

**Yorkson Creek Middle School
Parents' Advisory Council General Meeting
September 17th, 2019**

Attendees – Executive

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

Attendees - Administration

Stephanie Labby - Principal	Diane Smilie – Vice Principal
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Attendees - General

Nimira Mahamed	Ashish Kapoor
Cori Simmonds	Claudia Fabian

1. Welcome and Introductions – Kerry Campbell

- Kerry Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

2. Review and Passing of the Minutes from the May 28, 2019 General PAC Meeting

- The Minutes of the May 28, 2019 General PAC Meeting were reviewed.

MOTION:

Giulia Stadnik made a motion to accept the Minutes from the May 28, 2019 PAC Meeting. It was moved by Jeff Thompson. Motion carried.

3. Cob's Bread

- A cheque was presented to the PAC from Cob's Bread for the amount of \$246.00.

4. Principal's Report – Stephanie Labby

1. Introductions and Start Up

- Start Up..... A) 20 Divisions (7 of Grade 6, 6 of Grade 7, 6 of Grade 8, and the Alpha Pack) – All went very smoothly.
- WEB Mentors did a fabulous job on Sept. 3rd Thank you to Mrs. Friesen, Miss Friesen, Mrs. Welford, Miss Pudlas and our student teachers
- Expos classes started Tuesday Sept. 4th
- Advisory- Wolf Pack started last week

2. Staff Members

- New: A warm welcome to: Kyle Lewer (Grade 6), Landyn Humeny (Grade 6 PE and Grade 7 French), Sandeep Sandhu (Grade 8 Maternity Leave), Alex Tokar (Grade 6 Maternity Leave), Silvia Rafter (SEA), Randi Sparkman (SEA)

ii. Position to fill: 2 days a week with Mr. Hiruta.

3. Middle Networking Meeting Held Sept. 16 at YCMS. All Middle School Admin and the DLT came to YCMS. We shared our literacy and social emotional goals with presentations made by Mrs. Keyworth, Mrs. Mulski, Mrs. Pudlas and Mrs. Friesen.
4. Action Plan Goals:

To increase the number of students reading at grade level (or their IEP, SSP or AIP goals) to 80% by June 2020 through creating a culture of care that emphasizes the social emotional well-being of our students.

- Research is clear that an increase in student engagement leads to higher achievement. Dr. Kim Schonert-Reichl's research indicates that a sense of belonging has a direct correlation with student achievement. In this research, it has been found that there was an 11% increase in academic standings when there was a focus on the power of belonging and meeting adolescent social emotional needs.
 - Promoting a school culture of care with a focus on building connections is crucial to adolescent engagement. A safe, positive, and vibrant culture driven by the needs of middle years students increases their engagement, leads to more instructional innovation, and develops parent involvement in a meaningful way. All of these factors have a positive impact on our students' achievement.
5. DART- Reading Assessment done in the Spring and Fall. Almost all students have been assessed, the rest will be done by Friday. Teachers will collaboratively code the assessments in the afternoon of the School Improvement Day.
 6. Character Strong: Program we are using for Advisory (Wolf Pack). Advisory takes place in multi-aged groups where students are assigned to a teacher that is not their classroom teacher. Wolf Pack takes place once a week in the first H block of the week, in the last half of the H Block.
 7. HOPS: Donation would be helpful. (\$500)
 8. Athletics: Donation would be helpful.
 9. Screenagers – Uncovering the Skills For Stress Resilience.
 10. Youth and Drugs Sept. 25 at SBO. Is a free event, register through EventBrite. For Parents and Youth 12+.
 11. School Improvement Day (September 20): Focus on building our culture, vision and action plan goals.
 12. Meet the teacher: Thursday September 26 at 6-7:30.
 13. Grade 7 Camp: Divisions 704-706 go to Camp Squeah (near Hope) Oct. 9-11 and Divisions 701-703 go Oct. 16-18. There will be a camp meeting on the meet the teacher night from 7:00-7:30 in the South gym.
 14. Photo Day: September 24 in the morning.

15. Terry Fox Run: September 27 in the afternoon. Our goal is to collect 2 dollars per student. Thank you to Mrs. Grant for organizing.
16. Orange Shirt Day: September 30 in the first block. Thank you to Miss Friesen and Mr. Dandurand for organizing.
17. Clubs...website
 - a. <https://ycms.sd35.bc.ca/programs-clubs/clubs/>
 - Sports Teams: We are looking for coaches. Please contact Mr. Anderson
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5. **Treasurer's Report – Ryan Steffens**

- Discussion around purchasing Sharepoint so all budget items will be in one central location

MOTION

Ryan Steffens made a motion to purchase Sharepoint license and Office 365 Tools for \$109.00 from the budget for six log-ins. It was moved by Kara Eastgate. Motion carried.

Sports Program - Lacrosse

Kara Eastgate discussed Langley Thunder coming into Yorkson Middle School and rotating through all the P.E. classes three to four times. Details and date will be determined. Stephanie Labby will pass Kara's information to the PE teacher to coordinate dates and times.

MOTION

Kara Eastgate made a motion to have the lacrosse program come to the school for a cost of \$3500.00. It was moved by Jeff Thompson. Motion carried.

Donation to Peter Ewart Middle School

YCMS received a written request from PEMS requesting a portion of the gaming funds be transferred to PEMS for the students that were included in YCMS PAC grant application that are now in attendance at PEMS.

MOTION

Caroline Ng made a motion to split the gaming funds with Peter Ewart Middle School with 55% to Yorkson Middle School and 45% to Peter Ewart Middle School. The gaming money was based on 943 students, with Yorkson Middle School having 519 students and Peter Ewart Middle having 424 students at a \$20 amount per student. Yorkson Middle School will receive 12,287 in gaming funds for this upcoming school year and Peter Ewart Middle will receive \$10,053 from Yorkson Middle School's gaming account. It was moved by Sara Weatherby. Motion carried.

6. **Grade Reporting Discussion**

- Grade 6 Teacher Representative – Nimi Sidhu
- Grade 7 Teacher Representative – Deanna Welford
- Grade 8 Teacher Representative – Nadine Keyworth
- Expo Teacher Representative – John Fast (Guilia to contact him)
- Process for representatives – once per month email representatives, provide report on speakers, books, etc., and any new information for that month. Example for Grade 8 field trips – Cultus Lake, Playland, Stave Lake, and tubing. Once information is provided to the PAC grade representative from

the grade representative teacher, the PAC grade representative will then present the information at the PAC meeting monthly and info will go to the website.

7. General Discussion

Hot Lunch Program

- We now have a list of all divisions, will open
- Munchalunch will open this week

Halloween Dance

- October 24 from 6:30-8:30
- DJ is hired – combine decoration schedule when meeting with DJ
- Have decorations
- Will use sign-up genius for volunteers
- Need volunteers for cash at door, concession, and snacks
- Stephanie will check ID at door, and no cell phones.

Pancake Breakfast

- December 18, 2019 – start time TBD
- Lots of volunteers are needed for this event
- Equipment will be ordered from Turkey's (pick-up and drop-off by them - order will be placed the week of September 17th, 2019
- Purchase the following items: pancake mix, plates, and napkins
- Try to find a sponsor for juice and oranges
- Budget is \$1500.00
- Stephanie will order tables and chairs for event.

Spirit Wear

- Vendor is Kiwican
- Grade 8 Hoodies are \$30.00
- Joan will send spirit wear options
- Wolf logo more popular than paw print in past
- T-shirts/hoodies(zip or pullover) - with black or grey flecked
- Kerry will follow-up with Joan this week.

8. New Business From The Floor

- Jeff discussed option of giving funds from general account. Ryan will take a look at the budget.

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates

- The next PAC General Meeting will be October 15, 2019 @ 7PM.

10. Adjournment @ 8:39PM.