

Claremont Secondary PAC (CPAC) Minutes: April 16, 2024

Claremont Secondary School Learning Commons and Microsoft Teams

1. Territorial Acknowledgement – Richard

2. Approval of the Agenda – Richard

- Agenda was approved as presented

Motion to approve Josie Pucci-Cocco, seconded Shannon Eastman – Approved

3. Approval of February Minutes - Richard

- Jenny to ensure minutes are posted to PAC website

Motion to approve Tynke Landsmeer, seconded Josie Pucci-Cocco– Approved

4. COPACS Update – Stacey Finer

- Mtg was held on April 11. Stacey will represent our PAC at the BC Confederation of PACs (BCCPAC) AGM in May in Richmond.
- COPACS committees need members. See website. May 8 – SOGI session planned. May 14 – Parents Advocacy session planned.
- **School Accident Policy:** This policy will be clarified to ensure that families understand the procedures for injuries that occur at school. Principals will lead the injury response process, though they are not first aid trained. Other staff on site have WorksSafe BC training in first aid and will be involved in any injuries. Note that emergency contact shared by families on district paperwork each fall are not for contact in emergencies or for making health care decisions for students, but for contact only if parents cannot be reached.
- **Budget:** Mtg on March 15. No funding provided to cover for inflation, resulting in a \$900,000 shortfall next year (1% of the budget). No cuts next years, but will appear in 2025/26 year and likely will impact crossing guards, transportation and inclusionary programs. Details to follow in future.
- Budget survey to families is open until April 29.
- Budget meeting on April 17 at Bayside Middle School

5. Tour of Robotics Classroom and Club – Mr. Paananen + students

- Teacher and students very much appreciate PAC contributions over the years. PAC members were shown trophies won at various competitions and saw a robot being driven and had an opportunity to try. There is a robotics class and also a club. Working toward involving more girls also.

6. President's Report – Richard Anthony

- **Mental Health Speaker:** Admin, Marian and David Segal from Human Nature Counselling met to plan session for students which will be held on May 9. Smaller groups in theatre etc. and follow up sessions next year also. Topic is “Mental Health & Well-being in a Digital Age”
- **Staff Appreciation Event:** Will be held on May 29, 11 – 1 pm. Charcuterie theme. Families will be asked to contribute soon.

- **CPAC AGM and Elections:** AGM will be held on May 21 @ 7pm. Nominees have come in for 2024/25 year – all positions are open for nomination and election, but we have candidates for all roles.
- **Fundraising for next year:** We will sell coupon books online. Richard is organizing.

7. Administration Update – Aaron Buckham

- **Automatic External Defibrillators:** These devices are being installed in all schools in 2024/25, near the office.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Booking opens on Monday, April 22 at 5pm. Sign up to meet teachers on Thursday, April 25.
- **Welcome Pole:** Welcome pole is being carved by Bear Horne in the student lounge and will be installed later this year.
- **Course Info Night/Meet the teacher:** Discussion of the event held in February and suggestions for next time. Will remain as one evening for both events, but return to a similar format as in past years.
- **Open discussion:**
 - How can we help support health tech use for students? How to handle the right to disconnect? Will discuss further at May PAC mtg
 - Suggestion that the accounting system be enabled to send a message to families when a fee is added to the account. Arron will check on this.
 - Josie and Don leaving PAC after many years in many schools! Plan to thank them next mtg.

8. Treasurer’s Report - Don

- We will hold ~\$5000 as contingency to start off next year (usually prefer to hold ~\$6000)
- Funds in Gaming account \$21,403.08 and General account \$12,036. These funds are mostly allocated for staff requests and other commitments. Aaron has reminded staff to spend funds or they will be taken back for use next year.
- See attached excel sheet.

Motion to approve Josie Pucci-Cocco, seconded Shannon Eastman– Approved

Attendance – 11 members attended

- Co President – Richard Anthony
- Treasurer – Don Mellings
- COPACS Rep – Stacey Finer
- Grade 12 Liaison: Josie Pucci Cocco
- Members at Large: Carol Pesce, Jenny Eastman
- **Regrets:** Marian Greco, Kelly Perry, Jennifer Magnusson
- **Families:** Shannon Eastman, Reet Dangerfield, Eagle Su, Shawn, Tynke Landsmeer

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.

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