

Colleen and Gordie Howe PAC

June 12, 2019

Present: Admin: Christine Abbot, Dexter Horton

Executive: Jeanie Ashton, Maria Wiens, Rachel Gammon, Monique Leblanc, Kamal Dhaliwal

Other very welcome attendees: Jessie Sidhu, Natasha and Colin Uppal

1. Welcome and call to order – 6:30 pm

2. Approval of agenda – Monique moves, Rachel seconds. Approved. Move DPAC to first thing today.

3. Approval of minutes – Maria moves. Rachel seconds. Approved.

4. New Business:

4.1 DPAC – large pocket of money (\$5 million) from gaming for extra-curricular (not playgrounds), request in by end of July. It is a one time grant. (Perhaps we could put in a request for music or sports).

4.2 Constitution and By-law approval – Rachel moved. Monique seconded. It passes.

4.3 Voting of new executive PAC members – Jeanie is willing to be president, Jessie is willing to be vice-president. We need a new secretary, and DPAC representative. Jeanie is elected to be president. Jessie is elected as vice-president. Natasha is elected to be DPAC representative (they are the last Thursday of the month, starting in September at the School District office). Secretary is vacant for now. Kamal is elected as treasurer. These positions begin June 30.

4.4 Request from Dexter: Second Step is used in the school (for social - emotional learning). They request that we buy a 1 year license for \$2500 US. (or perhaps for more years - \$8000 for a 5 yr license). We could use the DPAC fund that is discussed above. Second Step is not graded and so is considered extra-curricular. There are monthly themes and the teachers are enjoying it. Maria moves that we approve in principal to support this, the numbers will be worked out in the fall. Jeanie seconds. It is approved.

5. Old Business

5.1 Bootcamp fundraiser – Rachel reported. It was not successful. We made \$80. The ones that came enjoyed it. Part of the trouble was that teachers made it optional for students to take the forms home. Many parents didn't know about it. Perhaps we should just be asking for donations at the beginning of the year from parents. Perhaps next year, Run for Water fundraisers will only happen after school because that cut down on the bootcamp interest.

6. Reports

6.1 Treasurer – Kamal gave the report. Gaming has \$806.73. We need to spend that money by the end

of the year. Jeanie moves that we use it to help pay for an Author-Speaker in the fall. Maria seconds. It is approved. General still needs to pay Connie one more time. We need to reserve \$1600 for that. Our General has \$4404.50. There is \$3600 left to use.

6.2 Thank you – Thank you from Jeanie to all our PAC members.

6.3 Administration – Dexter gave the report. There was an unexpected death in the family of a staff member. The service is on Friday. Next year's plan is 21 divisions with a number of students (about 60) from Abby Middle. Students from last year who were forced-transferred here can choose to return. The parents are being told now about coming here. We will have about 590 students! Grade 6's and Grade 8's will start in alphabetical pods. The administrators are planning for a few weeks of welcome lessons for September revolving around a school-wide read-aloud novel. Dexter shared the new draft plan for Student Success. It is about building protective factors in our students. Christine shared more details about it. The protective factors include sensory regulation, restorative justice, flexible learning environments, health and wellness. Staff wants to concentrate on meta-cognition for kids. Previous events included: Easter Egg hunt, final exploration term, Grade 8 parent night at Mouat, APD sexting presentation, public speaking district finals, writing assessment, math assessment, Grade 7 Mouat day, track and field, school-wide Run for Water, coaches dinner, band retreat, district track meet, band world tour. Upcoming events include: year end concert, athletic awards, aboriginal day assembly (honoring our Aboriginal Grade 8's), aboriginal day lunch for the whole school, year-end field trips, Grade 8 Dinner/Dance, last day. Yearbooks will be handed out on June 21.

7. Adjournment at 7:35 pm.