

Frances Kelsey Secondary School Parent Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

In Attendance: Tanya Friese (President), Julie Vliet (Vice President), Jennifer Parkinson, Christine Heal (Secretary).

Non-voting: Jeff Rowan (Principal).

1. Call to order 7:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda as amended: MOTION to adopt agenda moved by Christine; seconded by Jennifer. Carried.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: MOTION to approve minutes from November 8, 2017 meeting moved by Julie; seconded by Jennifer. Carried.

4. President's/Vice President's Report: Julie attended a training session on ammonia safety/leaks.

5. Secretary's Correspondence Report:

Mail received:

- Voting package from Duncan Dabber Bingo Society
- Invoices and statements from Old Farm Market for fruit purchases

6. Treasurer's Report: no report as Treasurer unable to attend meeting

7. Principal's Report:

Two recent incidents with students that were reported in the media: a group of teens and a young adult involved in drugs who tortured a cat and posted it on social media, and the fight at CSS between two teen boys while numerous other teens watched and recorded it. Although the fight was between an aboriginal and a non-aboriginal student, the fight was believed to be drug related.

The day after the fight, Jeff volunteered to spend a day at CSS. Administrators and staff have been working with the students involved and others. There was a blanketing ceremony at CSS today. Assemblies may also be held at FKSS, LCS, and Chemainus Secondary.

FKSS garden: amazing stuff is happening. Pascal Pimenta (shop teacher) built raised beds. 11 beds are completed and were filled with 6 yards of topsoil, and 14 tonnes of rock were used for retaining walls to level the beds.

Audit on funding for students last week. It was a gruelling process but received a glowing final report. Lost a small amount of funding for one student who had withdrawn and whose guardian lives out of province.

Q Block: Five FKSS alumni came in to talk with Grade 12s. They outlined what they had done since graduation, e.g.: travelling; university for a year, then work for a year then back to university; staying in residence at university; and Adam Bay who works as a carpenter but has put out an instrumental album as music is his passion. It was great for students to hear the different options and choices grads had made, and what worked for each individual.

Communications: Julie (Vice Principal) compiled a list of ways staff communicate, such as website, dome TV, week at a glance, CIAO, My Ed, Netmarks, e-mail internally with staff, green slips, red folder to keep track of kids' schedules, agenda books.

Christmas Grad food drive tonight. Students go out in groups and then return to FKSS where Denis has volunteered his time to provide freshly baked cookies and refreshments.

Band concert tomorrow.

Annual turkey dinner was served at lunch.

8. DPAC Report - attached

9. Old Business:

Student Learning Grant update:

Every school in SD79 received \$50/student to purchase items that would enhance learning and that parents may otherwise have to pay for (including fundraising through PACS, etc.) Jeff and staff have decided what would be beneficial to spend funds on, and most of the money has been spent. PAC members at the meetings are supportive of those decisions.

Duncan Dabber Bingo Society :

Meeting is tomorrow night to vote on changes to constitution and bylaws that could drastically affect funding allocation. At our November meeting, the PAC voted unanimously to accept Option 3 of restructuring DDBS, and to direct the FKPAC representative to vote accordingly at the December 14 DDBS meeting. Christine will attend the meeting and vote on behalf of FKPAC.

10. New Business:

Bursaries for 2018: Our bursaries are ranked on need. Discussion on how to allocate funds this year and ways to award bursaries. Perhaps ask teachers to nominate students for PAC bursaries?

This year we could have:

PAC bursaries: 5 x \$500

Marilyn Sandford Trades and Technology Bursary: \$500

Evan Carpenter Memorial Bursary: raise to \$500

Total for bursaries: \$3,500

11. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. by Tanya.

Submitted by Christine Heal, FKPAC Secretary