



Colleen and Gordie Howe Middle School

3174 Clearbrook Road Abbotsford V2T 4N6

PAC Meeting held at School Library

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Administration:

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

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 the school has 630 students in twenty-one divisions
- There are a lot of new students coming (especially from Ukraine, Afghanistan, Nigeria etc.) and the school is doing its best to accommodate.
- "Where Everyone Belongs" (WEB) was launched; teachers are being trained (Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Wiebe and Ms. McAulay); 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 coming in next year from. This will be a great leadership opportunity for the students.
- Entrepreneur Fair was held on March 13, 2024; Grade 6 students sold wares in school and was a great learning experience for the students.
- Term 2 Report cards sent on April 14, 2024
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- Celebration of Learning was held in the library for Grade 7's (Pod E); it was good to see the progress of the students.
- Vaisakhi Assembly was held; students, teachers and staff participated.
- Pi Assembly was held; it was exciting to see how students compete against each other.
- The school hosted Iftar Celebration (about 250 people attended for dinner and celebrations)
- Field trips were held: Xaytem, Galaxy Bowling, HR McMillan Space Centre, Aladdin Jr.
- Transitions: Grade 5 and Grade 8: staff is making visits to elementary and high schools to enable a smooth transition and encourage parents to participate in the transition.
- Fire Drill was held on April 17, 2024, as part of emergency preparedness
- The school painting which commenced in October 2023 is almost complete; about four rooms left to be painted.

Treasurer's Update:

- President and Treasurer now have bank account access.
- The PAC must apply for a Gaming Grant between April 1 and June 30th. Notification by September 30th. So, this will be renewed in 2024.
- The PAC membership must be renewed with BC PAC
- Current Balance in PAC bank account as of November 10, 2023, is \$3406.66

Upcoming Events:

- The school music band is progressing very well under Mrs. Hunt; the 'winter concert' was held on January 25, 2024; a 'spring concert' is in the works; tentatively planned for May.

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 May15, 2024 at 6:30pm
 - Wednesday June 12, 2024, at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at: 7:05pm.