



Colleen & Gordie Howe
Middle School

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3174 Clearbrook Road Abbotsford V2T 4N6

PAC Meeting held at School Library

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Administration:

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

PAC Executive:

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

Meeting called to order: 6:40pm

Principal's Update:

- Vacant staff positions have been filled up and bringing the school to normal functioning
- The school music band is progressing very well under Mrs. Hunt; the music band is scheduled to perform for the 'winter concert' on January 25, 2024.
- Plans are underway for the band to perform for a 'spring concert'.
- In Spring "Where Everyone Belongs" (WEB) is going to be launched. 3 WEB leaders (teachers) will undergo training next week. 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.
- There is little or no turnout by parents at PAC meetings. 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.

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- The snowshoe/snow tubing field trip was cancelled due to lack of snow; this has been rescheduled to next week.
- A boof fair/fundraising event is being planned sometime in spring
- A talk on cyber-security and internet awareness for parents and kids is being planned; this would be a talk/presentation by an external resource.

Treasurer's Update:

- Followed up with Envision Financial. President and Treasurer have bank account access.
- 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 (ABA) who donated funds for our PAC. A new cheque was issued to the PAC dated November 2023.
- Treasurer attended the ABA Annual General Meeting in December 2023. This is required to maintain membership with ABA and receive gaming funds.
- Current Balance in PAC bank account as of November 10, 2023, is \$3406.66

Upcoming Events:

Parent /Teacher meetings are planned for February 7 and 8, 2024. Parents are encouraged to attend and receive feedback from teachers on their child's progress in school.

PAC Executive Update:

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

Other Business

- 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 February 8, 2024, at 6:30pm
- Wednesday April 17, 2024, at 6:30pm
- Wednesday May15, 2024 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday June 12, 2024, at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at: 7:10pm.