torre
- The Claremont Secondary Science and Engineering Club currently has 33 Students who engage in Field Trips and Group Activities.
- What is the Science and Engineering Club?
- The Claremont Secondary Science and Engineering Club is a revolutionary opportunity for high school students to explore and develop their full potential in STEM. This specialized high school club consists of thirty-three passionate students. The group conducts experiments and develops projects in the field of Science and Engineering under the guidance of Mr. Vucko.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YQXIU_R2TimYokZvMoF4401UwkOWP0U4mWmzjZa7c/edit?invite=CpFGluAH&ts=582be0a9#slide=id.p

- The Club would like to do more projects and activities and have more members join. All students are welcome from every grade.
- The Claremont Science and Engineering club allows the practice of researching, designing and constructing scientific projects, while being involved in exploring the nearby scientific community. This club is an ideal organization to allow students to explore and develop their optimum potential in the field of STEM at Claremont Secondary School.
- Mr. Vucko and Mr. Ewan would like to implement a STEM program at Claremont. This will hopefully be starting for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Teaching Staff

N/A

Student Council Report

N/A

Principal's Report

- Mr. Westhaver reviews the latest CSS news via the website
- Mr. Westhaver would like to have updates on the site at least every Tuesday or Wednesday
- CSS has been gifted \$15,000.00 of welding equipment from CWB (Canadian Welder's Bureau)
- Breakfast Club is going very well – Thank you Gillian!
- Gr. 12 parent meeting – UVIC and Camosun reps were here
- Nov. 18 – booking for Parent Teacher conferences – will be held on the 24th
- Nov. 29 Jack Talks for Parents – Discussion on Mental Health
- Report cards home this Monday the 21st.

President's Report

- Brenda met up with Mr. Westhaver to discuss the direction of the PAC. It would be nice to have more community involvement, guest speakers such as teachers, students and public figures. Brenda has looked into and will continue to look into fundraising opportunities. She hopes to have a list by Jan. 2017.
- Barb Columbine will be the Communications Director for the PAC.
- We need to get Earthquake supplies sorted.

Funding Requests

- Mr. Vucko and the Science Dept.
- Ms. O'Brien - Foods Teacher – requesting a new deep-freeze.
- There are many, **many** funding requests that will need to be addressed at a special meeting. Brenda will send out funding criteria to attending parents at this meeting.
- We will have a special meeting Tuesday, Dec. 6th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons. There will be voting on distribution of Gaming Funds. Brenda motions to table/postpone discussion re: funding requests; Lynda seconds, all in favour.

Treasurer's Report

General Account - \$4900.00

Gaming Account - \$17,000.00

New Business

N/A

Adjournment

Hugh motions to adjourn meeting, Lynda seconds, all in favour.

Next meeting will be Dec. 6th, 2016