

Frances Kelsey Secondary School Parent Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

In Attendance: Tanya Friese (President), Krista Derksen (Treasurer), Julie Vliet (Vice President), Jennifer Parkinson, Injung Choi, Evren H., Erika Gary, Su Owen, Dorothy Littau, Christine Heal (Secretary).

Non-voting: Jeff Rowan (Principal).

1. **Call to order** 7:41 p.m. (after AGM and casual "Meet the Principal").
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** MOTION to adopt agenda moved by Su; seconded by Jennifer. Carried.
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** MOTION to approve minutes from September 13, 2017 meeting moved by Jennifer; seconded by Evren. Carried.
4. **President's/Vice President's Report:** nothing to report

5. Secretary's Correspondence Report:

Mail received:

Three fundraising brochures. Given to dry grad or Jeff for sports groups/clubs.
Proof of post-secondary enrollment from a PAC bursary recipient.

6. Treasurer's Report and PAC funding:

- Discretionary (regular) account: \$ 9,812.02
- Gaming account: \$ 28,394.68
- Received gaming grant of \$ 18,540
- Cheques from Duncan Dabber Bingo Society will be picked up at their next meeting.

- Community Path: is going to be used by both school and public. Next step is to put on exercise machines like those at Chesterfield Track. Kerry Park is doing something similar but for seniors. Vandalism is possible but unlikely as would be in visible areas. Jeff said FKSS has ~\$10,000 to put towards the Community Path. Tanya is going to apply for a grant: school district gives out three \$8,000 grants for equipment installation.
We will have enough funds to cover the \$3500 motion made at our September meeting.

- Updates on PAC sponsored items:
Game clubs have enough chess sets and board games.
Drums for drumming group were built for only \$30/drum.
Art classes bought equipment with both PAC funds and the \$50/student resource funding.

- AED (Automated External Defibrillator): we have one in our first-aid room. Do all schools in our district, including elementary schools, have them? Christine will ask at DPAC meeting.
- Retirement gift for Deb Melnyk is still in progress as our past president Brenda Wilson, who knew Deb, hasn't been able to get in touch with her.
- Bonner money from former Bonner Middle School PAC could be used to purchase coloured t-shirts to divide the Grade 12s into House Teams (divided by advisories) for competitions and contests among the grad students. Approx. \$10 per shirt.
MOTION: FKSS give the Bonner monies of \$2021.35 to FKSS to purchase t-shirts for House Teams. Moved by Sue; seconded by Dorothy. Carried.
- Senior Girls Field Hockey team requested general funding assistance. We will wait until they have a specific funding request.
- The "Me to We" Club plans to go to We Day on October 8 at B.C. Place in Vancouver. Al Gore will be one of the speakers. Cost is \$40/person; they have raised \$20/person so far. 20 students going.
MOTION: FKPAC give \$400 to the Me to We Club to attend We Day in Vancouver. Moved by Julie; seconded by Krista. Carried.

7. Principal's Report:

Pro-D Day: in the morning Superintendent Rod Allen spoke. Afternoon broke into three groups to brainstorm and discuss goals and "What do we need to keep, amplify and create to meet these goals?" For example,

To keep: student choice, and kids working in cross age groups

To amplify: student responsibility/self-regulation

To create: cross curricular/collaborative activities such as themed learning

How to increase/build engagements through connections from students to teachers to classrooms to departments/school to parents and the community.

If kids find something interesting, they are more likely to learn.

Staff meeting on October 11 (early dismissal) included discussion of "The Educated Citizen"

- thoughtful, able to learn and to think critically, and who can communicate information from a broad knowledge base;
- creative, flexible, self-motivated and who have a positive self-image;
- capable of making independent decisions;
- skilled and who can contribute to society generally, including the world of work;
- productive, who gain satisfaction through achievement and who strive for physical well-being;
- cooperative, principled and respectful of others regardless of differences;
- aware of the rights and prepared to exercise the responsibilities of an individual within the family, the community, Canada, and the world.

FKSS student survey results (June 2017), including use and value of flex (work) blocks, advisor system, and knowledge of dual credit/career opportunities available. (Tabulated results attached.)
Jeff had the first copy of the survey results, including student comments for PAC parents to read; it's wonderful how honest our kids can be with their responses.

Club Day during long advisory: there are lots of clubs, including five new ones.

Nov. 18: report cards will be issued.

Testing Centre has had to cut some hours due to staffing. There are not enough TOCs to cover teacher absences, and schools are consistently short for substitute EAs. Usually short two EAs every day.

8. Old Business:

Jesse Miller, Mediated Reality seminar: Christine attended and said it was excellent, and felt that if FKPC were to fund future seminars, another of Jesse's would be beneficial.

This seminar was on parental involvement. A few tidbits: Things change: years ago our parents felt the telephone would cause problems or that television would rot our minds; now adults are concerned about computers, iphones, etc. If you are happy that you grew up before social media influenced your life, have empathy for your kids.

Children have issues because parents haven't been good role models. We expect our kids not to share photos of people without their consent, but many adults share collections of photos such as "strange clothes of Walmart shoppers" without those people's consent.

There is a human compulsion of sharing.

Share as if the entire planet is watching, including parents, teachers and future bosses!

Parents shouldn't be texting children during classtime, any more than you'd phone the office to leave them multiple messages.

9. New Business:

Parent Education: we will wait until 2018 to host a BCTF seminar.

Breakers Bus funding : PAC annually pays for insurance, upkeep, etc. of the bus which can be used by any FKSS sport team, club, etc.

MOTION: FKPC give the van society \$3,000 towards the Breakers bus. Moved by Krista; seconded by Julie. Carried.

10. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 8, at 7 p.m. Theme: "Principal's Tour of the School"

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. by Krista.

Submitted by Christine Heal, FKPC Secretary