



Colleen and Gordie Howe Middle School

3174 Clearbrook Road Abbotsford V2T 4N6

PAC Meeting held at School Library

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Administration:

- a. Principal : Shawn Davids
- b. Vice Principal : Nicholas Cochrane (a¹)

PAC Executive:

- a) President : Manjeet K Gill (a)
- b) Vice President : Vacant
- c) Secretary : Vacant
- d) Treasurer : John Surabathula & Urmila Surabathula
- e) Fundraising : Raman Gill (a)

Meeting called to order: 6:36pm

Principal's Update:

- Lots of staffing changes in school. Things are slowly settling in and very close to getting school staffed
- 2 positions to be filled; anticipated to fill very soon
- Basketball program started and is hugely popular; encourages all students to be involved in sports activities.
- The school had a great Diwali celebration and discussions are in place for what could be planned for Ramadan in Spring.
- The school music band is progressing very well under Mrs. Hunt; the music band performed at the Remembrance Day assembly. Dohl is very popular and had to limit the number of students on it. Plans are underway for the band to perform for Christmas.

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- In Spring “Where Everyone Belongs” (WEB) is going to be launched. 2 WEB leaders (teachers) will undergo training in February. After this they will train about 10-15 students. These will be Gr-7 students moving into Gr-8 and will welcome the new Gr-6 students. This will be a great leadership opportunity for the students.
- Feeding Futures is a provincial government program investing in building and expanding school food programs. Gordie Howe gets about \$21,000 which is going to be utilized for feeding students from families in need.
- Trying hard to project positive image for the school; sending out news bulletins by email; using social media as well; encouraging parents to provide feedback and keep communication active and open.

Treasurer’s Update:

- Followed up with Envision Financial. Got access to PAC bank account as an authorized signatory. Manjeet Gill to sign up for bank account access.
- Enquired with BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) to renew membership for this PAC. Normally the DPAC pays for it. Probably our PAC did not renew this. It is \$75 for PACs. Membership runs from September 1st onwards each year.
- Enquired with Community Gaming for gaming grant. We have to apply between April 1 and June 30th. Notification by September 30th. So, this will be renewed in 2024.
- Contacted Abbotsford Bingo Association who donate funds for our PAC. A new cheque will be issued to the PAC dated November 2023.
- Current Balance in PAC bank account as of November 10, 2023, is \$3406.66

Upcoming Events:

Student Report Cards will be issued on December 8th, 2023. There is a new reporting system for teachers; hence it is anticipated that there will be a bit of a learning curve for teachers and parents as well, in understanding this.

PAC Executive Update:

- No new members: currently the vice-president and secretary positions are vacant.

Other Business

- Installation of cameras was discussed in 2022-23 PAC meetings. Principal and Vice-Principal will follow up with the district.
- For future PAC Meetings, it was discussed that social media (Facebook, Instagram) can be used for notifying parents, in addition to just emails notifications.

Future PAC Meetings

- It was tentatively decided to set dates for future PAC meetings. Currently these have been scheduled for:
- Wednesday January 17, 2024 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday April 17, 2024, at 6:30pm
- Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday June 12, 2024 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at: 7:06pm.