

Claremont Secondary PAC (CPAC) Minutes: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Claremont Secondary School Learning Commons
11 members attended

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Agenda was approved as presented.

Motion to approve Kelly Perry, seconded Don Mellings – Approved

3. Approval of January Minutes

- A recap of the January 23, 2024, meeting was provided by Richard.

Motion to approve Kelly Perry, seconded Don Mellings – Approved

4. Administration Update – Aaron Buckham

- **School Goal for February & March:** One of the biggest goals for February and March is ensuring the course selection is done properly. Information night and meet the teacher for Parents and students is Thursday, February 22, a very big and important evening. That includes out-of-catchment as well as in-catchment students. Other districts might have 20-30 kids on the waitlist, and SD63 has 150 kids on the waitlist.
- **CSI Programs:** There will be information regarding our CSI programs specifically for grade eight students and parents on Thursday, February 22. We added full-time advanced girls' lacrosse, so now we have 5 CSI programs, not 4.
- **District Representation:** We have an opportunity with our district assistant Superintendent, Mr. Paul McKenzie and a couple of our local trustees who will come and speak with Aaron and a selection of about 11/50 students and begin feedback from every single school based on the strategic plan priorities that they have. One of our four goals is mental health and wellness improvement.
- **Course Selection:** We are trying something we've never tried before: a course selection fair for all our students in grades 9, 10 and 11. Block 4 will be completely open on this day (February 27, 2024). The student lounge and the big gym will basically have sections based on departments, and it will be all the teachers from that department in that zone to answer questions about courses. For example, if students want to know more about the history courses, they will go over to the socials department and check in with either Mr. Macri or Mr. Gardner, as they are both history teachers. We find a lot of the times that students, when they're already at Claremont, sometimes take courses based on what their friends are doing. So, let's give the kids a chance to learn about courses they could potentially take and learn about them, rather than reading them in a course guide.

5. Co-Presidents Report – Marian Greco & Richard Anthony

- Spring Budget: We had a lot of requests this year. There were around \$23,000.00 plus funding requests. Pac only had \$12,375.00 left in the Pac budget for the Spring request. The list of requests for PAC's funding for the 2024 spring is below.

Knitting Club (Tong)	General supplies	\$	300.00
PHE (Dunlop)	Tennis Racquets	\$	350.00
Robotics	VEX Pneumatics Kit	\$	500.00
Musical Theatre	Microphones X4	\$	1,000.00
Careers	Capstone Project / Mock interviews	\$	575.00
Arts Display	Plexiglass	\$	600.00
Admin	Microwaves X 3	\$	900.00
IGS	Japanese Gardens	\$	1,000.00
Media Arts	Condenser Mics	\$	1,000.00
Athletics	Hi Pod Cameras	\$	1,000.00
Athletics	Girls Volleyball Uniforms	\$	400.00
Athletics	Rugby Uniforms	\$	500.00
Athletics	Spartan Athletic awards	\$	500.00
PAC	Mental Health Speaker	\$	3,000.00
PAC	Staff Appreciation	\$	250.00
PAC	BCCPAC Attendance	\$	500.00

Funding Requests: *Motion to approve \$12,375.00 in Pac funding for Spring request by Don Mellings, seconded by Kelly Perry - Approved.*

- **No CPAC meeting in March due to the upcoming March break.**
- **Fundraising for next year:** We have come to a decision to go ahead and sell coupon books next September as a Pac fundraiser. Hopefully, this will be a big seller for the school so we can continue to support the staff and admin requests for the school.

Fundraising: Motion to pass the coupon books fundraiser in the fall by Richard Anthony, second by Kelly Perry – Approved

6. Treasurer's Report - Don Mellings

- Don Mellings to motion that Richard Anthony, Co-President, be added as the 4th signatory of both CPAC accounts at Coast Capital Savings, with the other three signatories being Kelly Perry, Marian Greco and Don Mellings.

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

7. COPACS Report

- COPACS meeting on February 8th, 2024, was quite short.
 - The transportation policy is going forward.
 - Academy fees are up to \$50.00 per person, including Claremont and some of the programs.
 - Regarding cell phone restrictions, we discussed a little bit about the new announcement that was made around cell phone restrictions and digital citizenship, and the main take-home message on that was basically that we are waiting for the Ministry to give more information and the districts will then harmonize the existing policy with those particular. So, it's basically a waiting pattern right now.
- February 22nd parent engagement meeting for all families, parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend to speak with the schools and learn about the schools in the area. It's sort of an informal way to talk with schools.
- There is a nomination role open for the role of secretary at COPACS. If anyone is interested and if we have any ideas for parent education, we should gather them, and they will be presented in March. You can email Marian, Richard, or Myself (Stacy Finer)
- On February 20th, there was a parent advocacy training on Zoom. February 22nd is the parent engagement. February 27th is a town hall on advocacy training for parents. February 28th is the deadline to submit nominations for the BCCPAC awards.
- On March 6th, there will be a networking event at Stellys where we come together, share food, and learn about how other schools are doing things and sharing ideas.
- March 31st is the nomination deadline for the BCPAC directors.
- April 9th will be a mental health and technology presentation that will be online for all parents from 7:15 to 8:45. Aaron will post the message in his bi-weekly message to families.

Next Meeting - Thursday, March 7th, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

CPAC Executive

- Co-Presidents- Marian Greco & Richard Anthony
- Vice-President - Kelly Perry
- Treasurer – Don Mellings
- Secretary –Jennifer Magnusson
- COPACS Rep – Stacey Finer
- Grade 12 Liaison – Josie Pucci -Coco
- Members at Large: Carol Pesce, Jenny Eastman

Reminders

- Please remember to send in your Country Grocer receipts to the school, as we receive a percentage back as gift cards to support school programs.