

Dr Knox Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes | October 19, 2022 | Dr. Knox Library / via Zoom

7 attendees in person, 3 via Zoom

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm
2. **PAC EXECUTIVE:**
 - Discussion re: approval of Meeting Minutes – minutes for last meeting and this will be put up on the website and both sets of minutes will be formally approved at the next PAC meeting
 - Nancy Dhaliwal put forth for Secretary
 - Floor opened up for any other volunteers/nominations – none forthcoming
 - Sarah motions to appoint ND as PAC Secretary, motion unanimously passed
3. **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE:** *Luke Campbell, Principal*
 - b) ***Update on vandalism*** – Current Priority Item for the School
 - Oct 9, sometime the evening before there was extremely racist/offensive graffiti on the side of the portables; school made aware in the morning, and it was cleaned up by noon
 - Since that time, have been having numerous conversations with staff and with students – looking to find a balanced reaction (not over/under)
 - Implementation Day was a learning day for staff and it was focussed on anti-racism with administration looking to make a concerted effort to change culture at the school
 - a lot of work to do here as evidenced by the graffiti
 - Impacted and concerned parents attended and contributed meaningfully to our discussions:
 - Expressed alarm at the fact that this is actually the third incidence
 - Stress is heightened – are my children safe?
 - anti-black racism is in classrooms, in snapchat, and now so public with the graffiti – it has been somewhat normalized
 - these aren't one-off incidents, it's maybe not prevalent but it *is* persistent and insidious
 - we *all* need to advocate for our kids, which includes our community of kids
 - suggestion that the Superintendent have a presence to more publicly/loudly denounce this culture
 - Luke requested that any information parents come across, please pass on to police
 - school looking for avenues to move from its reactive stance to a more proactive, preventative approach to prevention and shifts in culture
 - c) ***General School Update***
 - School is 965 current enrollment
 - every student has a locker now in use, hallways are a busy place!
 - d) ***T-shirt order update***
 - Thanks to PAC for this – Gr. 9s have been sizing the Gr 7s 😊
 - Black and red will be on order shortly

e) School focus & goals (school ramp-up/sports/clubs)

- Drama is going to run a production of Wizard of Oz – if students are interested, please encourage them to sign up – list sign-up outside the drama room
- Thanks to parents for a great turnout for the Open House last week – estimated 400 families, which is an excellent turnout
- Sports are underway – started sending out announcements in the e-news
 - Shout out to girls field hockey – won their games and are on their way to Vancouver to compete
 - Rugby and volleyball in full swing; swimmers off to Revelstoke representing Knox in high school championships
- Clubs at lunch/after school are taking off
 - two new clubs, Art and D&D
 - Clubs advertised in the e-news
- Website is being updated
 - lots of legacy stuff has been deleted to simplify things
 - please let administration know if there is any feedback

f) Open Floor for Questions

- CAM: What did district decide to do with the extra funding?
 - \$2.3m given and after consultation, some elementary has no field trip fees, for middle/high schools the funds are for more targeted use and are being treated as a Hardship Fund for families who really need the help with fees
- ZOOM Chat Question: What are the school fees for?
 - Cultural events for the school – professional presentations, broaden horizons, etc
 - From school district website:

Student Activity Fee (\$30/student) – all middle and secondary schools collect student activity fees to support a variety of opportunities and initiatives including:

- Cultural performances;
- Leadership (i.e. partner community support, school wide events);
- Athletics (i.e. reduce athletic fees to parents, replacement of team uniforms & equipment);
- Field studies busing costs.

6. **PAC BUDGET UPDATE:** *Mike Moore, Treasurer*

Discussion re: attached budget.

- **Gaming Account:** \$2,300 rolled over, received \$18,740 – just over \$21,000 to allocate
- PAC Executive met and discussed all the teacher requests, and listed all recommended items under Expenses, with additional comments to the items including:
 - Uniforms cycle year over year, replacing aging uniforms sport by sport
 - Bussing for sports is built-in from funds provided by the district; bussing for band is borne wholly by parents, so this helps subsidize that
 - End of year celebration support is an accrual only
- Mike motions to approve recommendations as put forth for planned spending of gaming funds
 - Unanimously approved
- **General Funds:** Bottle fundraising at the bottle depot and online fundraiser, items for the budget should also include BC CPAC fees - \$75

- Mike motions to approve budget for spending of General Funds as presented and to including the BC CPAC
 - Unanimously approved

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Budget vs Actuals - for the Period ended SEPTEMBER 30, 2022								
				GAMING ACCOUNT		GENERAL ACCOUNT		
Income				Actual (To date)		Actual (To date)		
Gaming Account								
Roll over from prior year				\$ 2,318.37		\$ 778.27		
Gaming grant				\$ 18,740.00				
Online fundraiser (GoFundMe)						\$ -		
Bottle return fundraiser (RERURN IT)						\$ -		
Total Income				\$ 21,058.37		\$ 778.27		
Expenses				Budget	Actual (To date)	Difference	Budget	Actual (To date)
School Requests (Gaming Account)				NOTE 1				
Admin - School T-Shirts (Yapps)				\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00		
Battle of the books				\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00		
Uniforms (sports)				\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00		
Bald falcon fundraiser				\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		
Drama seed money for productions				\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		
WEB team events				\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00		
Instrument repair				\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		
Second language support (french)				\$ 970.00	\$ -	\$ 970.00		
Second language support (spanish)				\$ 335.00	\$ -	\$ 335.00		
Chess club				\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00		
Art supplies				\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
Indigenous leadership				\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
CPEN connect (read assist for students)				\$ 985.00	\$ -	\$ 985.00		
Shears for sewing materials				\$ 340.00	\$ -	\$ 340.00		
Reptile presentations				\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00		
Bussing for band events				\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		
End of Year Support (NOTE 1)				\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00		
School Requests Subtotal				\$ 19,280.00	\$ -	\$ 19,280.00		
PAC Expenses (General Account)								
Teacher Appreciation							\$ 750.00	\$ -
Donations/COBBS (bursary)							\$ 1,050.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous							\$ 500.00	\$ -
Bank Fees							\$ -	\$ -
2020 Staff Gifts							\$ -	\$ -
PAC Costs Subtotal							\$ 2,300.00	\$ -
Net Amounts				\$ 1,778.37	\$ 21,058.37	\$ (1,521.73)	\$ 778.27	\$ 778.27
				GAMING			GENERAL	
Bank Account Balances				\$ 21,058.37			\$ 778.27	
Outstanding cheques				\$ -			\$ -	
Outstanding deposits				\$ -			\$ -	
Actual Remaining Cash				\$ 21,058.37			\$ 778.27	
NOTE 1 - not formally requested but comparable to what was requested and paid towards the end of last year. Let's consider this a placeholder.								

7. **COPAC UPDATE:** *Camila Biffard, COPAC Rep*
 - No meeting this month, no update.
 - Changing to less frequent meeting of COPAC.
8. **OTHER BUSINESS?**
 - No additional items added.
 - Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm
 - Next Meeting November 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm
9. **SNACKS AND SOCIAL:** thanks to Sarah, as always, for bringing snacks. Good chats were had by all
