



MINUTES (DRAFT) – Claremont Parent Advisory Committee (CPAC)

October 17, 2023 – 7:00PM – 8:00PM

1. Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement

Call to order: 7:02

Introduce: Principal Aaron Buckham, CPAC Exec Team

2. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Kelly Perry, seconded by Jennifer Furtado – Approved

3. Approval of last CPAC Minutes

A recap of the September 2023 meeting was provided by Marian Greco.

Motion to approve minutes by Kelly Perry, seconded by Josie Pucci-Cocco – Approved

4. Administration Update

Understanding the Proficiency Scale – Grade 9 only (shared a few examples to understand)

- Mismatch between proficiency scale and post-secondary grading needs

Changes to Communicating Student Learning in SD63

- Removal of work habit marks (embedded in comments)
- Focus on strengths, areas of growth, and next steps
- All marks can be viewed online through student portal

Screamfest – coming up next week!

- Elementary – Oct 24; everyone Oct 25/26
- Volunteers still needed! Link is in the Message to Families

Bathroom vandalism – still happening unfortunately; please talk to your students

5. Executive Updates:

President & Treasurer –

Claremont Daily News – Andrea Martin will be back full time soon! Hoping to restart in early November

November PAC meeting – special guest speaker being planned: an Overview of Gangs in Saanich with Dane; Dean (SRO) has been returned to general duty so is not able to help as much but Aaron is still working on it.

Voting on the recommended Fall/Winter Budget – Funding requests made by PAC, Teachers and Students

CLAREMONT PAC - REQUESTS - FALL 2023			
Teacher/Contact	Department	Request	Fall/Winter Amount (recommended)
PAC Exec	CPAC	Staff Appreciation (2 events/yr)	\$500.00

PAC Exec	CPAC	Monthly CPAC meetings (coffee, treats, pizza) + misc.	\$1,000.00
PAC Exec	CPAC	Dry-Grad start-up – for grade 12 students	\$2,500.00
PAC Exec	CPAC	Scholarships (4 x \$500)	\$2,000.00
PAC Exec	CPAC	BCCPAC Membership	\$75.00
PAC Exec	CPAC	Guest Speakers	\$ -
PAC Exec	CPAC	Contingency - Hold \$	\$5,000.00
Tara Gordon-Cooper	English/Creative Writing	English Digital Media Tech \$360, Writing 12 Guest Speakers/Writers \$600, Writes of Song \$2000	\$960.00
Allison Lambert	English First Peoples Gr 11 & 12	Payment for Authors & Guests (honoraria)	\$750
David Gardner	Social Studies	Field study to Horne Lake Caves 1-2x/per year (75-80 students)	\$500.00
Linda Ryall	Language	Artist Fee; concert by the French musical duo VOLO. 260 students. Note: would request an additional \$500 from school budget	\$1,000.00
Amanda Giese	Inclusive Ed Dept	Obtain Hoki stools (to have 2 in each classroom); Self-regulation tool and create inclusive environments	\$ -
Brandon Dunlop	PHE Dept.	Life Jackets, Wooden Paddles (outdoor Ed classes)	\$350.00
Darren Reisig	Claremont Athletics	Equipment and general sporting requests	\$2,000.00
Darren Reisig	Claremont Athletics	Hi-Pod Cameras for Basketball, Rugby, Volleyball, Lacrosse	\$ -
Darren Reisig	Claremont Athletics	Track Spikes (maybe get some donated?)	\$ -
Darren Reisig	Claremont Athletics	Athletic t-shirts, Intramural, Alumni T-shirts	\$400.00
Lindsay Simmonds	Track & Field	Cleats (Spikes), Track Shoes still needed	\$ -
Chelsea Giordano	Fine Arts	Fine Arts Graduation Ceremony in June 2024; 10-20 students	\$100.00
Chelsea Giordano	Dance Program	\$ for training & performance opportunities; 48 students in Linear Dance Programs and 24 students in Sem 2 class. RNS Dance Convention and Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival	\$2,500.00
Colin Plant	Ridge Playhouse	Replace sound board to help with sound mixing; shifting to digital mixing	\$ -
Jessica English	Music	Various festivals: Mary Winspear Bus, Jazz Band Festival, Concert Band Festival, Choir Festival, etc.	\$1,500.00
Doug Beeston	Computing	Waterloo Computing Contest Entry Fee	\$105.00
Rodney Paananen	Robotics Team	Purchase 5 electronics to replace broken ones in order to compete in competitions (island championships and world championships)	\$1,000.00
Meaghan O'Brien	Breakfast Club	\$3K will come from the Feeding Futures Fund. Remaining being request from PAC. Funding program to run 3-4 days/per week. Note: there is the opportunity to fund \$900 from the Country Grocery Gift Cards	\$1,000.00
David Gardner	Chess Club	20-30 students; sets of boards, digital clocks. Claremont hosted last year 40 players and 8 schools participated	\$500.00
Tara Gordon-Cooper & Becca Wong	Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Button Press Refills; making pronoun buttons for all staff to wear on the Transgender Day of Remembrance, Pink Shirt Day, and Int'l Transgender Day of Visibility	\$130.68
Tara Gordon-Cooper & John Gabriel	Best Buddies Organization	Promotes Inclusion by creating lasting 1:1 friendships. General supplies for crafts, games, bus tickets and entry admissions to rec centre	\$200.00
Mark Skanks	Math Club	Math Contests for the Fall Semester and Spring Semester. 30 members in the Math Club. Students will write approx. 100 contest papers. University of Waterloo contests in April. Over 150 math contests to participate in	\$2,175.00
Shannon Tong & Susana Stover	Trivia Club	Club meets every Thursday at lunch; Buzz in live Annual Fee and Prizes for games and tournaments (30-40 students/per week)	\$180.00
Callayna Jardey	Courtyard Garden Club	Garden Shed, Leaf Blower	\$ -
		Model UN Club – started by students; want to go to the summit in Vancouver; \$1500 ask (30-40 students)	\$1,500.00
Total Requests			\$27,925.68
Current Bank Balances		Gaming Account	\$28,907.13
		General Account	\$4,083.74

		Budget (Available Funds) - Carry over + Gaming Grant (doesn't include Parent Donations noted below)	\$32,990.87
		Parent Donations	\$8,000.00
		Total funds available	\$40,990.87
		Funds being allocated (Fall/Winter)	\$27,925.68
		Remaining funds	\$13,065.19
		Remaining \$ for Spring Allocation	<i>will depend on Parent Donations & CPAC Fundraising</i>

Motion to approve the funding recommendations as noted above for a total of \$27,925.68 by Don Mellings; seconded by Kelly Perry. Passed by unanimous vote (none opposed).

COPACS Representative

Parents as Education and Career Coaches webinar – Wednesday, November 8 from 6:30pm – 8:00 pm for grade 10-12 parents. [Register here.](#)

COPACS is still looking for committee reps (one day per month), and looking for parents who can sponsor events that they host throughout the year

BCCPAC Summit coming up in Richmond

6. Miscellaneous topics – open floor for questions from parents

Extra reading – Is there a way for teachers to create a reading list for students who want to extend their learning or who may have gotten all of their work done at school

Fundraising – there seems to be some potential to raise some greater funds with the large parent base here at this school

- Perhaps help run the Spartan Store? Lexi (staff) does all the planning and shopping, but parents would need to be the salespeople at lunch
- There is already a lot of fundraisers happening at the school level, so parents would need to be choosy with when and how they do their fundraising
- Maybe do a few of the pizza Fridays during the year?
- What would we be able to spend the \$ on? School improvements like a covered bike rack or interior improvements? There is a variety of funding sources so AB keeps a running list of project ideas for when money is available
- Maybe come up with a big idea and then work toward it

Student participation in the PAC – opportunity to bring in a student to offer their voice as to what they would be interested in. Maybe have them give a presentation to the PAC?

- Aaron will work on finding out who might be interested in attending

7. Date of next meeting

Next Meeting Tuesday, Nov 21, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24

Motion to adjourn by Richard Anthony, seconded by Josie Pucci-Cocco – Adjourned

Attendance

In person (14): Aaron Buckham, Marian Greco, Richard Anthony, Kelly Perry, Don Mellings, Josie Pucci-Cocco, Jennifer Magnusson, Demi Du, Tim, Eagle Su, Shawn Stewart, Jennifer Furtado, Bridget Diemand, One additional parent?

Online (3): Reece Lennon, Alana, Brenda