

**Yorkson Creek Middle School  
Parents' Advisory Council General Meeting  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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**Attendees – Executive**

Kara Eastgate – Vice President	Carolina Ng – Grade 6 Rep
Ryan Steffens – Treasurer	Nav Bains – Grade 7 Rep
Sara Weatherby – Secretary	Giulia Russo Stadnik – Grade 8 Rep
Jeff Thompson – DPAC Representative	

**Attendees - Administration**

Stephanie Labby - Principal

**Attendees - General**

Ashish Kapoor

**1. Welcome and Introductions – Kara Eastgate**

- Kara Eastgate called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**2. Review and Passing of the Minutes from the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General PAC Meeting**

- The Minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General PAC Meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION:**

Jeff Thompson made a motion to accept the Minutes from the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 PAC Meeting. It was moved by Ryan Steffens. Motion carried.

**3. Principal's Report – Stephanie Labby**

1. Ensouling our schools: This is book 3 in Teaching to Diversity series with the author speaking to all schools in the district including an emphasis on the mental well-being with indigenous perspectives intertwined. We will be sharing our knowledge with the staff following the sessions attended.
2. Remembrance Day Assembly: Huge thank you to Mrs. Sidhu, Mrs. Sangha, Ms. Gismondi, Mr. Dandurand, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Branswell, and Mrs. Similie for all of their help in preparation for the assembly.
3. We took a team of 5 teachers to AMLE (Middle School Conference) in Nashville along with 17 other teachers and admin from the Langley School District. 3 teachers from our school presented at session on Math, Language Arts and ADST. We are committed to bring the learning back to our district to share.
4. Change of dates: Grade 8s: The parent night and Arts Incorporated night has been moved to Jan. 22 from Feb. 6

5. Celebration of Learning - November 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Grade 8s ...G
  - Grade 6s ...F
  - Grade 7s ...E
6. Design and Assessment Day: ½ Day Design and Assessment and ½ Day Report Card Prep. Students do not attend.
7. Giving Trees: We will be sponsoring 3 families
8. RCMP Toy Drive ... We are raising money for middle school aged children in Langley and will be delivering our donations to the RCMP Toy Drive at Newlands next week.
9. Report Cards released on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. An email has been sent out to log on to the family portal.

#### 4. **Treasurer's Report – Ryan Steffens**

- Balance as of November 30:
  - General Account - \$39532.96
  - Gaming Account - \$31332.69
- At this time there has been no movement on purchasing a secure online option to move our historical documents. This is a task that still needs to be completed.
- Profit/Loss statements have not been created for September onward but it is a goal that they will be completed by the January meeting.
- The classroom enhancement fund requests have been coming in very slowly – a reminder will be sent out to classrooms, expos and resource to spend & turn in reimbursements prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### 5. **Grade Reporting Discussion**

- Grade 6
  - Grade 6 teachers are currently collaborating over a fun event for the Grade 6's called a Rant-Off. It is a little bit like Speech Fest but with the use of technology and different options to talk about all kinds of issues. We will begin getting students prepared before the Winter Break and then have them present mid-February.
  - post info on Facebook
  - last year \$1000.00 was received from PAC and this will also be available this school year
- Grade 7
  - Divisions 701, 702, 703 are having LEPS on Thursday to talk about Climate Change as well as those same divisions are completing their 80s/90s dance. Some of the groups will hopefully be presenting in the Celebration of Learning.
  - Four of our Grade 7 divisions will also have UBC's LEEF program in the New Year.
- Grade 8
  - Cypress is booked for Jan. 15
  - Year End PNE YCMS only. Cultus Lake with PEMS too
  - Exposition of Wonder will launch with Assembly in April. Students will narrow their passion to four. The cost is part of the learning process and students will have to budget. Idea must be

teacher approved. There will be three full days to build in May including the preparing the presentation. May 29 is the big Expo Day!

- Slam Poetry Slam Off in March or April
- In January will be looking at revamping the Grade 8 June Farewell.

## 6. DPAC Report (Jeff Thompson)

- Emergency preparedness presentation
- Controlled release discussion – Lynn Fripps did last year
- Mel for Gord Superintendent report
  - Still struggling with the lack of commitment from TTOC's – Teachers teaching on call
  - Administrators taking "Fierce conversations" training
  - Q: kids with disabilities are they being supported by the district
  - A: case by case for designated supported students. Those that aren't designated they are being supported by the existing resource teachers. If there isn't enough support go to the principal and the defeated superintendent.
  - 1:25 Resource to Student ratio is at a school – what is happening to add support for this? To be discussed at next meeting
- Tony Ward – school board trustee
  - Trustee work is a lot of governance
  - Poppy process is interesting
- Old Business
  - Second reading for motions:
  - Both motions carried/approved
- New Business
  - MOE is looking at funding model review
  - Langley DPAC is crafting a letter about potential funding concerns, when ready will be circulated for discussion and review
  - Treasurer 101 went well
  - Slides and presentation materials on website from treasurer 101
  - Youth and drugs presentation – over 200 parents came
  - Middle school consultation process happening
  - Mothering our boys, taming worry dragons examples of parent education opportunities
  - BCCPAC first round of registrations – neither schools have done this DPAC will do this for us  
Nov 21 deadline for DPAC to do it for us
- Report Committees
  - Constitution committee has met and has assigned duties to each member
  - Goal is to have draft available in March and vote in May
- Jo and Mel presentation on Middle school consultation
  - DW Poppy secondary
  - Middle school in DWP
  - Started with consulting in 2017, DWP being the start
  - July/August learning loss – district consulted to bring in year round school calendar. Community said no way. Started summer session and have taken off
  - Middle school consultation brought on new high school – two years for another middle school or three for a new high school

- ACSS and DWP community aware of the consultation process is looking for the best outcome for the community and for the students
- Banner is updated and has big news on District website, check regularly for updates and important info

## 7. **General Discussion**

### **Spirit Wear – Discussion/Update**

- Nav reported that only 21 items have been ordered
- Sales will remain open and paper flyers will be sent home with students
- Need more advertising
- Grad hoodies were also a low number
- Sales will re-open on School Cash Online and paper flyers will be sent home with Grade 8 students
- Announcements will be made on the PA, the foyer, TV and an email will be sent to parents about the extended deadline

### **Pancake Breakfast – Discussion/Planning**

- Grills have been ordered
- A local realtor has offered to sponsor \$500 and will put up a tent and sign. Stephanie will look into this if allowed
- Kerry will create the sign up genius for volunteers
- Giulia will create a Pancake Breakfast Flyer

## 8. **New Business From The Floor**

- Ryan suggested another school dance in the Spring.
  - Stephanie indicated this is possible from the admin staff – maybe have the leadership student group lead the planning process

## 9. **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- The next PAC General Meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 @ 7PM.

## 10. **Adjournment @ 8:30PM.**