

EIDES PAC Meeting – June 6, 2023 at 7:00pm

In attendance:

Carolyn Doyle, Mary Groeneweg, Ruby Yan, Laura Lee Phillips, Janet Kuijt, Tanya Bossio, Trena Drotar, Chris David, Jodi Erbacher, Kate Dillon, Deirdre, Jess McAllister, Amber David, Sandy, Scott, Kim Mclean, Dayna Lidster, Janelle Park, Ms. Shacker, Camille, Colleen, Tara Hatch

1. Adopt Agenda:	2. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes:
1. Tanya	1. Tanya
2. Jodi	2. Jodi

3. Actions from Previous Meeting:

No Action

4. Principal's Report: Laura-Lee Phillips

Busy with staffing this month. Laura-Lee is interviewing for new teaching positions. Her and Janet will be organizing teacher's positions for next year. They will be working on that until July. We have French immersion student coming to the school and she will be helping around the school and going on field trips and helping French immersion classes. Our school did great at the Kikomun run. Isabella came first overall. Awesome Bike rodeo this year! Big thanks to Ruby and the PAC for organizing that. Great kindergarten orientation. Track meets are happening, and we are so thankful for everyone helping and organizing (that's you, Jodi!!). 550 kids are sign up for our school next year. Lots of new kids. Laura-Lee has been doing a lot of school tours. Jess asked Laura-Lee where the job postings can be found for the school – here is the link: https://www.sd5.bc.ca/staff/employment/Pages/default.aspx#/= We need to share that and find bus drivers and noon hour supervisors! Spread the word.

Thanks for another amazing and supportive year, Larua-Lee!

5. Treasurer's Report: Sheri Earl

Please refer to treasurer reports for details

6. Trustee's Report: Nicole Heckendorf

She was at the open house discussing the sale of Max Turyk to the French school division tonight. She said she was asked a lot of questions from people there about why SD5 didn't get an opportunity to buy that building. She said that SD5 was not part of that conversation. It would have been nice if we were. There is a lot of feedback from people in the community. Ruby asked Nicole if the school district considered the purchase of Max Turyk as a SD5 middle school before they purchased land for a new middle school. Nicole wasn't positive but assumed that option was considered.



7. DPAC (District PAC): Chris David

The Scott Rothermel presentations got feedback. People want the Zoom presentation earlier than 7pm. There will be another Scott Rothermel presentation coming about self-harm. Chris asked about our PAC documents being digital. They are NOT. He offered to scan them in for us and chat to Carolyn more about that. Chris is stepping down as DPAC representative and our PAC cannot run without one! Being our DPAC rep mostly involves attending an online meeting once a month and reporting back to our PAC about it. You need to be elected, but you don't usually run against anyone... Chris will remain DPAC treasurer (he is currently doing both jobs).

Thanks Chris! We really appreciate you.

8. Expansion Update: Charlie Sawatzky

Charlie was not at the meeting for an update. After the PAC meeting, Laura-Lee took us all on a tour of the new addition. It's an amazing and beautiful space!

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Results from recent traffic survey, Vision Zero Grant - Dierdre

Diedre created an amazing presentation and I have attached that to these minutes – please open and review the results. All that information will be used to create a safer environment for our school drop off and pick up. From the survey, it is clear that the city needs to be involved in our plans and decisions. There was discussion about making 13th street a stop and drop (no leaving your car) for grades k-3. Ruby said she talked to the city, and 1st ave becoming angle parking would take years to achieve. We need Bus drivers, as 50% of students do not have access to busing yet. That would alleviate a lot of driving congestion. We need paid positions for crossing guards. Police have been at school drop off to help. We should be able to get the Vision Zero grant. Dierdre's partner Scott has worked on these projects before and talked to us about the change coming from the students! We need a lot of parent involvement, but these new changes can be achieved through student involvement – making banners, understanding the rules so they can help their parents understand, etc. The next step will be creating a committee. This will be a big and important issue! Please contact Ruby (rubee84@yahoo.ca) if you are interested in joining the committee.

Dierdre, you're amazing!! Thank you for your hard work and presentation!

b. BCCPAC Conference and AGM Update - Ruby

Ruby attended the three day, BCCPAC AGM Meeting and did a great job! We really appreciated her going! She brought back tons of resource material about mental health, playground materials, robotic clubs, fundraising opportunities, etc. She also brought back information from a Lunch Box company that streamlines services for hot lunches at schools. For example, they set up online ordering for pizza days and could make those fundraising opportunities a lot easy for the volunteers involved. Jodi took material for that. Please contact Ruby for more information if that interests you. Looks like a great opportunity. Ruby spoke about less parental engagements in schools and PAC's all over the province. She reminded us that we must engage people that



aren't our friends – the people that are shy and have quieter voices need to be represented in our school. She also talked about Truth and Reconciliation exercises that she participated in. There was a panel of Indigenous students there that educated the attendees. She told us about Ombudsperson which is a great resource to report cases of unfairness in your schools and community. It is independent from the government and will investigate and listen to your grievances. DPAC paid for Ruby to attend this meeting. They budget for two people a year. She would recommend going! If you are interested in attending next years meeting, please contact Chris, Our DPAC rep.

c. Yearbook Update, idea for contest/submission next year - Tanya

70 yearbooks have been sold so far and the ordering deadline was extended (so go order one now).

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Tanya has an idea for next year's cover - art contest amongst the students! Everyone loved the idea and she'll do it.

Thanks for taking this job over Tanya – you're the best!

d. Coding club request for funding for Evo Ozobots - Chris

Chris requested money for Evo Ozobots and explained what they are. He asked for \$1300 to buy them. Nicole helped us understand how to perform a proper vote. The motion was passed, and the money will be granted in October out of our PAC gaming grant. Janelle suggested that the club asks for a \$20 donation from parents at the end of the year to help support the club and get new materials.

e. Year End and Review Budget:

<u>i: PAC Budget total spent this year, anticipated budget next year (expected increases in costs with more students, agendas etc.)</u>

<u>ii: Potential programming PAC could support with funds, ie Arts and culture programming, other ideas to bring forward.</u>

iii: Ideas/options for future fundraisers to assist with the likelihood of increased costs.

By the end of June, the PAC's remaining balance will be sitting around \$13,000. That is low, and we are missing fundraising events to replenish the budget for next year. During covid, there weren't very many fieldtrips, so we increased teacher's spending budget from \$100 each to \$400 each. Now that fieldtrips are back, that increase does not look sustainable, and it will most likely be decreased. The PAC is low on volunteers, but student numbers increase! We will not be doing any fundraising events that do not raise at least \$1000. Jodi had some new fundraising ideas. She thought the Spring Fling should be brought back (maybe with a raffle). She thought we should create ONE large, money-making PAC fundraising event. It's becoming very clear that parents do not understand that we pay for the teacher extra school supplies, field trips, agendas, etc. Making pizza day's easier would help clubs do their own fundraising. At the next



meeting, we must have the next year's events planned out ahead of time so parents know when they need to volunteer and can sign up and plan for it. We need a clearer plan and information for parents. We have a lot of trouble getting parent involvement, so there was an idea to send out a request for a PAC donation at the beginning of the year. Instead of the same ten volunteers running fundraisers, we thought that parents who do not have the time would rather donate money at the beginning of the year. We could provide a PAC information slip to go in the agendas, so parents know about our efforts. Also, have PAC information including what we did and are doing in the school newsletter. We are brainstorming ideas to keep the PAC going. We want to provide funds to the school without burning out our small group of volunteers.

Other Business:

Camille is our CPF (Canadian's Parents for French) representative, and she will be delivering
regular reports from the committee to us in the fall. Nothing to report right now. The group has
just started, and we are so thankful it has! The CPF paid for 50% of the Maple Man school visit
and is so important for our student's French education. Visit the website for more information:
https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/en/. Contact Janet (janet.kuijt@sd5.bc.ca) if you would like to get involved.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7pm

Important Dates:

June 12, 13, 14 - Grade 6 Blue Lake Camp

June 15 - Rainbow Assembly

June 27 - End of Year Assembly

June 28 – Grade 6 Ceremony

June 29 – Last day 9:00-11:00